SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. CDT

Becker-Hansen Building/Commission Room – 700 E. Broadway Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Bob Huggins, Chairman
Rolf Johnson, Vice-chairman
Court Ecklund
Mike Ginther
David Howard
Ivan Venner

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Karla Engle, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Jon Becker, Brock Antijunti, Nancy Hiller, Tom Koch, and Kari Kroll

OTHERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Brooke Edgar – Helms and Associates and Ian Meriweather – Watertown Regional Airport

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Chairman Bob Huggins called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the "Commission") to order at 2:00 p.m. CDT. Roll call was taken. A quorum was determined.

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

No members of the Commission disclosed a conflict or requested a waiver.

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Huggins asked for a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes from September 17, 2026.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Venner and seconded by Howard to approve the meeting minutes from September 17, 2026. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Huggins opened the floor to public comment.

No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

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Secretary Joel Jundt shared there was nothing significant to report on for his Secretary Report. He then followed up with the Commission's request to learn more about how to include BUILD Grants into the aviation higher education system in South Dakota.

Karla Engle, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the Commission her findings on the BUILD Grant process.

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Jon Becker from the Office of Air, Rail and Transit presented to the Commission the following Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) grant projects including Airport Terminal Program (ATP) or Voluntary Airport Low Emissions Program (VALE) funding:

Flandreau 3-46-0071-018-2026
AIP: Shift runway 10/28; phase 1 construction.

Federal Share	$ 3,224,504
State Share	$ 84,855
Local Share	$ 84,855
Total	$ 3,394,214

Rapid City 3-46-0048-071-2026
IIJA/ATP: Construct terminal expansion; TSA checkpoint, ticketing, baggage; concourse expansion.

Federal Share	$ 1,000,000
State Share	$ 26,315 (SB144 Terminal funds)
Local Share	$ 26,316
Total	$ 1,052,631

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A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Venner to approve the projects as presented by the Department. All voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Watertown 3-46-0058-050-2026
AIP/VALE: Parking lot structure**.**

Federal Share	$ 1,548,968
State Share	$ 38,724
Local Share	$ 38,724
Total	$ 1,548,968

NO ACTION was taken by the Commission.

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Jack Dokken, Program Manager of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented to the Commission for their approval a draft version of the proposed *2026 Aeronautics Commission Report for the Governor.*

No members of the Commission offered edits.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Venner to approve the *2026 Aeronautics Commission Report for the Governor.* All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Dokken then presented to the Commission for its consideration a request from the City of Watertown for the use of City's available aviation fuel tax funds in the amount of $34,898.03 towards the repair of the localized pavement deterioration around their T-hangar apron area. This was the lowest of three quotes received for the work by the City of Watertown. Their current fuel tax funds balance is $71,338.43.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ecklund and seconded by Johnson to approve the $34,898.03 funding request by the City of Watertown. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Dokken next presented to the Commission for their information the responses to the tall structure survey from other states. He stated that the Department of Transportation plans to follow up with the other states that responded to get more details and will share said results with the Commission at a future meeting.

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Secretary Jundt welcomed the new Commission, Mike Ginther, noting that this was his first meeting.

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With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Huggins declared the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m. CT.

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