

MINUTES
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission
December 1, 2023

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission held their regular meeting at the NDOT Central Complex Auditorium, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, Nebraska. The legal ad was published in the November 21, 2023, edition of the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper and is posted on the website <https://dot.nebraska.gov/aeronautics>. The Commission Book and Public Meetings Act were also posted on the website. Chairperson Scott Tarry called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. CDT. Commissioners Tom Trumble, Michael Cook, Diana Smith, and Dick Trail attended. Also present were Director Jeremy Borrell, Deputy Director/Legal Counsel Andre Aman and Engineering Division Manager Anna Lannin.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Michael Cook to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2023, meeting. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Aeronautics Director's Report

Today was Jeremy Borrell's six-month anniversary as Aeronautics Director. Director Borrell provided a report on the Division and ongoing projects. He began his report with an introduction of new employees. He stated that staffing is still his top priority as there are still vacancies for a Pavement Maintenance Coordinator and Federal Aid Administrator. A position has also been posted for Chief of Flight Operations due to David Morris's upcoming retirement. Director Borrell continues to monitor the FAA reauthorization and trends on unmanned aircraft and advanced air mobility. Lastly, he reported on the ongoing projects at the Division, including progress updates on the System Plan and Nebraska SASP software and projects such as redesigning the Division's website and developing a priority system to help evaluate project priorities regarding state funding availability.

State Pilot Approval

Motion by Commissioner Tom Trumble for Dawson Kouma to be approved as State Pilot. Second by Commissioner Michael Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Aeronautics Commission Report on Status of Nebraska Aviation System

Commissioner Trumble provided a report on the current Status of Nebraska Aviation System.

Report of State Funds Available

Andre Aman presented a written report of state funds available.

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PROJECT GRANT FUND

Funds available September 30, 2023		\$1,566,458.94
<u>Commission Actions (10/20/2023 meeting)</u>		
Bassett - (pavement maintenance)	-\$40,000.00	
Bloomfield - (runway reconstruction)	-\$1,523,610.00	
Subtotal		-\$1,563,610.00
<u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
Funds available November 30, 2023		<u>\$2,848.94</u>

Funds available at December 2022 meeting: \$4,058.94

AERONAUTICS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-703)

Funds Available September 30, 2023		0.00
<u>Commission Actions (10/20/2023 meeting)</u>		
None		
Subtotal		0.00
<u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Subtotal		0.00

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<u>Receipts</u>		
October	\$	168,913.07
November	\$	57,541.34
Subtotal		226,454.41
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Funds available November 30, 2023		226,454.41

Funds available at December 2022 meeting: \$0

STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND

Funds available September 30, 2023		\$0.00
<u>Commission Actions (10/20/2023 meeting)</u>		
None		
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Funds available November 30, 2023		\$0.00

Funds available at December 2022 meeting: \$0

SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)

Funds available September 30, 2023		\$405,792.18
<u>Commission Actions (10/20/2023 meeting)</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
<u>Other Actions</u>		
None		
Subtotal		\$0.00
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Funds available November 30, 2023		\$405,792.18

Funds available at December 2022 meeting: \$405,792.18

HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Funds available September 30, 2023		\$17,889.17
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Commission Actions (10/20/2023 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

October \$33,950.00

Subtotal \$33,950.00

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Funds available October 31, 2023 \$51,839.17

Funds available at December 2022 meeting: \$739,790.17

Total amount in Hangar Loan fund: \$3,768,360

FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND

Funds available September 30, 2023 \$319,196.91

Commission Actions (10/20/2023 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

October \$403.00

Subtotal \$403.00

Funds available October 31, 2023 \$319,599.91

Funds available at December 2022 meeting: \$317,396.91

Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM

Funds available September 30, 2023	\$836.75
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Commission Actions (10/20/2023 meeting)	
None	\$0.00
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Funds Disbursed	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available October 31, 2023	\$836.75

Motion by Commissioner Dick Trail to accept the report of State Funds. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Election of Chairperson for 2024

Motion by Commissioner Tom Trumble to elect Scott Tarry to a second term as Chairperson. Second by Commissioner Dick Trail. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Diana Smith is not going to reapply next year when her term expires; however, she will continue until a replacement has been announced.

Tentative Commission Meeting Dates for 2024

February 9 – tentatively scheduled to be held at the UNO Aviation Institute.

May 3 – possibly a westerly location. Suggested to solicitate airports at the Aviation Symposium.

August 2

October 18

December 6

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, February 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm CDT, UNO Aviation Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. Motion by Commissioner Dick Trail to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Diana Smith. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jeremy Borrell

Director

STATE OF NEBRASKA
APPROVED PILOT APPLICATION

In accordance with paragraph 3-104 of Nebraska Statutes, the below listed individual seeks approval from the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission to be employed as a pilot by the State of Nebraska.

Name: Dawson D. Kouma Date: 10/26/2023

Address: 960 42nd Road Bellwood, NE 68624

Agency: Fremont Aviation

FAA Airman Certificates & Ratings Currently Held:
CSEL, CMEL, Instrument, CFI

Requests approval as a Class II Pilot.

Airman Medical Certificate: Date: 02/12/2020 Class 1st (3rd Class Privileges)

Flight Experience	Aeronautics Division Required Flight Time	Applicant's Flight Time
Total Flight Hours	<u> </u>	<u>860</u>
Pilot In Command	<u> </u>	<u>740</u>
Cross Country	<u> </u>	<u>175</u>
Instrument (Actual or Simulated)	<u> </u>	<u>62</u>
Multi-Engine PIC	<u> </u>	<u>12</u>
Night Time PIC	<u> </u>	<u>35</u>

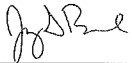
I certify the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Dawson Kouma (Dec 4, 2023 16:10 CST)
Signature of Applicant

N/A
Recommending Supervisor Signature

Recommendation of Director – Division of Aeronautics

I have reviewed the qualifications of the above applicant. I (Do) (Do Not) recommend Commission approval of the applicant as a Class II Pilot.



Director, NDOT – Division of Aeronautics

The applicant is (Approved) (Disapproved) by the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission as a Class II Pilot.


Chairperson, Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

