

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: None

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 5:33p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the August 2023 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Gene Henry with special note for one correction to be made.**

- II. Information/Old Business

- A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**

1. Airport Master Plan: Still with CEO's office and BOC. PDK Master Plan website: all files are being moved over to the airport website.
 2. Air quality and noise assessment: Notice of award has gone out to HMMH. Purchasing waiting for subcontractor insurance paperwork.
 3. Runway 16/34 project: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines said that the project is on schedule. Slated to be done with project around the second week of October.
 - Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug: What is behind delay in completion? Hines answered: Weather. Board Vice Chair Doug Milled asked: Will parallels be closed again? Hines answered: No, except in the case of an emergency, however, long runway will be closed for permanent markings for half a day, not scheduled yet. Board member Reuben Jones: What constitutes weather delay? Hines answered: it varies but primarily involves how much rain is predicted.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The August 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 13,873** which is a decrease of 7.44% as compared to August 2022. There were 352 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **114,595** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of August 2022 of 119,034. In July 42% of operations were on a southerly flow, 58% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 62.3 households made 996 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00AM and 11.59AM (47%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 90% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 187 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, 21 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked about the one person making 888 complaints out of Brookhaven, since this is not an area that typically makes strong complaints. Is this a new resident? Barnes answered: Yes, new to making complaints. The area they live in is a new development. Scheinpflug asked if Korey reached out to them. Barnes: Yes. Resident moved into a home under the traffic pattern.

Motion to accept the August 2023 Noise Reports were made by Doug Miller and seconded Mike Reeves. Motion passed.

- B. **Other:**
NONE

- III. **New Business:**

Board Member Reuben Jones asked about DeKalb County leases: Is there an appraisal and then an appraisal review? Airport Director Evans stated that it is called a market rent analysis. Joyce Foster, Contract Administrator at PDK also answered further questions for Reuben.

- Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked how many environmental studies have been done? Evans answered: 2

air quality. More discussion continued to make sure all questions are answered by citizens.

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Larry Foster commented about the fact that public members cannot show their faces on the Zoom calls. Evans answered: Due to 'zoom bombs' that have occurred in previous meetings, this is the security fix at this time.
- Larry Foster asked several other questions that Airport Director Mario Evans answered.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:49 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Gene Henry and seconded by Doug Miller.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell

Larry Scheinflug

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Larry Scheinflug (AAB Chair)