

**SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M. CDT
Becker-Hansen Building – 700 East Broadway Ave, Pierre, SD**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Eric Odenbach, Chairman
Robert Huggins, Vice Chairman
Dave Luers, Member

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Rolf Johnson, Member
Christopher Funk, Member

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Dustin DeBoer, Bonnie Olson,
Tom Koch, Jon Becker, Brad Remmich, and
Kari Kroll

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rhea Waldman – SD Discovery Center;
Representative David Johnson – SD Legislature

**OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots
Association (SDPA)

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT. A roll call was taken to verify a quorum.

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

Vice Chairman Robert Huggins disclosed he is currently working with Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI) to draft curriculum for LATI’S aeronautics course. Huggins receives no compensation for this work. The Commission acknowledged receipt of Huggins verbal disclosure of a potential conflict of interest regarding his relationship with LATI.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Odenbach and seconded by Luers to determine that the matter underlying the potential conflict is fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Huggins who abstained. The motion carried.

Odenbach asked for the motion to approve the July 23, 2019, meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Johnson and seconded by Huggins to approve the July 23, 2019, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by a roll call vote. The motion carried.

Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt presented the Secretary's Report. Jundt started by sharing that Chairman Odenbach, Vice-chairman Huggins, Secretary Bergquist, and Jundt had recently met with the Governor's office regarding the State Aeronautics Fund. The participants had a very good discussion and Governor staff was appreciative of the information shared and discussed. The Commission decided the September meeting agenda should include a discussion revisiting the participation of funding as well as discuss other options for maintaining a positive funds balance in future years based on current projections.

Jundt provided an update from the last Title 50 Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The team is nearing completion with draft revisions and will be sharing the proposed changes at the September meeting for the full Commission to review and provide input.

Jon Becker of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented 13 new or revised funding requests from the State Aeronautic Fund for AIP projects.

Due to previously disclosed potential conflicts of interest, Rolf Johnson will abstain from the Aberdeen discussion and voting, and Christopher Funk will abstain from the Brookings discussion and voting.

Aberdeen 3-46-0001-040-2019

Reconstruct taxiway C and C2, connector between C and D, removal of existing asphalt.

Federal Share	\$4,329,000.00
State Share	\$ 240,500.00
Local Share	\$ 240,500.00
Total	\$4,810,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$240,500.00**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Luers and seconded by Huggins to approve the funding request for Aberdeen. All present voted aye by a roll call vote, except Johnson who abstained. The motion carried.

Brookings 3-46-0005-031-2019

Reconstruct GA apron, taxiway, access road with 35' apron expansion.

Federal Share	\$2,376,000.00
State Share	\$ 132,000.00
Local Share	\$ 132,000.00
Total	\$2,640,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$132,000.00**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Huggins and seconded by Luers to approve the funding request for Brookings. All present voted aye by a roll call vote, except Funk who abstained. The motion carried.

Faith 3-46-0076-010-2019

Environmental studies including cultural resource survey/inventory and wetland delineation for perimeter fence and land acquisition.

Federal Share	\$ 49,500.00
State Share	\$ 2,750.00
Local Share	\$ 2,750.00
Total	\$ 55,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$2,750.00**

Faulkton 3-46-0016-011-2019

Reconstruction of south GA apron.

Federal Share	\$ 828,000.00
State Share	\$ 46,000.00
Local Share	\$ 46,000.00
Total	\$ 920,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$46,000.00**

Gettysburg 3-46-0017-011-2019

Design and construct hangar taxiway pavement rehabilitation.

Federal Share	\$ 312,975.00
State Share	\$ 17,388.00
Local Share	\$ 17,387.00
Total	\$ 347,750.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$17,388.00**

Huron 3-46-0022-037-2019

Upgrade REILs, runway and taxiway signing, LED lighting on runway 17/35

Federal Share	\$ 637,505.00
State Share	\$ 35,417.00
Local Share	\$ 35,417.00
Total	\$ 708,339.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$35,417.00**

McLaughlin 3-46-0031-009-2019

Land Acquisition and appraisals for land and easements for RPZs and departure surfaces.

Federal Share	\$ 121,500.00
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State Share	\$	6,750.00
Local Share	\$	6,750.00
Total	\$	135,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$6,750.00**

Rapid City 3-46-0048-052-2019

Design access road; design reconstruction of east terminal access road, reconstruct escalator/stairs in passenger terminal, chiller replacement, rehab taxiway (relocate 14-32 holdlines and signage to meet standards, acquire SRE, rehab terminal ticket counter and queuing area, passenger boarding bridge replacement.

Federal Share	\$4,559,000.00
State Share	\$ 253,277.78
Local Share	\$ 253,277.78
Total	\$5,065,555.56

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$253,277.78**

Rosebud 3-46-0082-011-2019

Design and construct SRE building expansion.

Federal Share	\$ 441,000.00
State Share	\$ 24,500.00
Local Share	\$ 24,500.00
Total	\$ 490,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$24,500.00**

Spearfish 3-46-0065-025-2019

Phase 2 planning – focused planning study cultural sites adjustment, miscellaneous planning study.

Federal Share	\$228,000.00
State Share	\$ 12,666.66
Local Share	\$ 12,666.67
Total	\$253,333.33

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$12,666.66.**

Watertown 3-46-0058-034-2019

Reconstruct terminal apron.

Federal Share	\$2,574,000.00
State Share	\$ 143,000.00
Local Share	\$ 143,000.00

Total	\$2,860,000.00
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The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$143,000.00**

Wessington Springs 3-46-0080-011-2019

Reconstruction of runway 12/30 (60' x 3600') and connector taxiway to OFA (35' x 125').

Federal Share	\$1,948,500.00
State Share	\$ 108,250.00
Local Share	\$ 108,250.00
Total	\$2,165,000.00

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$108,250.00**

Yankton 3-46-0062-029-2019

Construct apron expansion, remove hangar, relocate two hangars.

Federal Share	\$1,514,000.00
State Share	\$ 84,112.00
Local Share	\$ 84,111.22
Total	\$1,682,223.22

The Department recommends approval of state assistance in the amount of **\$84,112.00**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Luers and seconded by Huggins to approve the remaining 11 funding requests. All present voted aye by a roll call vote. The motion carried.

Becker presented an update on the flash drives that were purchased in June of 2017 and distributed to students at various events including the annual Women in Science conference in Pierre, Civil Air Patrol, and public classrooms. The largest user of the flash drives has been the SD Discovery Center through their "YouthAstroNet" project with middle school students in collaboration with the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and their Women in Science conferences. All the flash drives have been distributed. The SD Discovery Center will continue to implement the "YouthAstroNet" project in rural and tribal middle schools in Central South Dakota and would appreciate the continued use and distribution of the flash drives.

Dr. Rhea Waldman of the SD Discovery Center shared how she uses them and the impact they have had in the classes she has taught with them. Waldman offered to assist the Office of Aeronautics in selecting updated information to be uploaded on the flash drives for distribution.

The Commission deferred action on the purchase of flash drives until the September Commission meeting.

With no other before the Commission business, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.