

SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. CT

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

COMMISSIONER PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Eric Odenbach, Chairman
Bob Huggins, Vice-chairman
Rolf Johnson
Jerry Rieber
John Taylor
Kassidy Nelson

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

DOT STAFF PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Dustin DeBoer

OTHERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Brooke Edgar – Helms and Associates and Rodd Senn – Mead & Associates

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 2:00 p.m. CT. Roll call was taken. A quorum was determined.

Odenbach 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.

No commissioners disclosed a conflict of interest nor requested a waiver.

Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the September 19, 2024 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Nelson to approve the September 19, 2024 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote except Funk who did not respond. The motion carried.

Odenbach opened the floor to public comment. No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

Secretary Jundt presented the Secretary’s Report. He shared the following items:

- Congress passed a continuing resolution that will provide federal funding through December 20, 2024. This action will provide short term federal funding during this time, and funding will be limited to last year’s budgeted amount with federal funds only being partially appropriated via pro-rated based on the December 20, 2024 date. It is not anticipated that Congress will take up the full year appropriations legislation until sometime into the new year, i.e., February / March.
- The Department of Transportation (the “Department”) has submitted our bill request to the Governor’s Office, which includes a proposed bill on additional Title 50 cleanup language. We are still working through proposed language.

Jundt presented to the Commission the proposed meeting dates for CY2025. He noted one conflict which was June 19, 2025, which is a state and federal holiday. He suggested to the Commission June 12, 18, or 26 as alternative dates. Based on their discussion, the Commission chose to move the June 19 meeting to June 12, 2025 and approve the other proposed dates.

Jundt presented to the Commission for their consideration the state match for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grants with regard to the new federal match percentage. It has been verified that BIL grant match for FY25 & FY26 will be 5%, similar to the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants. The Department recommended the Commission set the local match rate to be 2.5% state and 2.5% local for the BIL funding. This would make BIL consistent with the Commission’s action at the September meeting, when the AIP match rates were adjusted to the same percentages.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Taylor and seconded by Huggins to change the state match on BIL grant applications for eligible non-primary and non-hub airport projects scheduled in 2025 and 2026 to 2.5% consistent with the new federal match percentages of 90/5%. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Tom Koch, Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented to the Commission the consideration of the 2025 Airport License Renewal list. The list consisted of 69 airports. He noted the only change from 2024 was that the Howard airport is restricted to daylight use only and the Isabel airport is no longer restricted to daylight use only.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rieber and seconded by Huggins to approve all of the airports as recommended by the Department. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Jack Dokken, Program Manager for the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented to the Commission the draft 2024 Aeronautics Report for the Governor. He shared that the format of the report was modeled after the previous years' reports. No Commissioners offered any suggested changes.

Dokken noted that the updated Attachment D of the report that was shared with the Commissioners does include the projections in regard to the new BIL match.

Kellie Beck, Director of Finance & Management, explained to the Commission that an updated list of airport projects for 2025 were shared with her today that were not reflected on Attachment D but did not indicate any large differences.

Secretary Jundt suggested that the Commission authorize the Department to make minor changes as appropriate to the final version before giving it to the Governor's Office. The Commission agreed with the suggestion.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Taylor to approve the 2025 Aeronautics Commission Report to the Governor with the caveat that the Department is authorized to make any edits deemed appropriate but consistent with the information presented to the Commission. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Chairman Odenbach inquired about his term end with a desire not to continue on the Commission. Secretary Jundt shared that, according to Senate Bill 76 that was passed during the 2024 legislative session, a commissioner with an expired term will remain on the commission until the Governor appoints a new commission or the commissioner provides a written date via a resignation letter, whichever comes first.

Jundt noted Commissioners Odenbach, Funk, and Johnson have terms expiring October 30, 2024. Commissioners Funk and Johnson have desire to continue on the Commission and Odenbach does not. Odenbach understood that he will continue until replaced.

Commissioner Bob Huggins addressed the Commission about the steady fund balance projected on Attachment D of the Governor's Report. He asked that a discussion of possible funding action be on the next agenda. The rest of the Commission agreed.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Odenbach adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. CT.