



North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – 3:30 pm CST
Aeronautics Commission Conference Room
Bismarck, ND

Chairperson Cindy Schreiber-Beck called the meeting of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission to order at 3:30 pm CST on Tuesday, March 14, 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
Gaye Niemiller, Administrative Officer

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Richard Audette, Grand Forks Airport
Ryan Reisinger, Grand Forks Airport

Minutes – Minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed. No changes were made and the minutes were accepted as printed.

Financial Statement –Gaye presented the financial statement for January, 2017.

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

The staff judged this year's submissions for the art contest. Participation greatly increased this year, with 88 entrants. The winners are posted on our website and will be in the next Aviation Quarterly. They have also been sent off for judging on the national level.

Kyle met with the Lt. Governor on March 8th and was able to have a lengthy discussion on aviation and airport infrastructure needs.

Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium – The Symposium went well considering the circumstances of the weather. There were about 250 attendees (attendance down approximately 100 from 2016) and 65 students. There would have been more students, but many were unable to attend due to the weather.

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.

Aviation Education Grants -

Grand Forks Airport operations training request: Grand Forks Airport is looking to provide training to airport maintenance support staff on airfield lighting. A packet of information was provided to the Commissioners in relation to project information, participation, and cost of the class. Grand Forks has received some sponsorship from AAND and KLJ, along with some letters in support of the training. The request is for \$8,475.00. Additional discussion was held regarding the information provided on the proposed training and the fact that the commission has not funded professional development in the past. Kim made a motion to deny the Grand Forks operations training request. Jay B. seconded the motion. Jay B. – Y, Warren – Y, Maurice – Y, Kim – Y. Motion carried.

Sunrise Elementary transportation grant request: This is the grant request that was mentioned at the last meeting by Shae Helling, of Bismarck Aero Center. They are requesting funds to help with the travel budget for Bismarck Aero's Career Day. The request is for 100% of the costs exceeding \$100.00 up to a total travel budget of \$400.00 for a maximum state grant of \$300.00.

Kim made a motion to approve the Sunrise Elementary transportation grant request. Jay B. seconded the motion. Jay B. – Y, Warren – Y, Maurice – Y, Kim – Y. Motion carried.

Old business –

Director evaluation will be ongoing on the agenda until it is completed.

Commission portfolio reports – No reports were made.

Next meeting was tentatively decided to take place on April 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.