

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. CT

Becker-Hansen Building/ Commission Room – 700 E. Broadway Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Bob Huggins, Chairman
Rolf Johnson, Vice-chairman
Dustin Coleman
David Howard
Ivan Venner
Court Ecklund

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Karla Engle, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Jon Becker, Nancy Hiller, Tom Kock, Brock Antijunti, and Kari Kroll

OTHER PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Brooke Edgar – Helms and Associates; Charlie Baker – KLJ; and Bob Mercer – KELOland News

Vice-chairman Rolf Johnson called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:03 p.m. CDT. Roll call was taken. A quorum was determined.

Vice-chairman Johnson passed the gavel to Chairman Bob Huggins at 2:04 p.m. CDT.

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

Karla Engle, Office of Legal Counsel, acknowledged the Board’s receipt of four annual disclosures submitted by Rolf Johnson, Court Ecklund, David Howard, and Dustin Coleman. The disclosures are attached to these minutes as **ATTACHMENT A - D**. The disclosures will be filed as required by law.

No other members of the Commission disclosed a conflict or requested a waiver.

Huggins left the meeting at 2:07 CDT.

Johnson asked for a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes from June 18, 2026.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Venner and seconded by Howard to approve the meeting minutes from June 18, 2026.

Huggins rejoined the meeting at 2:09 p.m. CDT.

Commissioner Dustin Coleman listed four edits to the minutes.

1. Nick Wendell's spelling of his name was different in the minutes. He asked that the correct spelling be used throughout.
2. On page 2, the word "collector" was spelt wrong regarding the term *collector roads*.
3. The Chamberlain Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant was missing a number for the state match and should read \$17,299 instead of \$7299.
4. The Winner AIP grant project had numbers that didn't add up to the number listed. Department of Transportation (the "Department") staff were asked to confirm the total amount of the grant and make the correction in the minutes.

No other commissioners had comments or corrections.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION WAS MADE by Venner and seconded by Howard to approve the meeting minutes from June 18, 2026 with the edits noted above. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Johnson returned the gavel to Huggins at 2:15 p.m. CT

Huggins requested the Commission submit comments on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aeronautical Study 2026 – WTE – 2099 – OE. He presented draft comments for Commission consideration as Attachment #3 to the Commission's meeting packet.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Coleman to authorize Chairman Bob Huggins to submit the draft comments on the FAA Aeronautical Study 2026 – WTE – 2099 – OE on behalf of the Commission. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Huggins opened the floor to public comment.

No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

Karla Engle, Office of Legal Counsel, addressed the Commission. She explained that a 2025 law requires the Commission to annually acknowledge review of materials provided by the Attorney General concerning open meetings laws. Engle pointed out that the updated 2026 Open Meeting brochure authored by the Attorney General had been provided to the Commission as Attachment #4 for the Commission's review.

All present acknowledged reviewing these open meeting materials by roll call.

Secretary Joel Jundt presented his Secretary's Report. He shared with the Commission the FAA response to the comment the Commission made regarding FAA Aeronautical Study 2026-WTE-651-OE and what future action could be taken.

It was decided that the Department will notify the airports nearest the study of the FAA response to the Commission's comment and provide a copy of the FAA response to those airports. Doing so will allow these airports to determine if they want to take further action.

Nancy Hiller, Office of Air, Rail, & Transit, presented for the Commission's consideration the following state share funding increases on AIP grant projects:

Cheyenne Eagle Butte Municipal Airport AIP# 3-46-0068-17-2022

Construction: Existing Runway 13 Taxiway Connector Lighting, Construct Runway 31 Taxiway Turnaround Lighting (475'), Independent Fee Estimate, Purchase of Wetland Credits (approximately 1.34 acres), Electrical Service Revisions, Precision Approach Path Indicators, Flight Check

The federal grant amendment was approved to purchase additional wetland credits to mitigate some wetlands that were disturbed by the project.

	Federal (90%)	State (5%)
Final Project	\$126,500.00	\$7,027.78
Original grant	\$110,000.00	\$6,111.11
Change	\$16,500.00	\$916.67

Cheyenne Eagle Butte Municipal Airport AIP# 3-46-0068-15-2022

Phase 2: Reconstruct and Widen of Runway 13/31 (Construction Engineering and Oversight), Shift and Reconfigure Existing Runway 13 Taxiway Connector, Construct Runway 31 Taxiway Turnaround (475')

The federal grant amendment was approved to cover two contract amendments to perform additional engineering services. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required new aerial photography to be collected and processed for the first amendment. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Cultural Preservation Office required additional monitoring for all earthwork and not just the top 12 inches listed in the proposal for the second amendment.

