



North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 10:00 AM
Aeronautics Commission Conference Room
Bismarck, ND

Chairperson Warren Pietsch called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mylo Wolding, New Town
Larry Mueller, Hillsboro Airport
Randy Aarestad, Hillsboro Airport
Don Hanson, Hillsboro Airport
Les Hurt – Hillsboro Airport
Jeff Klein, Mead & Hunt
Kyle Glynn, Ellendale Airport
Rod Senn, Mead & Hunt
Ryan Reisinger, Grand Forks Airport
Steve Aldinger, Interstate Engineering
Josh Brelje, KLJ
Ben Aaseth, Interstate Engineering
Thomas Sando, Williston School District
Dr. Victoria Arneson, Williston School District
Nick Langolf – Unmanned Safety Institute
Luke Taylor – Watford City Airport

Mark Gainor – Milnor Airport
Darren Hall – Fargo Jet Center and NDAA Past Chairperson
Helen O’Connor – Executive Director, Fargo AirSho

Warren called the meeting to order at 10:00 m and roll call was taken.

5/27/21 Meeting Minutes – Change Minutes to add the word “virtual” to the Tri-State Pass Program and then Minutes are accepted as is.

Individual Airport Discussions –

Larry Mueller presented on behalf of Hillsboro Airport regarding their request to construct 2x 5-stall hangars. Jay B. made a motion to approve a \$300k grant at 50% of total project cost. Kim seconded the motion. Discussions were held. Kim – yes, Jay B. – yes, Cindy – yes, Kyle H. – yes, Warren – no. Motion carried.

Mylo Wolding presented on behalf of New Town Airport regarding their request for the community hangar. Discussions were held. Kim made a motion to approve the request at \$40,250 at 50% of total project cost. Cindy seconded the motion. Kim – yes, Jay B. – yes, Cindy – yes, Kyle H. – yes, Warren – yes. Motion carried.

Luke Taylor presented on behalf of Watford City Airport regarding their request for the purchase of Snow Removal Equipment. Discussions were held. Kyle H. made a motion to approve. Cindy seconded the motion. Kim – yes, Jay B. – yes, Cindy – yes, Kyle H. – yes, Warren – yes. Motion carried.

Mark Gainor presented on behalf of Milnor Airport regarding their Runway 8/26 Grading and requested a change from the 85% request to a 90% request which was requesting an additional \$11,715. Discussions were held. Jay B. made a motion to add in the additional fund request to award at 90% of the total project. Kim seconded the motion. Kim – yes, Jay B. – yes, Cindy – yes, Kyle H. – yes, Warren – yes. Motion carried.

These additional grant allocations will be awarded from the 2019-2021 biennium funds.

Aviation Education Grants – Mike reviewed ED 21-6 Williston High School Aviation Technology Program application and their grant request for computers, simulator equipment, professional development, assistance in student flights, and to integrate unmanned aircraft as a separate in-person classroom curriculum. They are asking for funding for a five-year curriculum. Thomas Sando presented on behalf of Williston School District, along with Dr. Victoria Arneson, Curriculum Director and grant writer with Williston School District. Discussions were held. Kim made a motion to fund the AOPA course, fund field trips and fund computers, and yolks. Jay B. seconded the motion. Discussions were continued. Nick Langolf from Unmanned Safety Institute presented regarding the course and textbooks and help provide the curriculum and described the VSO certification. Cindy requested to table this request to allow further research. Warren and Jay B. agree. Kim rescinded motion and made a motion to table the request. Jay B. seconded the motion. Kim – yes, Jay B. – yes, Cindy – yes, Kyle H. – yes, Warren – yes.

Motion carried. Kim requested more information on this proposal and to scale back on the spreadsheets.

Mike reviewed ED 21-7 Fargo AirSho Education Programming request with the Commission and discussions were held. Kim made a motion to cover the performance fee of red tail at \$12k, the STEM Alliance FM 1950 sq ft exhibit space at \$4,200, and admission for students and educators (to be split between Saturday and Sunday) to reach the \$24k requested amount. Warren seconded the motion. Discussions were held. Tracking students and educators would be required and to be shown to the Commission, with the education component shown as being sponsored by ND Aeronautics Commission. Kim – yes, Jay B. – yes, Cindy – not present for vote, Kyle H. – yes, Warren – yes. Motion carried.

UAS Aerial Application Administrative Law Update – Kyle sent out the updated rule proposal to NDAAA and the agency has not received comments from them yet. Cindy has previously asked for the proposal to remove the grandfather clause and also update the commercial UAS license section. The proposed admin rule language was sent out to the Commissioners in their meeting packets and Kyle requested permission to move forward to the public comment stage and advertise in newspaper. Kyle H. made the motion to approve. Kim seconded the motion. Kim – yes, Jay B. – yes, Cindy – not present for vote, Kyle H. – yes, Warren – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Commission Portfolio Reports – None.

Th next meeting is tentatively planned at end of June.

Adjourn at 11:30 a.m.