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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission
FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Air, Rail, & Transit
DATE: January 11, 2022
SUBJECT: License Approval Request for Graham Field Airport

McCook Industries, represented by Mr. Stephen Jones of North Sioux City, is requesting South Dakota Aeronautics Commission approval for a CY2022 State public use license for Graham Field (7K7).

In December 2021, SDDOT Office of Aeronautics inspected the airport and determined the airport meets State airport requirements for a public use license.

The Department of Transportation recommends Aeronautics Commission approval for a CY2022 public use airport license.

Attached is a letter from Mr. Jones that explains plans for Graham Field (7K7).



January 20, 2022

South Dakota Aeronautics Commission -

Thank you for your time and consideration. My name is Stephen F. Jones, and I am the Graham Airport Manager. The Graham Airfield was opened over 100 years ago and has a strong foundation of Aviation in South Dakota. Our airport is moving into its second century, and we are proud to be part of the first days of flight in our State.

Over the last 6 years under my leadership, we have been working to bring the site up to current regulations and plan to expand the footprint and operation of our airfield.

We have been developing the Graham Development Park in partnership with the City of North Sioux City. We will have both commercial and private use properties that are accessible to the runway, as well as many more parcels for development outside of the Airport that North Sioux City is developing infrastructure for. Plans for developing roads, installing infrastructure and constructing a new levee are to begin Spring of 2022.

The Graham Development will consist of the current Airport being extended to increase landing distance for larger aircraft. The Airfield plans to develop LPV/LNAV/VNAV both vertically and non-vertically guided approaches. The surrounding non-runway access airport land will be developed to accommodate a mixed use of Airport Commercial and Industrial Properties.

Outside of the Immediate Airport area the non-runway access development continues and will include several land uses. A 90-acre section of the new development will be committed to workforce housing and accommodations for residential neighborhoods. Adjacent to Airport development land will be a new 330+ Acre South Dakota GOED Certified Ready Site. Further plans are in progress to increase the development area to accommodate future expansion for our growing community.

I appreciate your consideration on our State public use license for Graham Field 7K7. This is the next step in our quest to create a world class airport within the Graham Development Park in South East South Dakota.

Respectfully,

Stephen F. Jones | Airport Manager

[7K7 Graham Field](#)

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