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MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Aeronautics Commission was held via a videoconference on March 4, 2021. Chairman Duck presided, calling the meeting to order at 4:04 pm

II. ROLL CALL

The following Commission members were present, constituting a quorum.

Sigsbee Duck, Chairman, District at Large Jerry Blann, Commissioner, District 2
Anja Bendel, Commissioner, District 1
Bruce McCormack, Vice Chairman, District 4
Bill DeVore, Commissioner, District 3

III. INTRODUCTIONS

The following guests were present, and participated in the business meeting.

Brian Olsen, Administrator Randy Harrop, newly appointed Aeronautics
Cheryl Bean, Planning & Programming Manager Commissioner, as Observer
Connie Golden, Interim Commission Secretary
Susan Elliott, Director's Executive Assistant
Sandra Scott, Transportation Commission Secretary

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Consideration of Modifications to the FY 21 WACIP**

Ms. Bean advised the commission that the Aeronautics Commission is the authority for accepting the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSA) funds. She presented the \$10,009,949 in funding to Wyoming Airports in CRRSA funds distribution and five other modifications to the FY 21 WACIP.

Discussion: Vice Chairman McCormack inquired about the difference between the CRRSA Act and CARES Act and funds for Cody in this modification. Ms. Bean explained that Cody received \$18M in 2020 from the CARES Act and the CRRSA Act funding is separate. She explained that Cody received four years' worth of operations funding under the CARES Act so is not eligible for CRRSA funds.

Vice Chairman McCormack expressed interest in how the airports use the federal stimulus money. Ms. Bean explained that this funding is for operations expenses, such as payroll, for primary and general aviation airports, but is not to be used for projects. For the primary commercial service airports, there are also funds as separate grants for the airports' concessionaires.

Vice Chairman McCormack asked if Aeronautics could report on how the airports used the CARES Act funds. Administrator Olsen responded that some projects using those funds have not yet been applied for, but system wide about 25% of the money was going toward

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capital improvement while 75% was going toward operations. As funds are applied for, it should be relatively simple for Aeronautics to provide a report on how the CARES Act funds have been used. He added that the airports' revenue streams have been significantly impacted by COVID and due to the regulatory nature under which they operate, they don't have the ability to reduce costs. The CARES Act funding and CRSSA Act funding allows them to stay open.

Commissioner Blann commented that the airports have to apply for the CARES Act funds individually by project with the FAA, and must be approved both preceding the project and after the expenditures have taken place.

Recommendation: Ms. Bean recommended that the Commission approve the FY 21 WACIP Modifications as presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Blann, seconded by Commissioner Bendel, and carried to approve the FY 21 WACIP modifications as presented.

Administrator Updates:

Administrator Olsen conveyed Director Reiner's regrets that he could not attend. WYDOT as a whole is decisively engaged in the legislative process, tracking approximately 85 bills.

Administrator Olsen passed on Director Reiner's highlights on a few of the bills that WYDOT is tracking closely:

Senate File 9, the employee moving expense bill, which would allow executive branch departments to pay for some moving expenses for employees in certain circumstances.

House Bill 26, which is the fuel tax bill, is still alive and would provide needed funding for WYDOT.

House Bill 254 on the Revenue Information System (RIS) which provides a fee to help pay for that system.

Senate File 3, would allow an automated vehicle identification system on Teton Pass.

Senate File 4, is the airports districts bill, and the Wyoming Airports Coalition has been working tirelessly as the bill works through the process.

Administrator Olsen also welcomed new Commissioners Randy Harrop and Steve Maier.

Additional Discussion:

Vice Chairman McCormack added that he would like the minutes to reflect that Senator Coe had an immense impact on Commercial Aviation in Wyoming and the Aeronautics Commission noted his passing and extended sympathies. Commissioner Blann added that he agreed that Senator Coe had a major impact on aviation in Wyoming and asked Administrator Olsen if it would be appropriate for a resolution to be passed from the Aeronautics Commission. Administrator Olsen responded that would be appropriate and Aeronautics would get something drafted for the next

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meeting. Vice Chairman McCormack advised the Commission that there is currently a bill in the legislature to name Wyoming 120, from Thermopolis through Cody and up to the Montana state line, for Senator Hank Coe. Administrator Olsen advised that is House Bill 135 if anyone would like to support that bill with their legislator.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an Executive Session.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

A. Chairman Duck announced that the Commission's next business meeting would be held on March 23, 2021 at 1:30pm via teleconference.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Commissioner DeVore, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Duck adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm on March 4, 2021.