

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

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

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

Members Absent: Gene Henry, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), 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 5:32p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Doug Miller

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 2023 minutes was made by Will Childs and seconded by Mike Reeves motion passed unanimously.**

I. Information/Old Business

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

1. Board Member Eugene Henry passed away. A few Board members spoke some memorializing words and a moment of silence was asked for in honor of Mr. Henry.
2. Airport Director Mario Evans has decided to retire. His official last day with DeKalb County and the airport is this Friday.
3. Airport Master Plan: Master plan was approved by BOC.
4. Runway 16/34 project: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines stated that rehabilitation of the runway is nearing the end of the project. Runway 3R/21L will close Monday night the 18<sup>th</sup> at 11PM until Noon December 19<sup>th</sup> to finish final markings.  
- Reuben Jones asked if trucks and workers are always escorted out to the runways. Hunter Hines said: certain members are escorted, others are not if they've gone through training.
5. EMAS repair: still working to get the manufacturing process started for the EMAS blocks. Also working with the aircraft's insurance company to get reimbursement for the damage.
6. Air Quality and Noise Assessment: Korey Barnes reported that some information is being waited on from subcontractors in order to proceed. Doug Miller asked when the process will be complete. Korey said: aiming for early next year.

**Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The November 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,713** which is an increase of 1.54% as compared to November 2022. There were 361 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **163,578** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of November 2022 of 165,706. In November 38% of operations were on a southerly flow, 62% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 21 households made 986 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 7.2 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5.59PM (48%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 54% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 189 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, 24 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Reuben Jones asked if receivers of advisory letters have to respond. Korey Barnes said they do not, but sometimes flight departments do respond.

**Motion to accept the November 2023 Noise Report was made by Chris Richard and seconded Kevin Fowler motion passed unanimously.**

**Other:**  
NONE

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II. **New Business:**

- Reuben Jones would like some more information on the protests regarding the Sky Harbor project. Doug Miller deferred to Hunter Hines: Hunter said the BOC deferred a decision and they will address at the end of January, likely via a Town Hall meeting. Hunter said a compilation of information on the protests will be sent to all Board members.

III. **Public Comments:**

- Mark Clowdus asked: Can we please have the bulletin board back in the office lobby? Hunter Hines said they are working on a plan.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 6:03 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Chris Richard and seconded Will Childs.**

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

*Lori Bell*

*Doug Miller*

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Lori Bell (Secretary)

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Doug Miller (AAB Vice Chair)