

**Nevada Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
December 6, 2018**

NDOT Hot Springs Training Facility
1301 Old Hot Springs, Room 108
Carson City, Nevada

Video Conference Site #1
NDOT District II
310 Galletti Way
Sparks, Nevada

Video Conference
NDOT-Conference Room
805 Erie Main
Tonopah, Nevada

NDOT/RTC
Conference Room #143
600 S. Grand Central Pkwy
Las Vegas, Nevada

Video Conference
NDOT District III
Conference Room
1951 Idaho Street
Elko, Nevada

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NDOT District III
Conference Room
1401 East Aultman Street
Ely, Nevada

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NATAC Committee

Mike Dikun, Chairman-Armstrong Consultants
Chris Johnson, Minden-Tahoe Airport
Lance Gale, Ely
Brian Fitzgerald, Atkins Engineering
Kay Bennett, Silver Springs Airport
Doug Degrazzio, Dire, NV
Dave Dietz, Mead Hunt
Tim Dahl, Nye County
Linda Mae Hivert, Sports Aviation Foundation
Ken Moen, Carson Airport

NATAC Committee (Phone-In)

Reza Karamooz, Chair-NvBAA
Ray Williams, Lander County
Joni Eastley, NV Airport Assoc.
Frank Whitman-Austin
Randal Wiedemann
Amy Duffy- Western Reg. Partnership
Johnathon Daniels-Airport Man. Searchlight
Jake Tomlin-Grand Canyon Airlines
Larry Rackley, Pershing County
Jim O'Connell, Domani Electric
Dene Egami, Kimley Horn
Kory Andryscik, Kimley Horn
Jim Foster, City of Elko
Melissa McCafrey, AOPA

Others in Attendance:

Julie Ashton, NDOT
Mark Costa, NDOT
Kurt Haukohl, NDOT
Bill Story, NDOT
Tim Mueller, NDOT
Nancy Carnahan, NDOT

Melanie Ewart, NDOT
Dan Bartholomew, Reno Tahoe Airport Auth.
Rob, Guardian Flight

1. Call to order and determination of quorum for the NATAAC meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Mike Dikun and it was determined that a quorum was in attendance.

2. Public Comment

No comments

3. Vote to approve, amend, or edit the minutes of the previous NATAAC Meeting held on November 30, 2017. (For Possible Action)

No changes made to the minutes. Dave Dietz made a motion to approve. Kay Bennett seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion carries.

4. Review, discuss, and vote to support recommendations for future research, planning, studies, grants, or other programs undertaken by NDOT Aviation Section. (For Possible Action) The NATAAC will vote to determine special focus areas and issues it will support and recommend to the Department's Aviation Section and that it may seek FAA AIP grants to pursue the following studies or projects. Items to be considered:

(1) Support for the development and implementation of a program to seek grants to establish an airport operations counter program;

A discussion was had, and Kay Bennett made a motion of support, Dave Dietz seconded, a vote was taken and the motion carries.

(2) Support NDOT's pursuit of an FAA AIP grants to update the State's Aviation System Plan;

Several questions were asked by members and discussion followed. Kay Bennet made a motion of support, Dave Dietz seconded, a vote was taken and the motion carries.

(3) Support for NDOT's sponsorship of performing 3 individual Airport Business Plans (Strategic Airport Master Plans) or studies per year with an FAA AIP grant;

Several questions were asked by members and discussion followed. Chris Johnson made a motion of support, Dave Dietz seconded, a vote was taken and the motion carries.

(4) Support NDOT's membership, association, and participation in the following organizations and activities;

- (a) Nevada Business Aviation Association (NVBAA)
- (b) National Business Aviation Association (NVAA)
- (c) The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
- (d) The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)
- (e) Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE)
- (f) American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)
- (g) National Organization of State Aviation Officials (NASAO)
- (h) The Aerospace States Association (ASA)
- (i) Nevada Airports Association (NVAA)
- (j) Helicopter Association International (HAI)
- (k) The Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (NVCAP)
- (l) Western Regional Partnership (WRP)
- (m) Pathways to Aviation

Several questions were asked by members and discussion followed. Chris Johnson made a motion of support, Dave Dietz seconded, a vote was taken and the motion carries

5. Review, discuss, and vote to approve recommendations for the proposed Fund for Aviation matching grant program for FAA AIP Grants issued in 2018. (For Possible Action)

Joni Eastley wanted to clarify that for the rehabilitation of the apron in Tonopah the money would not be for the whole project but just for a portion of the apron, to which Kurt Haukohl confirmed.

Tim Dahl stated that he is from Nye County and he has three airports and wanted to take a moment to say how much the matched amounts are a significant benefit to the rural communities.

6. Discussion of aviation activity in Nevada regarding: (for possible action)

a) FAA ACIP Meeting dates and location for Northern Nevada

Kurt Haukohl spoke and proposed that the NVBAA discuss and possibly suggest an appropriate time, when most of the airports are here in the area and can meet with the FAA. It was suggested that the NVBAA conduct the discussion in March when they have their conference.

b) Statewide Military Land-Use Changes and Airspace Appropriations

Kurt Haukohl stated that many of the counties, different cities airports sponsors are submitting final comments on the draft (DLEIS) for the Fallon Naval airspace. Kurt encouraged everyone to get their comments in by Dec. 15th. There has been a lot of objection, specifically to the VFR corridors over the US-50 and US-95 highways, which is where they depict actual bombing ranges. The Legislature is who votes and approves this measure. Kurt provided all the airspace comments and objectives on each one of the 31 spaces the Legislature is talking about.

c) Comstock Windfarm project in Carson and Washoe Counties

Kurt Haukohl stated that this is a project consisting of 26, 500-foot windmills. They are big enough that they are affecting the airspace. Three of them will be in Carson City on Goni Hill, the rest will be coming down the Geiger Grade area in Washoe County. They will all be obstruction lit with red lights.

d) Review upcoming special events, airshows, fly-ins, open houses, and form any workgroups needed to address airport/aviation specific news and/or issues

Kurt Haukohl asked to let him know of any events and he will put the information on the NDOT website. Kurt added that NDOT is working on providing a calendar of activities that are going on at airports.

The committee discussed the events that would be happening in the next year.

7. Discuss NVAA and NATAC legislative proposals to support an Assembly Bill in the upcoming legislative meetings to include tax incentives and establishing a permanent “Fund for Aviation” (For Possible Action)

Kurt referenced the State of Oklahoma’s aviation tax incentive program (Kurt gave everyone a handout sheet) for attracting aviation professionals, specifically engineers, to the state, and companies who employ aviation engineers. What it is, is a tax credit toward their salary for the companies, as well as in the state of Oklahoma, a tax credit toward their house taxes, state taxes, etc. They get a minimum of 5% tax reduction for the employers to employ professionals. In addition, it has encouraged the development of aviation and aerospace industries to the point it has become the number two industry in Oklahoma. Kurt added that he would like to continue working on scoping and drafting something for Nevada’s Legislative committee to present tax incentives for flight schools, aviation mechanics, training and other aviation activities in the state. In addition, NDOT would like to propose a million dollars for the Fund for Aviation.

Mike Dikun asked, that regarding the tax credits, does the potential reduction in taxes impact the general fund? Kurt stated that he believes it would on a part of your personal property tax but could potentially include educational property taxes as well. Mike also asked if it is the Governor’s Office of Economic Development does this type of thing already? Kurt responded that not necessarily on aviation, but on bringing corporations into Nevada, negotiating tax incentives, and other support mechanisms. Kurt responded that they are doing quite a bit for the UAV industry, but he’s not so sure that they’re focused on flight schools, aviation mechanics schools, growing educational programs and professional industry.

Kay Bennett said that NVAA has a legislative committee and asked if that committee has met or if there is any work being done by that group. Joni Eastley said that she doesn’t believe that Bobbi has convened a meeting of that committee yet, but she knows that she is actively working on a plan.

Joni Eastley added that she is currently working on developing a brochure to market the Fund for Aviation and wanted to get it finished before the 2019 Legislative session, so they have something to pass out to the legislators and others.

Melissa McCafrey spoke about being part of the caucus in Arizona and Hawaii and spoke about bringing it to Nevada for 2019. Melissa has already spoke with people in Washington D.C. about it and wanted to bring it before the NATAC to have everyone's input because there would be a lot of benefit for Nevada. She added that there is interest with the legislators that she has spoken with. Mike Dikun asked Melissa if she could provide any names she has of legislators that have had an interest to Kurt so that he can distribute to NATAC as well as the NVAA board. Melissa said she could provide that information.

8. Discuss items to be place on NATAC's next meeting agenda (For Possible Action)

1. Trust fund update
2. Legislative update
3. Kurt's progress on the FAA Grants

9. Public Comment

Johnathan Daniel- Airport manager for Searchlight noted that there was a comment made that the State was already involved with the test site. He wanted to correct that statement and say that within the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, the State is not a member and has not been involved and within the Nevada chapter, the State is not a member and has not been involved. Johnathan is the Chapter President and wanted to say thank you for the consideration.

Kay Bennett thanked Kurt for all his demanding work and effort.

10. Adjournment of meeting

A motion was made to adjourn, the motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the motion carries.