

MINUTES  
Nebraska Aeronautics Commission  
December 5, 2025

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 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the Lincoln Journal Star and is posted on <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 1:05 p.m. CDT.

Commissioners Jon Large, Tom Trumble and Michael Cook attended in person. Commissioner Edward Dunn was absent. Also present were Director Jeremy Borrell, Engineering Division Manager Anna Lannin, Deputy Director/Legal Counsel Andre Aman, Jamie Mikkleson, Tiffany Thompson, and Davey Jones Engineering Division

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Michael Cook to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2025, meeting. Second by Commissioner Tom Trumble. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Aeronautics Director's Report**

Director, Jeremy Borrell, reported that onboarding for the BlackCat system is progressing as planned, with initial access to the testing site granted and full access for airport sponsors, commissioners, consultants, and FAA partners anticipated in the coming months. Airport call letters have been distributed with a January deadline, including requests for Airport of the Year and Project of the Year submissions. The Aviation Art Contest is underway with a submission deadline of January 16. Staff continue working with airports to update basedaircraft.com in preparation for the upcoming NPIAS snapshot, and the Central Region successfully met the Part 139 PCR reporting deadline.

Director Borrell also discussed the NASAO Airport Partner Membership Program, noting low participation and encouraging airports to activate and use their logins, as program utilization will be evaluated for continuation. Progress is being made on the Crack and Joint Pilot Program, with procurement underway prior to selecting participating airports. Additionally, a statewide hangar study will be conducted over the coming year, including a survey supported by an intern, and airports were encouraged to participate to ensure accurate data. The Director noted that the first draft of the Secure Drone Purchasing Act List (LB660) will be submitted next week and that a follow-up email will be sent to airports with reminders and to solicit locations for future commission meetings.

The Director concluded by recognizing Deputy Director Andre Aman at her final commission meeting and thanking her for nearly 39 years of dedicated service to the State of Nebraska and the Division of Aeronautics.

**Report of State Funds Available**

Andre Aman presented a written report on state funds available.

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**PROJECT GRANT FUND**

Funds available September 30, 2025	\$1,631,190.94
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Commission Actions (10/24/2025 meeting)

**State Aid Only Grant Allocations:**

Wayne (G06) Remove & replace Runway 18/36 MIRL	(165,600.00)	
Chappell (G01) Remove & replace Runway 12/30 MIRL	(211,500.00)	
Wahoo (X05) Taxiway rehab	(243,000.00)	
Valentine (G04) Remove & replace PAPI	(180,900.00)	
Blair (X06) Taxilane repaving - corp. hangar area expansion	(738,000.00)	

**2% Matching Grant Allocation:**

Fremont (X03) Work on parallel txwy & rnwy 14 connector	(62,400.00)	
Subtotal		(1,601,400.00)

Other Actions

None		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2025	\$29,790.94
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*Funds available at December 2024 meeting: \$1,454,199.94*

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

Funds Available September 30, 2025	\$2,195,667.84
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Commission Actions (10/24/2025 meeting)

**Primary Airport Allocations:**

Grand Island (B04) SRE Building	(250,000.00)	
Lincoln (R06) Reconstruction Runway 18/36	(250,000.00)	
Omaha (X04) Replace GA Hangar Approaches and Taxilanes	(250,000.00)	
<b>State Aid Only Grant Allocations:</b>		
Columbus (G07) Remove and replace PAPI & Beacon	(371,970.00)	
Albion (G05) Replace old beacon with Beacon w/tip-down pole	(81,000.00)	
Crete (G02) Replace Beacon	(22,500.00)	
<b>2% Matching Grant Allocations:</b>		
Beatrice (G04/G05) Navaid upgrades; PAP-2L & REIL	(16,160.00)	
Burwell (R04) Rehab Runway 15/32 & taxilanes	(13,400.00)	
Loup City (R04) Rehab runway 16/34 & Pavement work	(9,800.00)	
Kearney (A03) Apron and taxilane upgrade	(112,000.00)	
Wayne (R02) Rehab runway 18/36, 5/23, taxiway A and apron	(16,200.00)	
Hastings (G05) Airfield lighting rehab	(92,985.00)	
Scottsbluff (C05/X04) Seal coat 5/23 & taxiways & re-stripe	(37,700.00)	
No. Platte (R04) Rehab runway 12/30	(36,496.00)	
Pender (G03) remove/replace rwy 13/33, lighting, PAPIs, beacon	(10,800.00)	
Rushville (G03) replace lighting, PAPIs, beacon, elec. vault	(21,800.00)	
Ainsworth (C03) pvmt. surface treatment, marking, crack repair	(32,040.00)	
Blair (R02/03/04) Runway 13 ext, & co. road relocation	(172,570.00)	
David City (R05) Runway rehab	(12,580.00)	
Ogallala (R01) Reconstruct runway 8/26	(162,200.00)	
Central City (A01) Apron Expansion	(18,200.00)	
Kimball (A01) Apron & taxiway pvmt rehab	(15,000.00)	
Gordon (R03) Runway 14/22 rehab (seal, sealcoat, mark)	(5,606.00)	
Chadron (B05) Const snow removal equip bldg	(15,000.00)	
Tekamah (G05) Replace beacon fixture	(1,383.00)	
Plattsmouth (B05) Const snow removal equip bldg	(14,200.00)	
Subtotal		(2,041,590.00)
<b>Other Actions</b>		
Albion SA-03 tree removal - return unused funds	\$ 25,114.00	
Subtotal		\$25,114.00
<b>Receipts</b>		
October	\$281,958.09	
October (interest)	\$11,761.99	
November	\$292,325.14	
November (interest)	\$11,893.73	
Subtotal		\$597,938.95

