The cities of Tioga, New Town, Regent, Watford City and Bowman have created Municipal Airport Authorities to administer their public airports. Other N.D. Cities planning or leaning towards a Municipal Airport Authority type of administration, include Kenmare, Carrington, Hazen and Towner.

The 1965 Session of the State Legislature also granted the State Aeronautics Commission all of the powers of an airport authority, except powers to issue bonds, for the purpose of building and operating the International Peace Garden Airport and Border Airport at Noonan, N.D.

A Municipal Airport Authority can be created by a resolution adopted by the City owning an existing airport, or for that matter, having no airport at all and for the purpose of planning and building a new airport. The resolution adopted also appoints five airport authority commissioners, who then constitute a new body both corporate and political, for the purpose of administration of the airport.

The five airport commissioners of a municipal airport authority have almost unlimited powers, including the power to hire personnel, airport management, powers to execute contracts, to plan, establish, develop, purchase, operate, regulate and protect the airport. Also powers of eminent domain for acquisition of land or air space; power to certify a tax levy to the city or political subdivisions that created it (provided that it does not exceed 4 mills on property); power to accept and contract for federal or state aid for airport improvements; and power to borrow money and issue revenue bonds.

A Municipal Airport Authority removes the active management of a public airport from the hands of the City Commission or City Council and places it into the hands of a five man commission of local citizens, who generally have no other major interest other than the interest of promoting and improving the airport.

In many communities, the City Commission or City Alderman have so many problems connected with running a city as a whole that the airport receives very little attention, unless the city is large enough to hire a full time airport manager.

A Municipal Airport Authority is a solution to this problem, since active and interested aviation minded commissioners may be appointed to an airport authority, when it is created.

State laws permit the formation of several different types of airport authorities:

1. A Municipal Airport Authority which involves only one city and usually one airport.

2. A Regional Airport Authority which may combine one or more cities, or the county or any combination for the purpose of owning and operating more than one airport in a geographical region. A Regional Airport Authority may also exercise its powers beyond state borders into neighboring states, providing the adjacent state has similar enabling legislation and reciprocity.

The City of Bismarck recently adopted all of the powers of an Airport Authority by adopting a resolution and the appointment of the incumbent city commissioners as having the powers of a Municipal Airport Authority. Under the powers of an Airport Authority, revenue bonds for financing improvements on an airport may be sold without an election. By using the powers of an Airport Authority, Bismarck issued and sold $600,000.00 in 20 year airport revenue bonds to finance a new administration building with a low interest bid of 3.14%.

Other cities interested in creating an Airport Authority should contact the State Aeronautics Commission for guidance and suggestions.

AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Saturday, May 15, 1965 is the deadline for the state registration of aircraft for 1965. To date, 730 civil aircraft have been registered with the State Aeronautics Commission. Aircraft registration applications postmarked after May 15th, are subject to delinquent penalties at the rate of ten cents per day for the first 15 days and $2.00 for each additional 30 day period. 75% of the aircraft registration fees collected by the Aeronautics Commission are returned to the County and airport where the aircraft are based for maintenance and improvements at local airports.

N.D. AIRMEN REGISTRATION RENEWALS COME DUE IN JUNE, 1965

In mid-June, applications for a two year renewal of State airmen registrations will be mailed to 1,500 Private and Commercial rated pilots and 800 Student pilots in North Dakota. All State airmen's registrations expire on June 30, 1965. The renewal airmen registrations are issued for a two year period and will expire July 1, 1967. Private and Commercial pilot registrations are renewed for $3.00 and Student renewals for $1.50.

AERIAL APPLICATOR SEMINARS AT GRAND FORKS AND MINOT DRAW TOP ATTENDANCE

Aerial applicator Seminars held this year at GrandForks & Minot in April, drew an all time high attendance for two meetings with 195 pilots, aerial applicators and chemical representatives attending the sessions. The seminars were sponsored by the N.D. Aeronautics Commission, with the cooperation and assistance of the FAA, Fargo; the Extension Service, N.D. State University, Fargo and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Minot fielded 93 registrations while Grand Forks 92 registrations.
For plans being sold on the ground at least three days prior to each auction. The catalogued item will be furnished at an additional cost of $100.00 per piece. Payment must be made for all guarantees that will be purchased during the auction. Deluxe service will be furnished with a charge of $150.00 plus a $25.00 per item charge, to be paid by the buyer at the time of purchase. The auction will be held at the Museum, 123 Main Street, on the first Saturday following the auction. For more information, call the Museum at 555-1234.

