UASRCC MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 19, 2014. Badlands Room


Others Present: Chris Theisen, Bob Becklund, (Northern Plains UAS Test Site)
Brandi Jewett (Grand Forks Herald)
Scott Kroeber (Aviation)

ABSENT: M. Bowles, C. Juntunen, M. Nelson, B. Gengler, G. Lloyd

T. Heitkamp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of 7/16/2014 Minutes. H. Wamstad motion to approve. A. Palmer seconded the motion. K. Porter noted misspelling, will be corrected. Minutes approved.

2. Election of Chair & Vice Chair-K. Porter asked if T. Heitkamp would serve again this year. She stated she would. K. Porter nominated T. Heitkamp to serve as chair. A. Palmer second. Nomination of T. Heitkamp approved. P. O’Neill nominated K. Porter to serve as Vice Chair. B. Maxson seconded. K. Porter nominated as Vice Chair.

3. NP UAS Test Site. A. Palmer and B. Becklund provided an update on the test site. B. Becklund stated things are still going well and there was an FAA visit a few weeks ago that. Stated they are close to signing contracts but unable to discuss at this time due to proprietary information. Discussed submitted COA to FAA for expanded airspace. Discussed FAA’s concern with UAS Center of Excellence. A. Palmer discussed UAS Center of Excellence proposal was submitted yesterday with Mississippi being the primary member. There were also two other research proposals submitted in August. Working now with the School of Medicine & Health Sciences Rural Health on how to work in rural areas. Also working with Xcel Energy who has created a UAS task force, and precision agriculture. B. Becklund also reported that the Dept. of Commerce sponsored a media visit this week and they were interested in the UASRCC. T. Heitkamp stated she and B. Milavetz are receiving multiple media requests.

D. Harsell asked if there is interest in presenting to legislature during next session. B. Huschle discussed to move forward and be a leader in creating guidelines/guidebook. B. Milavetz stated there is a publication in the works which he worked on a chapter regarding civilian policy issues. Once finalized the chapter he is writing will send it out to the committee. P. Haga suggested committee member may present to legislature.


5. Qube Presentation. A. Frazier gave a presentation of the Qube airframe to committee members at the Memorial Stadium after the meeting.

Next Meeting-October 17, 2014 at 9:00-11:00 a.m.-Badlands Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.