



**North Dakota Aeronautics Commission**  
**Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 9:00 am CST**  
**Bismarck Airport Conference Room A-B**  
**Bismarck, ND**

Chair Kim Kenville called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Kim Kenville, Chair  
Warren Pietsch, Member (via phone)  
Steve Blazek, Member  
Rodney Schaaf, Member  
Kyle Humann, Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kyle Wanner, Director  
Gaye Niemiller, Administrative Officer  
Grant Erwin, Airport Planner  
Adam Dillin, Airport Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:**

Shane Steiner, KLJ  
Jon Scraper, Mead & Hunt  
Kelly Braun, Dickinson Airport  
Nels Lund, KLJ  
Shawn Dobberstein, Fargo Airport  
Jennifer Boehm, Mead & Hunt  
Jennifer Eckman, Minot Airport  
Tom Neigum, KLJ  
Matthew Remyse, Bismarck Airport  
Rhenna Martin, Bismarck Airport Intern  
Ryan Reisinger, Grand Forks Airport  
Jamison Kath, Mead & Hunt  
Lorence Holmgren, Kulm Airport  
Tom Schauer, Mead & Hunt  
Jeff Moe, Tioga Airport  
Anthony Dudas, Williston Airport  
Lindsay Gerhardt, Mandan Airport

**Minutes** – The minutes of the May 27, 2025, meeting were accepted as presented.

NDAC Chair, Kim noted that this meeting marks a historic milestone for the Aeronautics Commission, as the agency has now reached its highest level of grant awards to date—over \$80 million for North Dakota airports.

Kim also shared the sad news of the unexpected passing of Cindy Schreiber-Beck, former long-time NDAC Commissioner, state legislator, community leader, and Executive Director of the North Dakota Agricultural Association. Cindy was also actively involved with the National Agricultural Aviation Association, served on the Governor's UAS Task Force, and was a dedicated advocate for education, agriculture, and aviation. Kim described Cindy as a passionate leader, mentor, and friend whose presence will be deeply missed. A moment of silence was held in her honor, and Kim dedicated the meeting to Cindy Schreiber-Beck.

### **Individual Airport Presentations-**

**Bismarck:** Matt Remyse spoke on behalf of Bismarck Airport, expressing appreciation for \$6.3 million in grant funding and reviewing current and upcoming projects.

**Fargo:** Shawn Dobberstein addressed the Commission on behalf of Fargo Airport, thanking them for their continued support and project funding while also providing updates on projects, construction timelines, and completion schedules. Director Kyle Wanner also highlighted the recent announcement that Shawn will be receiving the prestigious John Agrey Award at this Fall's Upper Great Plains Transportation banquet in recognition of his lifetime contributions to promoting aviation and developing the Fargo Hector International Airport.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 9:42 a.m. to gather attendees for a photo commemorating the generational projects being funded from the 2025 legislative session. The meeting was reconvened at 9:48 a.m.

**Grand Forks:** Ryan Reisinger spoke on behalf of Grand Forks Airport, thanking the Commission for its support and reviewing current projects and completion timelines.

**Tioga:** Tom Schauer of Mead & Hunt and Jeff Moe from the Tioga Airport reported on the \$124,373 grant awarded for relocation and expansion of the fuel farm, which covered 50% of the \$248,747 project cost. They expressed gratitude for the award but explained financial challenges in completing the project and requested reconsideration of the grant to cover 90% of the total cost, clarifying that the request applied only to the fuel farm and not a fuel truck purchase.

**Mandan:** Lindsay Gerhardt of Mandan Airport and Tom Neigum of KLJ also spoke, thanking the Commission for its support and reporting on the \$549,000 award for 2025 Runway and Taxiway Concrete Maintenance and Asphalt Crack Sealing. They explained that the lowest bidder could not be awarded the contract, and after consultation with legal counsel, the project was awarded to the second-lowest bidder at a higher cost. They requested an additional \$63,000 in funding, which would keep the 90% participation level intact and bring the total NDAC award to \$612,000.

**Dickinson:** Kelly Braun spoke on behalf of Dickinson Airport, thanking the Commission and NDAC staff for their support and providing updates on current projects.

**Williston:** Anthony Dudas addressed the Commission on behalf of Williston Airport, thanking them for grant awards and providing updates on Williston projects.

**Kulm:** Lorence Holmgren spoke on behalf of Kulm Airport to thank the commission for the grant awards and provided updates on current and future projects at the airport.

The meeting adjourned for a five-minute recess at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

#### **Commission Actions –**

Steve made a motion to approve the request from Mandan Airport to adjust its project award to \$612,000 at the 90% funding level. Rodney seconded the motion. All yays, no nays. Motion passed.

The Commission also discussed Tioga's request for additional funding. Airport Planner Grant Erwin recommended maintaining the award at 50%. After discussion, the Commission upheld the original May 27, 2025, award of \$124,373, representing 50% of the project cost.

With the adjustment for Mandan, the total 2025 grant awards now stand at \$81,610,948 for North Dakota airports.

#### **Commissioner Reports – None.**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.