

**SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. CST VIA CONFERENCE CALL
Becker-Hansen Building – 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre, South Dakota**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Eric Odenbach, Chairman
Robert Huggins, Vice-chairman
Dave Luers, Member
Rolf Johnson, Member
Kassidy Nelson, Member
Jerry Rieber, Member

DOT STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Representative David Johnson – South Dakota Legislature;
Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA); and
Mike Schmit – Helms & Associates

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 1:00 p.m. CST. 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 waiver pursuant to the South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3 – 23.

Commissioner Jerry Rieber disclosed to the Commission he serves as a member of the Watertown Airport Board and a member Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI) Aviation Advisory Committee. Rieber will provide written waiver requests to the Commission concerning potential conflicts of interest for Commission action at the February meeting.

Odenbach welcomed newly appointed Commission member Rieber to the Commission. Rieber provided a brief introduction of himself to the Commission.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the November 21, 2019, Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Luers to approve the November 21, 2019, Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Odenbach opened the floor to public input. No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt presented the Secretary's Report. Jundt shared that on December 20, 2019, Congress and the President signed the Federal Appropriations Bill which included Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding for the airport improvement program and discretionary funds and is valid through September 30, 2020. The Federal Appropriations Bill appropriated a total of \$400 million for airport improvement program (AIP) projects for 2020, which was down from the \$500 million appropriated in 2019. The Federal Appropriations Bill also appropriated \$13.7 billion in 2020 for discretionary funding for operations and facilities which was up from the \$13.4 billion appropriated in 2019.

Jundt provided an update on the following bills that have been filed with the South Dakota Legislature pertaining to aviation: House Bill (HB) 1065 (drones), HB1066 (Title 50), and HB1102 (\$3 million Aeronautics funds transfer). Representative David Johnson shared his thoughts and expectations on the three proposed bills.

Dustin DeBoer, Office of Legal Counsel, provided an update on HB1066 (Title 50) which is now scheduled for its first hearing on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the House Transportation Committee.

The Commission opened the floor for Commission consideration of state match on current Airport Improvement Projects (AIP) for those revenue producing projects the Commission has previously participated in funding for the project. Jon Becker of the Office of Aeronautics provided information to the Commission on the four projects where federal and state aeronautics funding has already been invested in the design portion of the project and are due for construction in 2020. The cities that had previously received federal and state funding for portions of their revenue producing projects for the design phase were Sturgis, Murdo, Platte, and Webster.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Huggins to modify the Commission's decision made at the Commission's September 24, 2019, meeting. The modification would allow a 5% state match for revenue producing projects that have previously received funding for the design phase of the project prior to the September 24, 2019, Commission decision. Any new revenue producing airport project funding requests would fall under the Commission's September 24, 2019, decision to no longer provide state funds those projects. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Jack Dokken, Program Manager of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented two items to the Commission. Dokken requested to move the informational item of the annual report from Lake Area Technical Institute ("LATI") before consideration of the city of Mitchell's funding request. Dokken provided a summary of the annual report received from LATI. The annual report was a requirement imposed on LATI for receiving funding to purchase an airplane from the Commission.

Becker presented the city of Mitchell's funding request for the Air Venture Cup in the amount of \$3,000.00. The Commission asked for additional details regarding the event and a funding breakdown.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Rieber to table the city of Mitchell funding request until the February meeting. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Commissioner Luers shared that Pierre will be having an Air Show this summer at the Pierre Municipal Airport.

The Commission agreed to move the February 25, 2020, meeting to 2:00 p.m. CST. This will be an in-person meeting in Pierre, South Dakota.

With no other business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m. CST.

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