

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, June 12th, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Mike Reeves, Doug Miller (Vice Chair), Reuben Jones and Gene Henry, Will Childs, Kevin Fowler

Members Absent: Christopher Richard, Airport Director Mario Evans

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the May 2023 minutes was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Mike Reeves.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Airport Master Plan: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines: still in a holding pattern. Waiting for feedback from the BOC. Public member Jordan Fox: This has been going on for a year, what is the hold up? Board Chair Scheinpflug answered: Waiting for the CEO to approve the plan for a vote by the BOC.
 2. Minimum Standards: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines: Rules and Regulations portion of the document are currently being reviewed with consultants. Once complete they will be presented to the Board for approval. Aiming to get it back a week before the July meeting. Aiming for an update on Minimum Standards to be available at the same time.
Board member Reuben Jones: Have you received feedback from anyone who contributed information to the Min. Standards? Hines answered: No.
 3. Runway 16/34: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines said that the project is moving at a good pace. Still on track to complete on time. From August 7th through August 18th runway 03R/21L will be closed during this time as work continues on resurfacing the runway. Phase details for this closure were sent out to airport tenants on June 5, 2023. See NOTAMs for details. Additional information will be posted on website.
 4. "Consent to Assignment by Avionics Sales Corporation to the Maintenance Group LLC, was reviewed by the board for approval. Reuben Jones and Larry Scheinpflug each went over several questions they had in the document. Motion to accept the Assignment was approved. As required by county ordinance, a written notification accepting the "Consent to Assignment" was sent from the Chair Larry Scheinpflug to the Airport Director on June 13th.
 5. Sky Harbour Development was accepted as the winner of the RFP for the eastside development of the airport. Many questions and answers followed their presentation. The presentation is posted on the airport's website.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The May 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,394** which is a decrease of 9.30% as compared to May 2022. There were 419 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **71,140** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of May 2022 of 75,795. In May 54% of operations were on a southerly flow, 46% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 15.8 households made 380 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00AM and 11.59AM (40%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 33% of the complaints originated from the **30360**-zip code. A total of 218 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, 33 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Board Member Reuben Jones: Did a higher percentage of noise complaints occur during this reporting period at night time than previous periods? N&E Analyst Korey Barnes answered that the actual amount of complaints has not changed.

Motion to accept the May 2023 Noise Reports were made by Doug Miller and seconded Gene

Henry. Motion passed.

B. Other:

Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug: Jordan Fox had asked him which Board Members have aviation experience? Board Vice Chair Doug Miller asked why this question was asked. Jordan Fox stated that he thought there should be a good mix of aviation and non-aviation background. Miller responded that these positions are appointed by the county commissioners. Reuben Jones pointed out he has aviation experience, but he has a background in several other fields which provides him a unique perspective from both sides. Scheinpflug added that county commissioners try to appoint people to the board who can understand the technical issues at the airport so they can go back and report to their commissioner. Several board members suggested that Mr. Fox address his concern with the BOC.

III. New Business:

NONE

IV. Public Comments:

NONE

Motion to adjourn was made by Gene Henry and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed at 6:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)