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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission
FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Aeronautics
DATE: June 10, 2026
SUBJECT: Bison Municipal Airport Tree Trimming Funding Request

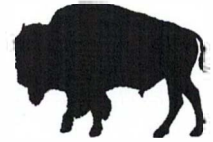
The City of Bison is requesting participation from the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission to help cover expenses for the trimming of trees that were obstructing the 20:1 approach to runway 29 at the Bison Municipal Airport. The trimming of these trees was necessary to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 77 airspace regulations and South Dakota public-use airport licensing standards.

The total project cost was \$22,000 for which no federal funding was received. In accordance with South Dakota Aeronautics Commission Policies and Procedures for Use of State Funds Part C, "Criteria Utilized in Determining State Funding for Non-AIP Projects," Subpart 1—stating that State/Local construction projects required to meet basic service, small General Aviation (GA) airport requirements, or State Licensing Standards are eligible for 75% state participation—the City of Bison is requesting \$16,500, representing 75% of the total project cost.

The Department of Transportation is recommending the Commission's approval for 75% State participation for a total of \$16,500.00

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South Dakota Aeronautics Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

The City of Bison is requesting support from the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission for expenses related to trimming trees that were infringing on the 20:1 approach to Runway 29 at the Bison Municipal Airport. To meet FAA Part 77 airspace requirements and South Dakota public-use airport licensing standards, these trees were required to be trimmed.

Because this work was not part of a federally funded or AIP project, the City is requesting funding in the amount of \$16,500.00, representing 75 percent of the total project cost, in accordance with the South Dakota Policies and Procedures for Use of State Funds for Non-AIP Projects.

Total project cost: \$ 22,000.00

Total reimbursement requested: \$ 16,500.00

We appreciate any assistance you are able to provide. The City of Bison remains committed to maintaining a safe, well-functioning airport and recognizes the valuable benefits it brings to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paige Kolb".

Paige Kolb

Finance Officer

Town of Bison