



## North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 9:00 am CST  
Bismarck Airport Conference Room A-B  
Bismarck, ND

Chair Kyle Humann called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 15, 2022.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Kyle Humann, Chair  
Kim Kenville, Member  
Warren Pietsch, Member  
Steve Blazek, Member  
Rodney Schaaf, 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  
Joey Castiglione, Grand Forks Airport  
Jon Scaper, Mead & Hunt  
Kelly Braun, Dickinson Airport  
Jamison Kath, Mead & Hunt  
Nels Lund, Mead & Hunt  
Don Hardy, Glen Ullin Airport  
Shawn Dobberstein, Fargo Airport  
Malaya Schneider, Bismarck Airport  
Andrew Larson, KLJ  
Jennifer Boehm, Mead & Hunt  
Mylo Wolding, New Town Airport  
Jennifer Eckman, Minot Airport  
Shawn McMahan, SHE  
Tom Neigum, KLJ  
Tim Thorsen, Bismarck Airport  
Kelly Liebold, Bismarck Airport Intern  
Greg Haug, Bismarck Airport  
Roger Martin, Linton Airport  
Randall Meidinger, Linton Airport

Greg Johnson, Stanley Airport  
Kyle Nelson, SEH

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA TEAMS:**

Ryan Reisinger, Grand Forks Airport  
Jeff Klein, Mead & Hunt

**Minutes** – The May 22, 2024, minutes were accepted as presented.

**Individual Airport Presentations-**

Kyle W. provided an initial presentation regarding the generational projects for Grand Forks, Fargo, and Dickinson that are requesting consideration for submittal for the governor’s budget and legislative approval during the next legislative session, which will begin January 2025. Handouts were provided to the commission for their review and information. Kyle W. discussed the FAA funding program and the lack of availability of both federal and state funds within the current programs to assist on projects of this scale. Ryan Reisinger, Grand Forks, Kelly Braun, Dickinson, and Shawn Dobberstein, Fargo, each discussed their generational project.

Representatives from various airports that secured a timeslot prior to the meeting were introduced to speak on their projects. The following airports provided a presentation to the Commission:

Grand Forks: Joey Castiglione provided updates on their current projects.

Beach: Don Hardy spoke on behalf of the Beach Airport regarding their application to increase the state share on AIP #18, to 6%. The Beach airport is having a difficult time finding the funds for the local portion due to three additional unexpected projects that contributed to lack of local funds to cover all costs on AIP #18. The Beach Airport Authority is asking the Commission to provide another 1% in funds. Nels Lund from KLJ was available to answer questions on the project.

Glen Ullin: Representatives from Glen Ullin Airport were unable to make it to the meeting, so Nels Lund from KLJ presented on behalf of the airport authority. The airport requested additional funding from the state. They had banked their FAA entitlements and additional federal funding, but with increased costs, their local share was higher than anticipated. They were hoping the City of Glen Ullin was going to get a loan to bridge them until they could pay it off, however the City then said they could not do that because the airport is an entity of the City.

New Town: Milo Wolding represented New Town and discussed the reason for the late request of \$20,763 for a 2024 crack sealing grant. They had extensive crack sealing done in 2023, so they were undecided about applying for a 2024 crack seal grant. After looking over the runway,

the airport decided that additional crack sealing is needed. They have secured enough local funds to cover their runway extension project, and that will leave them in a tight spot financially for the 2024 crack sealing, especially if they would need to wait another year to have that completed.

Minot – Jennifer Eckman provided a brochure to the commission regarding six of their unfunded 2024 requests for the commission’s reconsideration.

The Commissioners called for a break at 10:20am and the meeting was called back in order at 10:40am.

Linton - Randy Meidinger represented Linton and Andrew Larson, from KLJ, handed out a Project Work Description sheet. The document referenced the project’s work description, the basis of the estimates, and an aerial view of the airport highlighting the project work areas at the airport. Randy explained that the airport does receive four mills from the city of Linton, but currently have no financial support from the county. They have requested consideration of mill levy support from the county but continue to be denied. This has caused a hardship on the airport in obtaining local funding to complete their projects and therefore they are asking the Commission to award an additional two grants.

Stanley – Greg Johnson provided an update of the crosswind runway and apron rehabilitation projects occurring at the Stanley airport and to express his gratitude for the funding to help these projects to completion.

**Airport Public Comments** – Rodney Schaaf provided an update on activity at Bowman Airport.

**Airport Grant Modifications** – Kim made a motion to fund all of the additional General Aviation Airports requests with the exception of Linton’s apron rehabilitation request. This motion would allocate an additional \$100,288 in state funds and bring the new overall award amount to \$15,923,695. Warren seconded the motion. Discussions occurred and the motion was called to vote. All yays, no nays. Motion carried.

GA Airport	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Request	Amount Approved	Percentage
Beach	FAA 2022 AIP #18 - Runway, Taxiway, & Apron Rehabilitation	\$2,396,951.00	\$23,970.00	\$23,970.00	6%
Glen Ullin	FAA 2022 AIP #20 - Runway, Taxiway, & Apron Rehabilitation	\$1,867,778.00	\$37,026.00	\$37,026.00	6.5%
Linton	2024 Crack Sealing	\$20,588.40	\$18,529.00	\$18,529.00	90%
	Rehab Apron & Improve Access Road - FAA Ineligible (Construct)	\$25,685.00	\$23,116.00	-	-
New Town	2024 Crack Sealing	\$23,070.00	\$20,763.00	\$20,763.00	90%
General Aviation Airports Total			\$123,404.00	\$100,288.00	

The Commissioners called for a break at 11:15am. The meeting was called back in order at 11:34am.

**Aviation Education Grant Request – Fargo AirSho.** Kyle W. reviewed the grant request with the commissioners. Kim reiterated that guidelines were provided for the last education grant that was provided to the Fargo AirSho. The Commission requested the group to report back and provide information on the event and the impact of the education grant. This report was never completed satisfactorily.

Discussion on the request continued and concerns were voiced regarding the difficulty with accountability to providing funding for the youth entrance tickets. Kyle Humann made a motion to fund only part one of the request in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with exhibit expenses and displays related to the STEM exhibit that will promote aviation education. The motion also stipulated that the Fargo AirSho needs to provide the Commission with a one-page summary of the event within sixty (60) days from the date of the event. Call to vote. Kim – y, Warren – y, Steve – abstain, Rodney – y, Kyle – y. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports** - As Kyle Humann's term as chair of the Commission comes to an end, the commissioners and staff commended Kyle H. for his commitment to and the great job he did as chair for the past two years.

Kyle W. also reported to the Commission that Mike McHugh had attended a meeting of the State Emergency Commission and they approved the request to allow an additional \$900,000 in appropriation for the project to rehabilitate the pavements at the International Peace Garden Airport.

**Next Meeting** – Tentatively scheduled on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.