

**SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. CST**

Becker-Hansen Building – 700 E. Broadway Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Eric Odenbach, Chairman  
Robert Huggins, Vice Chairman  
Christopher Funk, Member  
Rolf Johnson, Member  
Dave Luers, Member

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Joel Jundt, Jack Dokken, Becky Janssen, Bonnie Olson,  
Tom Koch, Jenny Boehm, Jon Becker, and Kari Kroll

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kara Semmler – Governor’s Office; Mason Short – KLJ;  
Patrick Dame – Rapid City Regional Airport; Rod Senn –  
KLJ; Kaci Nowicki – SEH; Steven Hamilton – South Dakota  
Pilots’ Association (SDPA); Shawn McMahon – SEH; Alec  
Boyce – SEH; Greg Powell – Chamberlain; Shauna  
Meyerink – Platte; Steve Christensen – Platte; and Mike  
Schmit – Helms & Associates

**OTHERS PRESENT  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Representative Dave Johnson – South Dakota Legislature;  
Becky Preston

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.

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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.

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

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Odenbach opened the floor to the Commission members for nominations for the election of Commission officers.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Johnson to nominate Eric Odenbach as Chairman of the Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to cease nominations. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Luers to nominate Robert Huggins as Vice Chairman of the Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Funk to cease nominations. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

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Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the October 22, 2019, Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Luers to approve the October 22, 2019, Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

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Odenbach opened the floor for public input.

- Rod Senn of KLJ spoke on behalf of the Murdo Municipal Airport to request the Commission's reconsideration to provide state funding participation in the city of Murdo's hangar project as it was in the works prior to the September meeting where the Commission made the decision to not match revenue producing projects. The Department of Transportation (the "Department") had previously provided state funding participation in the design of the revenue producing project.
- Mike Schmit of Helms and Associates spoke on behalf of the airports in Platte, Webster, and Sturgis that are in the same situation as the city of Murdo in regard to eliminating state funding participation on the revenue producing projects. Schmit requested the Commission's reconsideration on hangar projects for those communities.
- Patrick Dame of the Rapid City Regional Airport discussed the financial aspects of the airports in the state and how the lack of state participation funding will affect those airports and upcoming projects. The federal funding won't come into the airports without the local matches. Dame indicated the way to leverage those funds is make sure we have a robust program in the state.
- Representative David Johnson provided information to the Commission that they are continuing to request the return of the \$3.0 million that was previously taken from the Aeronautics' Trust Fund.
- Steve Christensen, Mayor of Platte, spoke about the hard hit the match changes will have on the city of Platte's budget. The city of Platte had already budgeted for the 5% local match but now that the Commission decided to no longer provide state funding participation it will be extremely hard for the city of Platte to come up with the additional match on the federal funding.

Dave Luers requested to add an agenda item to the next meeting for further discussion of these types of projects that are either in progress or have just begun. The Department will compile a report with the number of airports and dollar amounts for the next three years that have hangar projects approved through the design phase.

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Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt presented the Secretary's Report. Joel updated the Commission on the continuing resolution to fund federal agencies through December 20 was recently approved by Congress and is awaiting President Trump's approval and signature.

Joel provided a brief look at Attachment 2 to the Commission packet with the proposed Commission meeting dates for calendar year 2020. The Commission agreed to the dates which will be added to the state's Boards and Commissions webpage.

Jundt presented the draft version of the 2019 Aeronautics Commission Governor's Report. The Commission members requested the following three changes be made to the report prior to submitting to the Governor's Office: 1). include the line graph when referring to the Aeronautics funds in order to stress the money issue; 2). Correct the number of airports from 69 to 70 on page 1 of the report; and 3). Correct the year Huggins' term expires from 2022 to 2020 on page 1 of the report.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Luers to approve the 2019 Governor's Report with the requested changes. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

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Jack Dokken, Program Manager of the Office of Air, Rail and Transit provided an update to the Commission on the 2020-2022 South Dakota Airport Directory. The Department of Transportation has received and accepted the low bid price of \$11,994.66 to publish 3,000 copies of the 2020-2022 South Dakota Airport Directory.

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Jon Becker of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit introduced Greg Powell, City Engineer from Chamberlain and Kaci Nowicki of SEH to presented to the Commission the Chamberlain Airport Master Plan.

Powell provided some background information on Chamberlain's Airport Master Plan. Nowicki provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Chamberlain Airport Master Plan to the Commission.

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Becker presented the consideration of Rapid City fuel tax funds request. The Rapid City Regional Airport is requesting to use \$500,000.00 of their fuel tax funds for the development of an update to their master plan. Patrick Dame, Executive Director of the Rapid City Regional Airport shared with the Commission how the funds will be used.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Huggins to approve the Rapid City Regional Airport's request to use \$500,000.00 from the Rapid City Regional Airport's fuel tax funds. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

Jenny Boehm of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented the consideration of Philip fuel tax funds request. The Philip Municipal Airport is requesting to use \$583.00 of their fuel tax funds to pay for new exterior lights on their pilot's lounge.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Luers to approve the Philip Municipal Airport's request to use \$583.00 from the Philip Municipal Airport's fuel tax funds. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

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Tom Koch of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented the consideration of public use airport licenses with the restrictions as noted.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Johnson to approve the FY2020 public use airport licenses with a change to the numbering of Winner – Bob Wiley Field being changed to #69 instead of #79. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried.

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Becker presented the consideration of South Dakota State University's request for financial support for the 2020 Aviation Career Education ('ACE") camp in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Christopher Funk recused himself from the discussion and vote based on a previously stated conflict of interest.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Luers and seconded by Johnson to approve the request for \$5,000.00 in financial support of the 2020 ACE camp. All present voted aye by voice vote except Funk who abstained. The motion carried.

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The Commission decided to cancel the scheduled December 24, 2019, Aeronautics Commission meeting due to a limited agenda and state offices being administratively closed.

With no other business before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. CST.