

GORDON AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Date: May 1, 2024

RE: TREE TRIMMING FUNDS FOR PAPI/REIL PROJECT

Dear Nebraska Aeronautics Commission,

Thank you for allowing the presentation of our need for funding during this meeting.

The Gordon Municipal Airport is requesting a total of \$15,000 for the trimming of five (5) trees which are located in the OCS (Obstacle Clearance Surfaces) and LSCS (Light Signal Clearance Surfaces) of Runway 4 in Gordon, Nebraska.

We obtained an estimate from the only area arborist, Flannel Brothers in Hemingford, who has the capability to climb trees. As noted above, this will be the only option since the ground is very soft and the obstacles on the property limit accessibility.

The normal fees in the past, at other locations, has been significantly less. Usually closer to \$2,000-3,000.

The removal of the obstructions is required prior to the FAA approving the Grant for our PAPI/REIL project which is scheduled to be issued in MAY. The final PAPI siting obstruction report on this project, which included the results of surveying, was sent to us February 19, 2024.

The existing PAPIs have exceeded their useful life and have become increasingly harder to maintain. These units need to be replaced to maintain pilot safety and to ensure long term operation of the PAPI system. We have some funds in our account for projects, but with the addition of the REIL's to the PAPI project, the cost increased. The original project for the PAPI replacement only was estimated at \$180,000. When we added the PAPI obstruction survey, replacement of homerun circuits for both PAPIs, new REIL's, and the anticipated FAA Flight Check costs, the estimated total was updated to \$341,800.

On March 28, 2024, NDOT sent documentation which increased our grant request to \$456,588. The reason for this increase was to request all the grant funding currently available and to account for possible increases in construction costs. It is our understanding that once a grant is approved the airport cannot ask for more. Therefore, NDOT wants to request the higher amount so all costs are covered.

As a result, our portion of the matching funds went from approximately \$18,000 to \$45,658, an increase of \$27,658; **not including the \$15,000 tree trimming cost.**

The Gordon Airport Authority operates on a very stringent budget and is struggling to find the funds for the unanticipated tree trimming costs combined with the additional matching funds recently requested for the current FAA grant application. The Airport Authority is therefore requesting State grant assistance now to complete the necessary tree trimming and to decrease the overall financial burden on the Authority to ensure that this important airport safety improvement project is completed this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen E. Spaugh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Glen E. Spaugh
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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: MARK LANGRUD Date: 07/29/2024

Address: 5015 W LORING ST, LINCOLN, NE 68524

Agency: _____

FAA Airman Certificates & Ratings Currently Held:

Requests approval as a Class III Pilot.

Airman Medical Certificate: Date: 10/21/2022 Class FIRST

Flight Experience	Aeronautics Division Required Flight Time	Applicant's Flight Time
Total Flight Hours	<u>1500</u>	<u>5508</u>
Pilot In Command	<u></u>	<u>5077</u>
Cross Country	<u>500</u>	<u>2923</u>
Instrument (Actual or Simulated)	<u>75</u>	<u>218</u>
Multi-Engine PIC	<u>300</u>	<u>2086</u>
Night Time PIC	<u>50</u>	<u>808</u>

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

Mark Langrud
Signature of Applicant

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 3 Pilot.

[Signature]
Director, NDOT – Division of Aeronautics

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

Chairperson, Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

NOTE: PRIVILEGES OF ADDITIONAL CLASS REQUIRES SUBMITTAL OF APPROVED PILOT FOLLOW-UP NOTICE.