

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. CT

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Eric Odenbach, Chair
Bob Huggins, Vice-chair
Kassidy Nelson
Rolf Johnson
Jerry Rieber
John Taylor

COMMISSIONER PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Christopher Funk

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

DOT STAFF PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Shane Pullman and Brad Remmich

OTHERS PRESENT: Rod Senn – Mead & Hunt; Nick Broyles – City of Spearfish; Thomas Schauer – Mead & Hunt; and Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA); Dave Smith – City of Sturgis; Dan Letellier – Sioux Falls Regional Airport; and Brooke Edgar – Helms & Associates

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:00 p.m. CT. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

Commissioner Funk joined the meeting at 2:01 p.m. CT

Odenbach 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.

Commissioner John Taylor disclosed any conflicts of interest as a member of the Sioux Falls Airport Authority when it comes to future airport expansion discussions and voting. The Office of Legal Counsel will work with Commissioner Taylor to complete a conflict of interest disclosure.

No other commissioners disclosed a conflict of interest nor requested a waiver.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the November 16, 2023 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Taylor to approve the November 16, 2023 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Odenbach opened the floor to public comment.

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

Secretary Jundt presented the following items as the Secretary's Report to the Commission:

- Shared that the full year Federal Appropriations bill has not been passed yet and the continuing resolution is to expire on January 19, 2024.
- Shared that the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization legislation has not been passed yet. The current extension is set to expire on December 31, 2024. It is expected Congress will not pass the full reauthorization requiring another extension to be passed. The House has already passed their extension through March 8, 2024.
- Turned the floor to Tom Schauer from Mead & Hunt and Nick Broyles from the City of Spearfish who presented to the Commission for their information the planned terminal expansion plan for the Black Hills Airport located in Spearfish.
- Shared the 2023 Airport Needs Report with the Commission and asked them to discuss the current funding balance, current Federal entitlement amounts, their authority to provide loans and for them to consider any changes in their current policy. They requested to place this topic on the agenda for their next meeting.

Jack Dokken, Program Manager for the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented to the Commission for their consideration the 2023 Aeronautics Commission Report to the Governor. He shared that there were no comments from the last meeting. He let the Commission know the report will include the 2023 Airport Needs Study.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Huggins to approve the 2023 Aeronautics Commission Report to the Governor with the 2023 Airport Needs Study included. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Jon Becker, Office of Air, Rail and Transit, presented to the Commission for their consideration a request from the City of Sturgis requesting to use their entire fuel tax fund balance of \$4,185.24 to help finance an Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Weather Camera system which is estimated to cost \$10,000 for purchase and installation.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Huggins to approve the release of \$4,185.24 of their fuel tax fund to the City of Sturgis. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Additionally, the City of Sturgis requested additional funding from the Aeronautics Commission to help pay the remaining balance of approximately \$5,814.76.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Taylor and seconded by Huggins to approve the request for an additional \$5,814.76 of state funds. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Becker then presented to the Commission for their consideration the following Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) application.

Rapid City 3-46-0048-067-2024

BIL: Terminal Renovation and Expansion - Project No. 1 Phase 1 - Base Bid (All Trades). Construction of the core and shell of the ticketing expansion checked baggage area, and new checkpoint. Core and shell construction includes site preparation, site utility installation, foundations, building structure, building enclosure, fire protection system, electrical primary equipment and some electrical system distribution, and minor mechanical system installation.

Federal Share	\$ 5,882,352.00
State Share	\$ 200,000.00
Local Share	\$ 620,261.00
Total	\$ 6,612,613.00

STATE FUNDING SUMMARY

AIP 3-46-0048-066-2023 Match	\$ 200,000.00
State Fuel Tax Funds	\$ 210,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 410,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Johnson to approve Rapid City Regional Airport for \$200,000 in state match on their BIL application and \$210,000 in fuel tax for a total of \$410,000. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Secretary Jundt shared that at the January meeting, the Commission will elect officers.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m. CT.