

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. CST via conference call
Becker-Hansen Building/ Commission Room – 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD 57501

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Eric Odenbach, Chairman
Bob Huggins, Vice-chairman
Rolf Johnson
Dave Luers
Kassidy Nelson
Jerry Rieber
Christopher Funk

DOT STAFF PRESENT:

Kari Kroll

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Joel Jundt, Karla Engle, Jack Dokken, Brad Remmich, Jennifer Boehm, Jon Becker, Tom Koch, and Bonnie Olson

OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA); Jacob Braunagel – KLJ Engineering; Greg Klein – Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI); and Larry Cooper – Huron Airport

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:00 p.m. CST.

Odenbach opened the floor to the Commission to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to the South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3 – 23.

No conflicts of interest were disclosed, and no waivers were requested.

Odenbach called for a roll call of Commission members. A roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the December 17, 2020, Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Huggins to approve the December 17, 2020, Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Upon request from Karla Engle, Office of Legal Counsel, Odenbach re-opened the floor to the Commission to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to the South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3 – 23.

No conflicts of interest were disclosed, and no waivers were requested.

Odenbach opened the floor to public input. No member of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

Interim Secretary Joel Jundt presented the Secretary's Report. Jundt updated the Commission on the status of state legislation. The Department of Transportation (the "Department") presented to both the House and the Senate Transportation Committees to provide information about the Department's performance measures on state highway pavements and bridges and included information about transit and aeronautics. The Department provided the committees with information on the condition of the Aeronautics fund balance.

Jundt shared that Senate Bill 64 (SB64) is a bill to amend last year's appropriations bill and it includes an allocation of \$4 million to be placed into the Aeronautics fund. Jundt asked the Commission members to reach out to their legislators to ask for support of this bill, stating the money is crucial for the Commission to be able to sustain their current financial match for the AIP program in future years. SB64 also includes \$5 million towards the purchase of a newer airplane for the State of South Dakota.

Jundt provided a status update regarding federal legislation. The CARES Act passed last March provided 100% funding for the 2020 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and also provided individual airports with relief funding that the airports can use for eligible operational expenses. The new COVID relief funding package that passed at the end of December 2020, has no funding included for 2021 AIP.

Jack Dokken, Program Manager of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit introduced Greg Klein, Lake Area Technical Institute ("LATI") who provided the annual status report on the Cessna 172 upgrade. Klein said it is well used and a good resource for both the pilot and maintenance students. The Commission was satisfied with the markings LATI has placed on the plane in recognition of the Commission. LATI will provide another status report to the Commission after October 2021 in order to provide an update after a full year in service.

Dokken presented to the Commission the consideration of a letter of support request from the Huron Airport. Larry Cooper of the Huron Airport provided additional details regarding the Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Grant the airport is applying for in hopes of regaining commercial air service. The airport is requesting a letter of support from the Commission to include with the grant application. No financial support from the Commission is being requested.

Odenbach asked to read the grant application prior to signing the drafted letter of support.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Reiber and seconded by Funk to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support if he is satisfied with the grant application after completing his review. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

With no other business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.