

**SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
TELECONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 22, 2018 – 1:00 P.M.  
BECKER-HANSEN BUILDING – 700 EAST BROADWAY  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Eric Odenbach, Chairman  
Robert Huggins, Member  
Christopher Funk, Member  
Dave Luers, Member  
Travis Lantis, Member (joined meeting at 1:25 p.m.)

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Joel Jundt, Bonnie Olson, Jennifer Boehm, Jon Becker,  
Patricia Saukel, and Katherine Anderson

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**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Dustin DeBoer and Becky Janssen

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Steve Hamilton, South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA);  
Bob Mercer, Aberdeen American News

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the "Commission") to order at 1:04 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

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Odenbach 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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Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018.

A correction was made to the organization a meeting attendee, Kyle Lewis, was affiliated with. Kyle Lewis, Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) was corrected to read Kyle Lewis, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Luers to approve the amended January 29, 2018, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to approve the March 27, 2018, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Odenbach presented for discussion the possibility of establishing a tuition reimbursement program modeled after other organizations such as the South Dakota Bar Association in order to foster aviation and aviation education in the state. His suggestion was in order to qualify for the tuition reimbursement program, the student must attend school in South Dakota, and upon graduation, the recipient must reside and work in South Dakota, and be employed in an aviation field. Commission members agreed that further research would be needed, including contacting Legislators, in order to pursue a tuition reimbursement program.

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Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt of the Department of Transportation (the "Department") presented the Secretary's report which included a handout, which was emailed to Commission members and distributed to members of the public. The handout included a list of possible organizations and members suggested for the ad hoc committee for Title 50 review.

Travis Lantis joined the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

The Department will review the list and recommend a five-person committee for review and approval by the Commission at the next meeting.

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Jon Becker of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented the consideration of the Eureka 2018 Grant Application. Becker said that this is the first application of the year. The Office of Aeronautics is requesting funding from the State Aeronautics Fund for:

**Eureka 3-46-0079-009-2018**

Design and construction of a new tilt-down beacon pole.

Federal Share	\$ 64,800.00
State Share	\$ 3,600.00
Local Share	\$ 3,600.00
 Total	 \$ 72,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of \$3,600.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Lantis and seconded by Funk to approve the state assistance for the Eureka new tilt-down pole in the amount of \$3,600.00. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except for Odenbach who abstained from the Commission discussion and vote. The motion carried.

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Jennifer Boehm of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented an informational item of the results of the 2018 International Art Contest winners. The Department received 149 pieces of artwork from two (2) private schools, six (6) public schools, and two (2) homeschools. The winners received an award certificate, a laminated copy of their submission, and a prize paid for by the

Office of Aeronautics and the South Dakota Pilots Association. The winners in each age group were:

Group I (Ages 6-9)

First place – Anna Hericks (age 8) of St. Michael Elementary in Sioux Falls

Second place – Draeton Delozier (age 9) of Beadle School in Yankton

Third place – Brooklyn Gale (age 8) of St. Michael Elementary in Sioux Falls

Group II (Ages 10-13)

First place – Faith Nelson (age 13) of Wolsey-Wessington School in Wolsey

Second place – Sarah Fuerst (age 13) of Wolsey-Wessington School in Wolsey

Third place – Lydia Main (age 11) of Belle Fourche Middle School in Belle Fourche

Group III (Ages 14-17)

First place – Elita Eastman (age 16) of Bon Homme High School in Tyndall

Second place – Katelyn Sternhagen (age 16) of Bon Homme High School in Tyndall

Third place – Jayde Denton (age 16) of Bon Homme High School in Tyndall

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Boehm presented an informational item of the 2018 Airports Conference Summary. The following statistics were shared with the Commission:

- Actual Cost = \$9,615.31
  - Less deposit made in 2017
  - Less NBAA sponsorship of the Wednesday afternoon break
  - Balance Due = \$6,655.87
- Total Revenue = \$9,058.00
- Deposit on 2019 Site = difference between Cost & Revenue \$2,402.13
- Total Attendees = 137
  - Sponsor Representatives = 59
  - Consultants = 13
  - Staff & Commission = 10
  - Speakers = 26
  - Vendors = 15 (29 people)

Proposals for the location of the 2019 Airports Conference are due on June 15, 2018.

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Odenbach announced that Governor Daugaard has declared June as General Aviation Appreciation Month.

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Jundt noted to the Commission that Katherine Anderson would be temporarily handling the duties of recording the minutes for future meetings as Patricia Saukel is leaving the Department. She will begin these duties at the next Commission meeting until a replacement is hired.

With no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.