

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, November 14th, 2022 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chair), Christopher Richard, Mike Reeves Reuben Jones

Members Absent: Eugene Henry, Kevin Fowler

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the October 2022 minutes was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Christopher Richard**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Veterans Day Nov. 11th: Airport Director Mario Evans thanked all Veterans for their service.
 2. Airport Master Plan: Airport Director Mario Evans stated that he was tasked with presenting the latest Master Plan update to the BOC Ops committee tomorrow at 1PM.
 3. Minimum Standards: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines stated that we are still going over comments. Enlisted the help of a third party; AMCG Consulting Group. They are experts in the area to review and partner on revisions. Will be meeting on this over the next few months.
 - Citizen Don Anderson: Will this organization going forward be soliciting comments from other people on the airport? Evans answered: your specific comments have been received, they will be communicated to team.
 - Board Member Reuben Jones: Also asked if all comments will be presented to the AMCG Consulting team. Hines answered: Yes.
 - Board Member Doug Miller shared that he is getting concern expressed to him about the possibility of no longer having piston maintenance on the field. Evans confirmed that the Board is aware that this is a big concern. The Master Plan does have a plan to address and continue to have Maintenance on the field but in the proper locations. Details on Minimum Standards can be found on the airport's website. They are currently being updated.
 - Citizen Mark Clowdus asked: How will airport people find out about Draft 2? Evans answered: There will be a Minimum Standards Consultant that will address and inform.
 - Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug: When do you expect this consultant to be on board? Evans answered: The Consultant quote should be coming in today. Will be moving forward as soon as it is received. Timeline of competition is the first quarter of 2023.
 - AOPA Southern Regional Manager, Stacey Heaton stated that AOPA aims to be fully transparent so there is no need for grapevines. Evans replied that grapevines will happen anyway, that's why it is important to get the facts out on the website. The website also includes a full list of committee members.
 - Larry Scheinpflug mentioned that his conversation with Joe McCarty, head of PDKAA who felt that it wasn't ok to share Min. Standards info. Evans confirmed that it is definitely ok to share.
 - Doug Anderson asked who makes up the Min. Standards Committee: Evans answered that it is made up of a variety of individuals on the field. All tenants at the airport.
 - Mark Clowdus asked if a list of Min. Standard committee members can be put on the website. Hines answered, Yes.
 - Larry Scheinpflug asked if all members have responded. Hines answered that 75% of people have responded. Scheinpflug asked if Hines would call the remainder of members. Hines said: Yes.
 - Reuben Jones asked if it was always the intention to bring in AMCG? Evans answered: No, but once the committee got going it was determined it would be best to bring in an expert.
 - Mark Clowdus asked if there will be another face to face meeting? Evans answered: Yes.
 - Mario Evans addressed Member of Public Jordan Fox's question about why Will Child's appointment to the Airport Advisory has been deferred: Evans stated that he has no idea why.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The October 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 16,594** which is an increase of 12.35% as compared to October of 2021. There were 389 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2022 year-to-date operations are **151,216** as compared to the total 2021 operations as of October 2021 of 130,925. In October 31% of operations were on a southerly flow, 66% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 19.4 households made 775 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 5.59 PM. (38%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 75% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 158 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 40 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Numerous questions from the Public and answers/proposed solutions from the Board on noise abatement.

Motion to accept the October 2022 Noise Reports were made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**
NONE

III. **New Business:**
NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Citizen Jordan Fox: Will you make a motion to have the Board fill the open DeKalb seat? Evan answered: Board can make a motion. Evans will ask the BOC again for the CEO to fill that seat.
- Citizen Larry Foster: What is the normal time between the issuance of an RFP and requirements potential bidders must meet for attending meetings in order to bid on the RFP? Evans answered: 30 days. Evans answered further questions posed by Foster on the matter.
- Doug Miller asked if we could hold meetings back in person and do hybrid? Evan answered that we can only do them one way or the other. Board Member Christopher Richard would like hybrid and stay at this time: 5:30PM. Board Member Mike Reeves agrees with Richard. Scheinpflug pointed out that a form of hybrid is happening now. Evans and Board Members will look into the possibility of holding in-person and hybrid meetings.
- PDKAA Chair Joe McCarty: Lowering the Minimums on 21L. Will we get back to 200 from 400? Evans answered: he doesn't think it's possible due to cell towers that have been erected. Baker International rep. Jim Duguay answered: the visibility minimums did get lowered but there are obstructions that limit how far this can go. Lighting system may be updated to help.
- Larry Scheinpflug asked: Do we have AED systems accessible at PDK? Evans answered: Yes, we have AED equipment and a dedicated fire department. Scheinpflug also asked if regular AED and CPR training happens. Evans answered: Yes, every two years.
- Mario Evans: Pilot forum was held with FAA two weeks ago. Only 15 pilots showed up.
- Reuben Jones: asked why we need to have a full Board? Miller answered with the reasons. Primarily to make sure there is always 4 members to reach a quorum.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Christopher Richard. Motion passed at 6:14p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)