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# The Town of Isabel

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May 30, 2023

Aeronautics Commission  
SD Department of Transportation  
700 East Broadway Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Isabel Airport Solar Lighting Project

Dear Members of the SD Aeronautics Commission,

Please accept this letter in response to the recent invitation Isabel received from Mr. Jon Becker, Aeronautics Engineer with the South Dakota Department of Transportation. His invitation involved a partnership between the Town of Isabel and the Aeronautics Commission for installation of solar lights at Isabel Airport. I have shared this invitation and information with the Town of Isabel Board of Trustees. We are interested and excited to be involved in this unique partnership.

The Town of Isabel understands the estimated costs include \$500 per light, with an additional \$100 for a mounting kit. Isabel's Airport runway is 3,000' x 150', so it needs 36 lights. The total cost is, therefore, estimated at \$21,600. The Town of Isabel is committing to a 25% share of this cost, or \$5,400. The Town of Isabel proposes the Aeronautics Commission commits to the remaining 75% share of this cost.

The Town of Isabel also understands there remain some unanswered concerns, such as battery maintenance and the benefit of a controller. These additional items might increase the total cost and 25% cost share. The Town of Isabel will also need to know if this project will be completed in 2023 or if it is more likely a 2024 project.

I understand the Commission will discuss this matter at its next meeting, scheduled June 5. We anxiously await your response. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Ryan Maher

Town Board Chairman and Airport Manager  
Town of Isabel

C: Isabel Board of Trustees