



North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Friday January 28, 2022 – 2:30 PM
Aeronautics Commission Conference Room
Bismarck, ND

Chairperson Warren Pietsch called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 2:30 PM on Friday, January 28, 2022.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Warren Pietsch, Chairperson
Kyle Humann, Vice-Chairperson
Kim Kenville, Member
Jay B. Lindquist, Member
Cindy Schreiber-Beck, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Wanner, Director
Mike McHugh, Aviation Education Coordinator
Adam Dillin, Airport Planner
Nels Lund, Airport Planner
Gaye Niemiller, Admin Officer

Warren Pietsch called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm and roll call was made.

11/3/21 Meeting Minutes – Approved as is.

Financial Statements – Gaye reviewed October, November, and December 2021 financial statements. No changes were requested.

Financial Audit Conclusion – Gaye reviewed the final audit report with the Commissioners. The audit concluded no findings for any formal or informal recommendations.

Director Monthly Recap – Kyle provided an update on agency activities since the last commission meeting. He also discussed airline issues and activity levels throughout the state and his recent request to the Governor to declare March as Aviation Month within the state of North Dakota. He also provided updates on the current PCI project that will be finalized this Spring.

Proposed 2022 State Grant Schedule – Kyle, Nels and Adam provided a proposed 2022 grant schedule to the Commissioners. Kyle reviewed the information with the commissioners until all of the proposed deadlines and meeting dates were agreed upon.

Federal Infrastructure Bill – Kyle shared that Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill with additional funding being made available to airports. The amount of additional fund potential for North Dakota within this bill over the next 5 years, (which is above and beyond the AIP Program) are estimated to be around \$90 million. The Aeronautics Staff will continue to work with the FAA and individual

airports to learn more about the funding eligibility and adapt the statewide capital improvement plan to incorporate the new funding stream.

Aviation Education Update – Mike provided the Commissioners with an education update. Aside from continued education efforts, Mike has been representing the Commission with NASAO activities as well as being heavily involved in the Fly-ND Conference. Mike will be traveling to Kindred High School, where Ron Lundquist is trying to get an aviation program together and off the ground. Mike provided an update on the FAA Workforce development grant awarded to the University of North Dakota. Professional development classes for teachers will be offered this summer and next summer.

Fly-ND Aviation Conference – Kyle reviewed the Fly-ND Conference details with the Commission and highlighted that everyone has been registered and hotel reservations have been made for all attending.

Old business – Cindy provided information about the Tri-State Aerial Applicators convention taking place in Grand Forks.

Next meeting: Tentatively set for March 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm