

**SOUTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 27, 2019, AT 8:00 A.M.  
WATERTOWN EVENT CENTER – 1901 19<sup>TH</sup> AVE SW, WATERTOWN SD**

**COMMISSIONER PRESENT:** Eric Odenbach, Chair  
Robert Huggins, Vice Chair  
Dave Luers, Member  
Christopher Funk, Member

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Rolf Johnson, Member

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Jack Dokken, Jennifer Boehm, Jon Becker, Tom Koch, and  
Rayleen Rathbun

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Joel Jundt, Bonnie Olson, and Kari Kroll

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Olson – Kirkham Michael, Doug Hansen – Clark  
County Airport, Steve Aldinger – Interstate Engineering,  
Ben Aaseth – Interstate Engineering, Steve Hamilton –  
South Dakota Pilots' Association, Mitchell Walker – Mead &  
Hunt, Andy Peek – Federal Aviation Administration, Brooke  
Edgar – Helms & Associates, Kent Penney – KLJ, Inc., Tom  
Schauer – KLJ, Inc., Mike Harmon – City of Spearfish, Dave  
Smith – City of Sturgis, Bob Babcock – Helms & Associates,  
Mike Schmit – Helms & Associates, Rod Senn – KLJ, Inc.,  
Ray Jilek – Black Hills Airport

**OTHERS PRESENT  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Bob Mercer – Associated Press

Chairman Eric Odenbach called the meeting of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission (the "Commission") to order at 8:08 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

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

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

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Odenbach asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019, Commission meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Luers to approve the February 26, 2019, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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

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Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt of the Department of Transportation (the "Department") presented the Secretary's Report. Jundt provided an update on legislation from the current legislative session that affected the Commission. HB1071 and HB1090 both were passed by the Legislature and have been signed by the Governor to take effect July 1, 2019.

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Jack Dokken, Program Manager of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented a Tall Structure Application submitted by Verizon proposing to construct a 109-foot self-supporting antenna tower of steel construction approximately 1.15 nautical miles (NM) south and east of the Mitchell airport.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Huggins and seconded by Funk to approve to the Tall Structure Application submitted by Verizon for the 109-foot self-supporting antenna approximately 1.15 NM south and east of the Mitchell airport. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Jon Becker of the Office of Air, Rail, and Transit presented for Commission consideration the State share for a supplemental grant for the city of Watertown airport. Becker summarized previous discussions.

Mitchell Walker of Mead & Hunt continued the discussion by providing a comparison of the Watertown project to the Pierre airport project and by providing a PowerPoint presentation explaining the cost tables and alternative options regarding locations.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Huggins to approve the funding of the State's share requested by the city of Watertown for the new passenger terminal and associated apron and taxiways with the limitation of \$200,000.00 towards the construction of the new terminal building; \$211,500.00 for the associated apron, taxiways, parking and access; \$38,900.00 for the engineering administration; and \$67,560.00 for planning contingency (15%) as proposed in Alternative #4 – Relocate to Infield Parking Island.

Jundt reminded the Commission after the motion that the amount requested is not included in the overall projected balance of the Aeronautics fund that was provided in January. If approved, the balance would be reduced by \$517,960.00.

AN AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE by Odenbach and seconded by Huggins to stipulate that funding would be contingent on the city of Watertown receiving the supplemental grant. If the city

of Watertown is not awarded the supplemental grant, then the funding will no longer be approved, and the city of Watertown would need to return to the Commission with any further funding requests. All present voted aye by roll call vote to approve the amendment to the motion. The motion carried.

All present voted aye by roll call vote to approve the motion as amended. The amended motion carried.

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Jennifer Boehm of the Office of Air, Rail and Transit presented the details of the 2019 International Aviation Art Contest. There were 196 pieces of artwork from nine different schools including two private schools, six public schools, and one homeschool for this year's annual art contest.

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Odenbach provided an update on HB1119 that was proposed at this year's legislative session to try to recover the remaining \$3,000,000.00 previously swept by the Legislature from the Aeronautics fund. HB1119 was deferred to the 41<sup>st</sup> day by the House Committee on Appropriations.

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Dokken presented specifics of the Airport Conference. Dokken stated the conference has 127 attendees and 16 vendors and that after everything has been collected and paid. Approximately \$1,000.00 will be rolled over into the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Airport Conference budget. Dokken noted that his office is already looking at locations for next year's conference and the decision will be made by June 1, 2019. Mentioned locations for the FY2020 Airport Conference were Spearfish, Deadwood, Rapid City, and Pierre.

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With no other business to come before the Commission, Odenbach declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.