

**SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION CONFERENCE CALL  
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.  
BECKER-HANSEN BUILDING – 700 EAST BROADWAY  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:**

Robert Huggins, Vice Chair  
Kassidy Nelson, Member  
Dave Luers, Member  
Rolf Johnson, Member  
Travis Lantis, Member (joined at 1:17 p.m.)  
Kassidy Nelson, Member  
Christopher Funk, Member (joined at 1:05 p.m.)

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:**

Joel Jundt, Bonnie Olson, Jack Dokken, Jon Becker,  
Tom Koch, Jennifer Boehm, Dustin DeBoer, Kari Kroll,  
and Katherine Anderson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bob Babcock – Helms & Associates

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:**

Steve Hamilton, South Dakota Pilots Association  
(SDPA); Todd Syhre – Watertown Regional Airport; Mike  
Schmidt – Helms & Associates; Mitchel Walker – Mead &  
Hunt, Inc.; Brooke Edgar – Helms & Associates

Vice Chair Huggins called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 1:03 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

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Christopher Funk joined at 1:05 p.m.

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

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

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Huggins asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019, Commission meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to approve the January 22, 2019, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Huggins opened the floor for public input. No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

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Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt of the Department of Transportation (the “Department”) presented the Secretary’s Report. Jundt provided a legislative update. The Federal Appropriation Bill was passed. On the state level, Jundt shared updates on the following bills:

**HB1071** – bill to update Title 50 legislation, passed both the House and Senate and will go to the Governor for signature

**HB1090** – bill to repeal eminent domain provisions within Title 50, passed the House and is on its way to the Senate Local Government Committee. Dustin DeBoer, Office of Legal Counsel, confirmed that the repeal of three statutes within Title 50 addressed by this legislation will need to be reconciled with the changes made by HB1071, with the Legislative Research Council (“LRC”) addressing the reconciliation.

**HB1119** – bill to put \$3 million of funds back into the Aeronautics fund, was deferred to the 41<sup>st</sup> Day by the House Committee on Appropriations.

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Jack Dokken, Program Manager for the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, requested input from the Commission regarding the March meeting because of the upcoming 2019 Airport Conference. The Commission discussed options and decided to move the March Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., in Watertown before the start of the 2019 Airport Conference.

Travis Lantis joined the call at 1:17 p.m.

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Jon Becker of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented the Watertown Airport’s request for supplemental funding for a new passenger terminal and associated apron and taxilanes. Becker reminded the Commission this request was previously tabled at the Commission’s December 12, 2018, meeting.

Bob Babcock, Helms & Associates; Todd Syhre, Watertown Airport; and Mitchel Walker, Mead & Hunt, Inc., all presented information to the Commission on the project and the needs for the airport.

After much discussion by the Commission members, it was determined additional details and breakdown of the costs are needed for this project before a decision can be made.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Huggins to table any action on this consideration until the March 27, 2019, Commission meeting. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Tom Koch of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented a Tall Structure application submitted by Sioux Nation Ag Center to construct a 28-foot-high frame/pole barn style building with steel siding and steel roofing approximately 375 feet northwest of the runway at Kimball Airport.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to approve the Tall Structure application submitted by Sioux Nation Ag Center for the construction of a 28-foot-high frame/pole barn style building with steel siding and steel roofing approximately 375 feet northwest of the runway at Kimball Airport, contingent upon the Federal Aviation Administration's ("FAA") issuance of a "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation." All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Koch presented a Tall Structure application submitted by Mid-Dakota Rural Water System to construct a 190-foot concrete and steel 1.5-million-gallon water tower approximately 2.15 miles southwest of the Highmore Airport.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Johnson to approve the Tall Structure application submitted by Mid-Dakota Rural Water System for the construction of a 190-foot concrete and steel 1.5-million-gallon water tower approximately 2.15 miles southwest of the Highmore Airport. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Becker presented the proposed 2019 Airport Improvement Program ("AIP") projects as an informational item.

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With no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.