



North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Monday, April 24, 2017 – 3:00 pm CST
Aeronautics Commission Conference Room
Bismarck, ND

Chairperson Cindy Schreiber-Beck called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Cindy Schreiber-Beck, Chairperson
Jay B. Lindquist, Member
Maurice Cook, Member
Warren Pietsch, Member
Kim Kenville, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Wanner, Director
Mike McHugh, Education Coordinator
Ben West, Airport Planner
Gaye Niemiller, Administrative Officer

Minutes – Minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed. No changes were made and the minutes were accepted as printed.

Financial Statement –Gaye presented the financial statements for February and March, 2017. Kyle reviewed the federal funds and excise tax revenue line items.

Director monthly recap – Kyle reviewed the Director's monthly recap, highlighting a few areas for the Commissioners.

Kyle discussed having several meetings up at the Capitol during the month of March and April, along with meeting again with the Lt. Governor to discuss the Aeronautics Commission's appropriations bill and other aviation related issues.

Mike and Kyle attended North Dakota's UAS Industry Day on March 23rd at BSC.

Mike, Kyle, and Ben attended and represented the Commission for Aviation Day on March 27th at the Capitol. Kyle said Aviation Day and the social that evening were both successful.

Along with Aviation Day, the North Dakota Aviation Council held their meeting at the Heritage Center to elect officers for 2017-2018. Jon Simmers agreed to be Chairman of the Council for one more year.

Upcoming dates to note:

4/25/17 – Congressional Delegation briefing in Bismarck

5/2/17 – Barry Cooper and Christina Drouet from the Regional FAA office are planning to visit the UAS site in Grand Forks

5/10/17 – Aviation Career Day in Bismarck

5/17/17 – Aviation Council meeting and UAS test site authority meeting

Legislative Session Update – Kyle provided the Commissioners with an update and summarized the legislative bills that have aviation related matters. Relating to the Aeronautics Commission, Kyle reviewed HB1217, HB1305, SB2006, and SB1049. Also reviewed SB2073, SB2013, and HB1366, relating to airport oil impact funding, HB1031, HB1128, HB1378, SB2179, and SB2200, which relate to airports/aviation, and HB1167 and SB2018, relating to UAS.

DOT Working Group Update – Kim provided an update as to the DOT working group that she was appointed to. They have met for the last time and currently have about a 16-page draft working paper listing their findings and recommendations. Kim will send the final draft out to all commissioners in the near future

Aviation Education Update – Mike had face-to-face program meetings with West Fargo High School program and Grand Forks- Red River High School program in March. Things are going well for both. Grand Forks is looking for a bigger simulator and may be able to get one from Crookston this summer. Mike met with Jackie and Jed from the Fargo Air Museum and was informed that both museums are hosting the paper airplane guy and both have youth camps coming up in the near future.

There are a little over 200 high school students taking face-to-face aviation classes. Ben, Kyle, and Mike met with the distance education online students this morning. The Center for Distance Education is now offering aviation classes.

Mike is working with the high school programs and the UAS test site to develop a statewide high school UAS competition. We hope it will be ready for next school year.

Mike is currently also working on a tour for Duggy. There are four airports, as well as the AAE annual convention in Grand Forks, that are interested, and possibly some additional eastern airports for late summer/early fall. The airports have agreed to put in local funds and will likely make a future request for an educational grant for the Duggy tour.

Old business –

Director evaluation will be ongoing on the agenda until it is completed. Kim will start the evaluation after session and plans to complete it by May/June.

Commission portfolio reports – Cindy said that aerial applicators are doing pattern testing comping up in the next month or so.

No other reports were made.

Next meeting was tentatively decided to take place on June 1st and will be confirmed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.