

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, October 10th, 2022 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Reuben Jones, Eugene Henry, Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chair) and Kevin Fowler

Members Absent: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Mike Reeves and Christopher Richard

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 5:42p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the September 2022 minutes was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Eugene Henry.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Airport Master Plan: Airport Director Mario Evans stated that there was no update since last month.
 - Member of Public asked about the status of the new Chamblee rep to Board: Evans answered: deferred by Legal, reason unknown.

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

The September 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 15,588** which is an increase of 7.08% as compared to September of 2021. There were 401 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2022 year-to-date operations are **134,622** as compared to the total 2021 operations as of September 2021 of 134,622. In September 31% of operations were on a southerly flow, 67% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 7.3 households made 351 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00 AM and 11.59 AM. (40%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 37% of the complaints originated from the **30033** zip code. A total of 196 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, 22 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Evans announced: Runway Safety Meeting occurred on September 28th. FAA is looking to hold a pilot forum later this month, date TBD.

- Member of Public Jaimie Dutro: Is there any tracking of repeat curfew violators? Evans answered: Yes. This is tracked on the Noise Report for Non-MedEvac.

- Jaimie also asked if there is movement on the Environmental Study. Evans: Yes.

- Board Member Reuben Jones asked: Was the meeting with the safety action team with FAA for any specific reason? Evans answered: No specific cause, just because the FAA has not been able to have face-to-face meeting in two years.

- Member of Public asked: How can the public get access to the Environmental Study? Evans answered, report is not complete yet. See website for other, similar reviews.

Motion to accept the September 2022 Noise Reports were made by Kevin Fowler and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**

- Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines: Have you received all the responses from the 10 Committee Members for the DRAFT Airport Minimum Standards? Hines answered: More have come in. Jim Duguay Consulting is helping to prepare presentation of all comments. AOPA has offered their assistance in helping put together some of the pieces of the Minimum Standards draft before it is presented to the board.

- Scheinpflug introduced Stacey Heaton, AOPA SE Regional representative: Heaton extended the opportunity for comments from AOPA. Evans stated: There is no time limitation on the Minimum Standards so Heaton's comments are welcome on the Airport's Minimum Standards. Heaton asked if there was an opportunity for open dialogue face-to-face? Evans answered: Meetings so far have been virtual but the airport is receiving comments from 11 tenants. Hunter Hines went through list of entities on the airport who are aware of changes to Minimum Standards.
- Reuben Jones asked Heaton: Do you have any recommended readings? Heaton answered: The Advisory Circular on Minimum Standards and suggested a review of other comparable airports. She also stated that users and airport managers are the best to put together Minimum Standards to have a positive outcome for a particular airport. Heaton will see if she has any other resources and send the documents to Larry Scheinpflug.
- Scheinpflug asked if a soft date to collect all comments should be made? Hines suggested 30 days. Scheinpflug countered with a due date of November 14 which is the next AAB meeting. Hunter agreed with that date.

III. **New Business:**
NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Jaime Duto: Any update to Master Plan incorporating FAA comments? Evans deferred to Jim Duguay: Duguay answered that there were no major comments from the FAA. Team is reviewing GDOT comments. Jaime also asked if the East side hangar expansion has been approved? Evans answered: this was an RFP, did not require FAA funding or public input.

Motion to adjourn was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Kevin Fowler. Motion passed at 6:20p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)