Part 9.2.2 of the Second Amendment, “the right to bear arms,” is often interpreted to mean that the government cannot regulate the ownership or use of firearms. However, the Supreme Court has held that the right to bear arms is not unlimited and that the government has a valid interest in regulating the possession of firearms.

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AIRPORTS AND OPERATORS

BOWMAN - A Municipal Airport Authority has been formed in this southwestern City of the State. Appointed to a five year term and named President is William Fisher; Wilbur Brewer was named Secretary and appointed for a four year term. Appointed for lessor terms were J.W. Mazaros, Alvin Farsteet and Roger Sterns.

As one of its first orders of business, the Authority will investigate the possibility of a Municipal Airport for Bowman.

CARRINGTON - Harold Vavra and Vernon Baltzer of the N.D. Aeronautics Commission met recently with members of the Carrington Park Commission and other interested parties to explain the desirable features of forming an Airport Authority.

Walter Beaton, a member of the Carrington Park Commission called the informal meeting. Also discussed was the possibility of paving the NW-SE runway and funding of a project of this type.

FARGO - James A. Peterson and John Q. Peterson, Fargo, announced a new company known as Flight Development, Inc., which has been designated as Beechcraft Sales and Service, with temporary offices at 105-19th Ave. North, Fargo, N.D.

James Peterson said the organization will provide aircraft rentals, sales, charters, and flight and ground instruction.

HAZEN - Interest is generating in this city located near future large Hydro-Electric plants to form an Airport Authority. Many of the key personnel of these plants are located in Hazen and need is seen for airport improvement.

KENMARE - Art Carlson, Engineer for the FAA District Airport Engineer's office, St. Paul, Minn. accompanied by Harold Vavra and Vernon Baltzer of the N.D. Aeronautics Commission made a tour recently of possible sites to relocate the Kenmare Municipal Airport. An excellent site located within a mile of Kenmare was chosen as the most logical site and a request will be forwarded for FAA Site approval. The possible formation of an Airport Authority was also discussed with Senator Walter Dahlund, Mayor Leroy Sandvik and Edgar H. Miller, Chairman, Airport Committee of the Kenmare Park Commission.

MINOT - Birkholz Air Service has started operation in the new Cloud Modification Service Inc. hangar and shop located on the Minot International Airport just north of the terminal building.

A mechanic is on duty and is qualified in both A&P service. Charter is also offered in the new Cionanche 400 aircraft along with crop spraying.

NEW TOWN - Construct New Airport - Authorization to proceed to construct new airport has been issued by the FAA District Engineer's office and construction is expected to begin as soon as conditions permit. The New Town Airport Authority members are to be commended for the sometime seemingly never ending battle, to secure a new airport for New Town.

PENBINA - Construction has been completed on stage A of the Pembina Municipal Airport which consisted of realignment of the NWN by SSE and its regrading, grading of a connecting taxiway and the hangar and ramp area has also been accomplished.

Bids have been received and opened but no contract let for the hard surfacing of 2600 X 50' of the NWN by SSE runway and connecting taxiway.

RUGBY - Wilbur H. Finley has received the dealership of Champion Aircraft and will be selling the new Citaibr.ca and the prior model, the Challenger. His address is Box 192, Rugby, N.D. telephone - 776-5777.

TOWNER - A lighting project has been researched by the Towner Municipal Airport and plans have been made to low intensity light 2400 X 150' of the NWN by SSE runway according to Jack Fairbrother of the Fairbrother Ford Agency in Towner. The cost of materials will be approximately $1,100.00.

WEST FARGO - Plans have been discussed and airspace clearance has been requested relative to the possibility of converting the present Skroch-Barnes Airport into a Municipal Airport.

WESTHOPE - Flying interest has been re-kindled here and three aircraft are now based at the Municipal Airport according to Mayor James H. Mun. Exploration of plans to solve drainage problems and hangar building are presently taking place.

SIDNEY, MONTANA - Our good neighbor in the Great Sky Country to the west, Sidney, Montana has advised us that an Air Show will be held Monday, July 5th at Sidney, Mont. The day will start with a fly-in breakfast in the morning with competition for light planes which will include Pylon races, bomb drops, cross country races, etc. The event is sponsored by the Aviation Committee of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce.