

The Aeronautics Division reports directly to the NDOT Director and is responsible for:

General supervision over aeronautics within Nebraska.

Encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aeronautics in Nebraska and encourage the establishment of airports and other air navigation facilities.

Supervise acquisition, engineering, construction, improvement, or maintenance of airports which are funded with State Funds.

Cooperates with and assists the federal government and political subdivision of Nebraska involved in aeronautics and seek to coordinate the aeronautics activities of these bodies.

Adopts rules, regulations, and procedures and establishes minimum standards to protect and insure the general public interest and safety, the safety of persons receiving instruction, operating, using, or traveling in aircraft, and of persons and property on land and water.

Represents the state in aeronautical matters before federal agencies and other state agencies.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Section reports to the Division Director and is responsible for:

Administers the Division's funds in a fiscally responsible manner using the State's Enterprise One accounting system for basic accounting needs and as a cost accounting tool to manage the specifically funded services rendered internally and to the public.

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission, whose duties are delineated in <u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> §3-104, works closely with the Division; with expenditures recorded in this section.

Administration manages educational/promotional activities, including a bimonthly newsletter (PIREPS), the biennial printing of Nebraska public-use airport directories, and sponsoring the Nebraska Aviation Art Contest. Through this section, the Division also participates in aviation career fairs as well as American Legion Cornhusker Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs. The Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is funded out of Administration pursuant to <u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> §55-181 and an MOU with the Nebraska Military Department. The CAP is not a state entity, board, or commission, but is a statewide civilian and volunteer organization of adults and youth serving as an official auxiliary of, and financially supported by, the United States Air Force.

AVIATION NAVAIDS

The Aviation NAVAIDS Section reports to the Division Director and is responsible for:

Assists in the development of aeronautics in Nebraska by providing a system of air navigational aids and weather reporting systems at public use airports across the state. These facilities are located at airports that would not otherwise qualify for this equipment, thus filling the gaps across the state. They are used by general aviation and commercial pilots, freight transport companies, medical and military flight teams and forecasters. The lack of these systems will result in an economic impact to the local communities. Loss of life can and does occur if the local airports do not have access by medical providers and medical air transport services.

Aviation Navaids Division is responsible for:

Selection, Installation and Maintenance of all State-owned navigational aids.

Application and renewals of FCC licenses associated with the facilities.

Filing application notices of construction on all facilities maintained.

Procurement and current calibration of test equipment per FAA specifications.

Maintaining all facilities in accordance with the FAA specifications and job orders.

Submittal of FAA 6030 Maintenance Logs within the required timeframe.

Maintaining an adequate parts and equipment inventory that allows restoration of facilities promptly.

Maintaining current contracts with local airport authorities/cities on each facility.

AVIATION OPERATIONS

The Aviation Operations Section reports to the Division Director and is responsible for:

Operates one twin engine executive aircraft and one single engine aircraft. These aircraft are available to all branches of state government for travel on State business.

Promotes aviation careers through youth programs: Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Program, American Legion's Boys and Girls State, Fédération Aéronautique Internationale International Aviation Art Contest, as well as many career fairs and other youth events.

ENGINEERING

The Engineering Section reports to the Division Director and is responsible for:

Assisting Nebraska airport sponsors with maintaining and improvement their facilities to meet the aviation needs of the community safely and efficiently. The areas of focus include:

- Review of proposed projects for airspace conflicts
- Safety and Licensing inspections
- Pavement Maintenance Plans
- Assist with securing funding for needed capital projects
- Act as agent for the airport through the grant process
- Environmental Assessments and review for proposed projects
- Aviation system planning
- Work to improve instrument approaches to allow accessibility during marginal weather