Funds available November 30, 2025

\$777,130.79

*Funds available at December 2024 meeting: \$8,646.54*

**STATE OWNED AIRFIELDS (SOA) DIVERSION GRANT FUND**

Funds available September 30, 2025

\$0.00

Commission Actions (10/24/2025 meeting)

None

Funds available November 30, 2025

\$0.00

*Funds available at December 2024 meeting: \$0*

**SEAL COAT GRANT FUND (Pavement Preservation Program)**

Funds available September 31, 2025

\$405,792.18

Commission Actions (10/24/2025 meeting)

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal

\$0.00

Funds available November 30, 2025

\$405,792.18

*Funds available at December 2024 meeting: \$405,792.18*

**HANGAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Funds available September 30, 2025 \$165,139.17

Commission Actions (10/24/2025 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

October \$13,000.00

November \$0.00

Subtotal \$13,000.00

Funds available September 30, 2025 \$178,139.17

*Funds available at December 2024 meeting: \$265,960.17*

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

**FUEL STORAGE LOAN FUND**

Funds available September 30, 2025 \$36,539.91

Commission Actions (10/24/2025 meeting)

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Other Actions

None

Subtotal \$0.00

Receipts

October \$240.00

November \$0.00

Subtotal \$240.00

Funds available September 30, 2025 \$36,779.91

*Funds available at December 2024 meeting: \$34,139.91*  
*Total amount in Fuel Storage fund: \$336,500*

**NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Funds available September 30, 2025	\$636.75
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Commission Actions (10/24/2025 meeting)	
None	\$0.00
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Funds Disbursed	
None	
Subtotal	\$0.00
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Funds available November 30, 2025	\$636.75

Motion by Commissioner Jon Large to accept the report on State Funds. Second by Commissioner Michael Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Andre then provided clarification on how flight check funds are recovered during the federal grant closure process and updated the Commissioners on Lexington’s and Seward’s hangar loans. Both projects required the use of the FY25 IJA funds to pay a portion of the project; therefore, their requested hangar loan amount will be reduced.

**Closed Project Report**

There were no closed projects to report.

**Correction of State Grant Allocation- Scottsbluff Matching Grant**

A correction to the October 2025 State Grant Allocation for the Scottsbluff Matching Grant was presented. A request was made that Scottsbluff’s 2025 State Grant allocation be reduced from \$37,700, as noted during the October 2025 meeting, to \$21,500. The calculation was correct on the State Grant application; however, it was incorrectly noted during the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Michael Cook to approve the Director’s recommendation of changing the amount from \$37,700 to \$21,500. Second by Commissioner Tom Trumble. Roll call vote. All

voted aye. Motion carried.

### **State Grant Update**

Anna Lannin presented an update on current state grants. No commission action was required.

### **State Reimbursable Agreement for Flight Check Update**

Tiffany Thompson presented an update on the State Reimbursable Agreement for flight checks. No commission action was required.

### **Federal Project Requests**

The following projects were provided to the Commission for their review and approval prior to forwarding them to the FAA with requests for funding, as required by State Statutes. The FAA considers the request for future federal funding as funds become available. No state funds are requested at this time.

#### **Beatrice E01**

Scope: SRE Equipment

Total Estimated Cost: \$700,000

The existing snow removal equipment is at the age where maintenance is expensive and at times unreliable. A new SRE will make snow removal more efficient and reliable without concerns of untimely breakdowns.

#### **Beatrice G06**

Scope: Runway 18/36 & Runway 14/32 Markings

Total Estimated Cost: \$707,000

The existing runway markings will be reaching the end of their useful life and in need of re-marking.

#### **Beatrice M05**

Scope: Jet A Fuel Facility

Total Estimated Cost: \$910,000

The existing below ground Jet A Fuel Facility is reaching the end of its useful life. A new above ground Jet A Fuel Facility will provide better reliability and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

#### **Minden G03**

Scope: Construct New AWOS III P/T

Total Estimated Cost: \$384,000

The airport currently does not have a weather monitoring system. The airport needs to install a weather monitoring system to improve aviation operational safety for medical, agricultural, and GA

flight operations. The airport proposes installing a new AWOS III P/T weather monitoring system to improve airport operational safety.

North Platte X08

Scope: Widen Taxiway Charlie

Total Estimated Cost: \$3,809,530

The project scope includes widening parallel Taxiway Charlie from 35' to 50' to accommodate Taxiway Design Group (TDG) 3 aircraft. Improvements include concrete paving, markings, edge lighting, and subdrainage piping. The existing Taxiway Charlie was constructed with an offset crown so that when widened to 50' the crown will be aligned with the taxiway centerline.

Motion by Commissioner Michael Cook to approve the CIP data sheets and forward them to the FAA. Second by Commissioner Tom Trumble. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Election of Chairperson for 2026**

Commissioner Scott Tarry will be the Chairperson of the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission for 2026. Motion by Commissioner Tom Trumble for Dr. Scott Tarry to be the Chairperson of the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission. Second by Commissioner Michael Cook. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Tentative Commission Meeting Dates for 2026 (Locations TBD)**

February 13

May 8

August 7

October 23

December 4 – NDOT Lincoln

The next meeting is tentatively set for Friday, February 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm CDT, at Lincoln, Nebraska. Motion by Commissioner Michael Cook to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Tom Trumble. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jeremy Borrell  
Director