	Federal (90%)	State (5%)
Final Project	\$1,633,533.02	\$90,751.83
Original grant	\$1,589,399.00	\$88,300.00
Change	\$44,134.02	\$2,451.83

A MOTION WAS MADE by Johnson and seconded by Venner to approve the state share funding for both projects at the Cheyenne Eagle Butte Municipal Airport as presented. All present voted aye by roll all vote. The motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Huggins declared the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m. CT.

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ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FOR AUTHORITY/BOARD/COMMISSION
MEMBER

PURSUANT TO SDCL CHAPTER 3-23

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Name of Member:

Rolf Johnson

Name of Board, Authority, or Commission:

South DAKOTA Aeronautics Commission

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Attach additional pages, if necessary.

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 7-5-2026
Signature of Member: Date

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Name of Member: Court Ecklund

Name of Board, Authority, or Commission: Aeronautics Commission

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Leased space in a privately owned hangar from an individual who owns the hangar, and to my knowledge, holds a land-lease with the Lincoln County Airport (Y14).	Ron Keenihan, Court Ecklund	Lessee, on a month-to-month basis of hangar space for storage of an airplane	11/19/2025
Description of the contract	Parties	Description of your interest/role in the contract	Date contract was previously disclosed, if applicable
Employment as a commercial construction Project Manager	Henry Carlson Construction (JE Dunn as of 8/1/2026), Court Ecklund	Henry Carlson Construction is a General Contracting firm that occasionally enters into contracts with the SDDOT/various airports for construction projects.	11/19/2025

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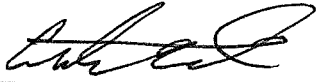
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Name of Member: David Howard

Name of Board, Authority, or Commission: Aeronautics Commission

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3-23-21
Provide the following for each contract in which you have or will have an interest. For further information see SDCL 3-23-21.
Contracts in which you have an interest disclosed to SDCL Chapter 3-23 and which do not violate any other disclosure

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Description of the contract	Parties	Description of your interest/role in the contract	Date contract was previously disclosed, if applicable
Hanger lease Hanger on leased site Manage Winner Airport	University of SD City of Vermillion City of Winner, SD	leasee leasee My wife is the airport Manager	5-21-26 5-21-26 7-14-25

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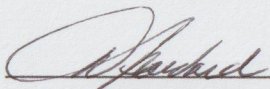
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Date

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Signature of Member:  Date 7/14/2026

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR STATE BOARD WAIVER
PURSUANT TO SDCL 3-23-3

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Date: 7/17/2025

Name of Board Member or Former Board Member: Dustin Coleman

Name of Board, Authority, or Commission: Aeronautics Commission

Brief explanation of contract for which a waiver is requested:

- a) Parties to the contract

SDGOED and Cole-TAC LLC

- b) Board Member's role in the contract

40% owner in Cole-TAC LLC

- c) Purpose and objective of the contract

Cole-TAC receives training grants occasionally from SDGOED to train it's employees.

- d) Consideration or benefit conferred or agreed to be conferred upon each party

Cole-TAC receives financial support through the grant program to assist with business growth and expansion.

The State of South Dakota receives economic benefits including job creation, increased manufacturing output, and local investment in Rapid City.

- e) Duration of the contract

Ongoing

Signature of Requesting Party:  Date 7/17/2025

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR STATE BOARD WAIVER

PURSUANT TO SDCL CHAPTER 3-23

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Date: 2/20/2025

Name of Board Member or Former Board Member: DUSTIN COLEMAN

Name of Board, Authority or Commission: AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Brief explanation of contract for which a waiver is requested:

a) Parties to the contract

RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT

b) Board Member's role in the contract

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c) Purpose and objective of the contract

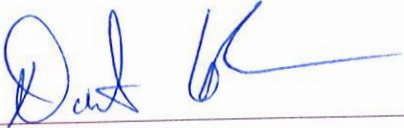
TO STORE MY AIRPLANES

d) Consideration or benefit conferred or agreed to be conferred upon each party

APPROXIMATELY \$2800 PER YEAR

e) Duration of the contract

EXPIRES 2052

Signature of Requesting Party:  Date 2/20/2025

General _____