



North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Thursday, March 19th, 2020 – 3:00 PM
Aeronautics Commission Conference Room
Bismarck, ND

Chairperson Kim Kenville called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Kim called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and roll call was made.

1/23/20 Meeting Minutes – Approved as is.

Financial Statements – Gaye reviewed December 2019 and January 2020 financial statements. No changes were requested.

Director Monthly Recap – Kyle reviewed and highlighted a few topics from the Director Monthly Recap. Kyle discussed the recent strategic budget briefing that he had with the Governor's office and the oil revenue concerns that are currently present that may impact the airport infrastructure fund if oil prices remain low for a long period of time. Kyle also highlighted the significant impacts that the office has been seeing at the airports and the aviation community in regards to the COV-19 virus. To accommodate the safety of the staff and the public, the office is currently preparing to telecommute from home. Kyle is confident that with the agency preparations that have been made, most agency operations should be able to continue with minimal impact once the physical office is eventually closed to the public.

Aviation Education Update - Mike reviewed a letter from Central Regional Area Career and Technical Center (CRACTC) thanking Aeronautics Commission board members for the grant approval of their

aviation online program. The letter stated that they had a surplus of students enroll in the program and provided details on how the grant from the Commission helped with improving the program.

UMAS Recap – Kyle started the conversation of UMAS and encouraged staff and commissioners to share their thoughts of this year’s event in Minot at the Grand Hotel. Mike shared some of the comments received from the survey that was sent out to all attendees and vendors.

Commission Portfolio Reports – Kyle reported for Cindy that they met with the Aerial Applicator Association and the Department of Agriculture regarding aerial applicator regulations and future UAS aerial application activity and they are looking to establish a working task force. A meeting is set for March 30th with the Department of Agriculture to discuss UAS applications to discuss and determine if any regulatory changes are needed to safely accommodate this new industry as it continues to develop.

No other Commission portfolio reports were made.

Upcoming commission meetings remain for the time-being:

Thursday, May 28th – meeting scheduled for 9am to noon

Thursday, June 11th – meeting scheduled for 9am to noon

Adjournment at 4:00 pm.