

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Doug Miller (Vice Chair), Will Childs, Kevin Fowler,

Members Absent: Mike Reeves, Chris Richard, Reuben Jones

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 2023 minutes was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Kevin Fowler motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

A. **Airport Director's Report delivered by Deputy Airport Director (Hunter Hines):**

1. Runway 16/34 project: Complete except for a few punch list items. Hunter would like to receive feedback from users on how the changes are working for them.
2. Minimum Standards / Rules and Regulations: We've been working on this for many months. Right now it is being reviewed by AMCG. They will make any changes and then send back to the Board for any changes for Approval of Draft #4. The original plan was to have an advisory committee of the Rules and Regulations but it has since been determined to go in a different direction: once it is ready it will be posted on the Airport website so all can see. There will be an attached link so anyone can make comments. Next steps will be to go to Legal, then the BOC for approval.
Board Vice Chair Doug Miller asked if there was a timeframe for next steps? Hunter Hines said probably the middle of January.
Hunter also shared that the Draft of Minimum Standards is also being worked on.
3. Air Quality and Noise Assessment RFP: N&E Analyst Korey Barnes reported that the LSBE team which is the county local small business enterprise team is working with HMM to complete the requirements needed. He is not sure how long it will take. He will update as soon as he has more information.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The December 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 12,942** which is an increase of 15.51% as compared to December 2022. There were 296 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **176,520** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of December 2022 of 176,895. In November 57% of operations were on a southerly flow, 43% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 20 households made 698 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 5.8 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5.59PM (42%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 54% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 119 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, 23 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the December 2023 Noise Report was made by Chris Richard and seconded Doug Miller motion passed unanimously.

2023 Annual Noise and Operations Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The 2023 Annual Noise and Operations Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 176,520** which is a decrease of -0.22% as compared to 2022. There were 4,644 voluntary curfew operations. 52% of operations were on a southerly flow, 45% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 89 households made 7,876 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 26.6 complaints per household. The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 49% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 2,176 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, 282 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the 2023 Noise and Operations Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded Chris Richards motion passed unanimously.

B. Other:

New Chairman and Vice Chair for 2024: Larry stated that he and Doug Miller are happy to swap roles; Larry will serve as Vice Chair and Doug will serve as Chair. Motion to accept the 2024 Chair and Vice Chair appointments was passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

- Good Neighbor Day: Will be May 11th this year.

III. Public Comments:

- Mark Clowdus asked: Can we please have an update on the bulletin board back in the office lobby? Hunter Hines said they are working on a plan. Second question: is PDK doing anything to promote local established airport business? Hunter Hines said the Board is looking for options. Doug Miller asked if this could be done on the website Hunter Hines said there is a place for this on the website. He said the airport can look into customizing something specifically for mechanics, etc.
- Jim Flock: sees other airports using TV screens with scrolling ads. Hunter Hines said that this is being considered, maybe in the space of the billboard.
- Jordan Fox asked when the PDK Watch Meeting is: Doug Miller shared that it is scheduled for January 10th.
- Jordan Fox asked if Mario Evan's retirement had been discussed: Doug Miller stated that this had been discussed in December's meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:17 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Doug Miller and seconded Chris Richards.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)