



North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Wednesday, January 17, 2017 – 3:00 pm CST
Aeronautics Commission Conference Room
Bismarck, ND

Chairperson Cindy Schreiber-Beck called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 3:00 pm CST on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Cindy Schreiber-Beck, Chairperson
Jay B. Lindquist, Member
Maurice Cook, Member
Warren Pietsch, Member
Kim Kenville, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Wanner, Director
Mike McHugh, Education Coordinator
Gaye Niemiller, Administrative Officer
Jared Wingo, Airport Planner

Minutes – Minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed. No changes were made and the minutes are accepted as printed. Mike pointed out that the past two years Commission meeting Minutes are now located on our website.

Financial Statement –Gaye presented the financial statement for November, 2016.

Director monthly recap – Kyle reviewed the Director’s monthly recap. He highlighted a few areas on the recap document that was sent out to the commission. Kyle and both planners had a meeting with the FAA to get the updated statewide capital improvement plan finalized and to prioritize projects. Kyle attended a UAS roundtable discussion with the Chief of Staff from the Air Force. Kyle flew with the new Lieutenant Governor to Grand Forks for a meeting on UAS and was also able to visit in length and provide the Lieutenant Governor with aviation information. Mike was on the interview panel for the Aviation Council’s Executive Director interviews. The panel choose the Staiger Consulting Group for the vacant position. Malinda’s last day was January 8, 2017; she completed entering information into the new database, which dates back to 1968. Kyle also met and discussed aviation issues with Governor Burgum on January 12th.

Old business – Skyskopes. Kim and Mike met with the Skyskopes on the phone and they are going to place the high school grant request on hold to produce more information and a sample product of what they want to create and do if they had more money. They are withdrawing their application for that course at this time.

Mike visited with the Center for Distance Education, and was informed that they have selected someone for the pilot courses, and is currently going through the licensing process.

Jamestown is interested in getting aviation education into their high school and was excited to learn about Center for Distance Education possibility.

Legislative session update – Kyle provided an overview of the bills that have been introduced that could have an effect on aviation or airports.

HB 1217 – The Commission had previously approved of the language in this bill which provides and update to the aircraft registration fees. The first hearing on this bill is set for this Thursday at 10:00am.

SB 2006 – This is our budget bill that was already presented before the senate appropriations committee. Testimony in support of the bill was heard from Greg Haug, Matt Remyse, Kelly Braun and Rodney Schaaf. Letters were sent in to the committee from other airport managers in the state in support of airport funding as well. The bill was moved it into a sub-committee and Kyle will continue to track progress.

SB 2049 – This is our housekeeping bill regarding updated language for the special fund, excise tax, and fuel tax language. It unanimously passed through committee with Tax Department amendments and was unanimously passed through the Senate. We will now wait until after the crossover to visit with the House about this bill.

HB 1305 – This bill provides some clean up language in regards to the Airport Authority Act and will be supported by Kyle and the Airport Association.

SB 2073 and HB 1366 – Regarding oil impact grants. The intent of HB 1366 is to fulfill obligations from any funding parameters made last biennium session specifically for the Williston and Dickinson airport projects. SB 2073 contains 24.1 million dollars for the Williston and Dickinson airport projects, but the preferred bill is HB 1366 as that would fulfill all prior commitments for airport oil impact funding.

HB 1031 – Bill is in regards to a state agency's ability to purchase new aircraft. It has currently passed through committee unanimously.

HB 1128 – A federally mandated program after 9/11 was created to make sure that the government is collecting appropriate documentation for individuals that request a government ID (Real ID). North Dakota has not enacted all of the requirements of this program. North Dakota needs to work to comply by 2019 or else passports will be required instead of a driver's license to board aircraft. This legislation would allow compliance by North Dakota with Real ID standards.

SB 2179 – This bill would allow airports to be eligible to use funds from a loan program at the Bank of North Dakota. Kyle and the Airport Association are working to support this bill.

SB 2200 – This bill would allow airports to request from their elected officials the consideration of up to an additional 10 mills to be utilized on large capital improvement projects. Kyle and the airport association are working to support this bill.

HB 1162 – This bill has been brought up recently regarding competition between government and private industry and could potentially have an impact on public use airports.

HB 1167 – Changes made to this bill from the last session include new language that would outlaw the utilization of unmanned aircraft from utilizing not-lethal force.

2018 – Regarding Department of Commerce budget and includes funding for the UAS test site.

Director 360 Evaluation – Kyle wanted to remind the Commission that the Director 360 evaluation is on the horizon and that they should work to make plans to complete the evaluation.

Old business - Fuel system requirements - Jared had been in contact with the Public Service Commission regarding Jay B.'s question on fuel system requirement. The PCS's administrative code says that all fuel pumps need to be recertified every year and that it needs to be done within a 15-month period. If not completed within that time, certification for pumps can be revoked. The code is written as any commercial fuel operator; there is no quantity.

Commission portfolio reports – None

The Aeronautics Commission office will be completing conference registrations and arranging hotel reservations for UMAS which will be held in Minot on March 5-7, 2017.

Cindy – Hotel and registration not needed as she will only be able attend the Icebreaker Sunday evening.

Maurice – Hotel and registration needed

Kim – Hotel and registration needed

Jay B. – Hotel and registration needed

Warren – Registration

Other updates - Jared's 3-month military training leave has been pushed back. Jared will find out on January 30th his new departure date.

We will schedule the next commission meeting tentatively for February 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.