

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. CDT via conference call
Becker-Hansen Building/ Commission Room – 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD 57501

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Eric Odenbach, Chairman
Robert Huggins, Vice-chairman
Christopher Funk
Rolf Johnson
Dave Luers
Kassidy Nelson
Gerald “Jerry” Rieber

DOT STAFF PRESENT:

Jon Becker, Jenny Boehm, Brad Remmich, Tom Koch,
and Kari Kroll

DOT STAFF PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Joel Jundt, Jack Dokken, and Bonnie Olson

OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Steve Hamilton – South Dakota Pilots Association (SDPA)

Chairman Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:00 p.m. CDT. A roll call was taken to verify a quorum.

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

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

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the August 20, 2020, Commission meeting minutes. Kari Kroll presented a correction to the meeting minutes to the Commission which was brought to Kroll’s attention by Steve Hamilton (SDPA) regarding the misspelling of Dave Mingo’s name.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Rieber to approve the August 20, 2020, Commission meeting minutes as corrected. 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 provided an update to the Commission on the state of the federal funding legislation. A continuing resolution has been approved and signed by the President to provide federal funding through December 11, 2020. The continuing resolution transferred funding in the amount of \$14 billion in general funds into the airport and airway trust fund to replenish the funding to keep the program up and running.

Jundt shared with the Commission the proposed meeting dates for the 2021 and discussed options for the annual Airport Conference.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Funk to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2021. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Jundt advised the Commission that Secretary Bergquist will be retiring on November 13, 2020.

Jon Becker, Office of Aeronautics, presented a request for funding from the Huron Airport for ground communication outlets (GCOs) in the amount of \$11,075.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Luers to approve the funding request for the Huron Airport.

The Commission had further discussion regarding any federal funding options such as CARES Act funding. The Commission discussed tabling the motion to allow the Department of Transportation (the "Department") time to research available CARES Act funding and eligibility requirements for the GCOs.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Nelson to table the vote on the motion made by Huggins and seconded by Luers until the next meeting. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion to table the vote until the next meeting carried.

Becker presented to the Commission two considerations for 2020 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants.

The Commission was informed by Becker that the Belle Fourche grant would be 100% federal funding with 90% AIP and the 10% covered the CARES Act and that the Watertown grant would require state and local match.

Belle Fourche 3-46-0072-014-2020

Update the airport master plan, airport layout plan, perform aeronautical survey and exhibit A property map.

Federal Share	\$370,261.70
State Share	\$
Local Share	\$
Total	\$370,261.70

Watertown 3-46-0058-037-2020

Construct new terminal building; air carrier ramp construction.

Federal Share	\$ 9,000,000.00
State Share	\$ 269,233.13
Local Share	\$ 3,521,509.25
Total	\$ 12,790,742.38

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Rieber to approve the Belle Fourche 3-46-0072-014-2020 AIP grant funding request as presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Rieber recused himself from the discussion and vote on the Watertown AIP grant funding request due to a previously disclosed conflict of interest.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Funk and seconded by Huggins to approve the Watertown 3-46-0058-037-2020 AIP grant funding request as presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Rieber who abstained. The motion carried.

Jundt reminded the Commission that they are required to share an Annual Report with Governor as they have done in years past. He stated that the Department's staff will work on a draft to present at the next meeting for the Commission's approval.

With no other business before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m. CDT.