

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, August 14th, 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

Members Absent: Chris Richard

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Corey Barnes

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

I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the July 2023 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller.**

II. Information/Old Business

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

1. Airport Master Plan: Still with CEO's office and BOC.
2. RFP for air quality and noise assessment by HMMS, a top air quality air consultant in the world. The RFP committee made an approval recommendation to the BOC and the BOC approved the RFP this past Tuesday. HMMS will be receiving a notice to proceed from the purchasing and contracting department for them to conduct the air quality and noise assessments. Mario will try to have them available for our next meeting. AAB Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked: Is there a time schedule for this to be completed? Mr. Evans replied: 1 year.
3. Discussion about lease amendment #7 – contract with Mercury Air Center (Atlantic Aviation): scribner's error in lease amendment #6. Discussed with law department, they thought it was prudent to bring it to the AAB. Ms. Joyce Foster, Contract Administrator walked the meeting through the consent process to correct the scribner's error, and definition of a scribner's error.
 - A number of questions were asked about various lease components for FBOs. Ms. Foster of DeKalb County explained.
 - Mr. Scheinpflug asked for a motion for lease approval. Motion to approve made by Vice Chair Doug Miller and seconded by Board Member Will Childs. Vote to approve was 6 to 1. The lone "no" vote was made by Board Member Reuben Jones.
4. Runway 16/34 project: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines said that the project moved into Phase 3, includes closure of primary runway 3R/21L. Weather has caused a 3 day delay. Otherwise everything going well with the project. Target completion date is Mid-September.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Corey Barnes delivered the following report: **The July 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 15,683** which is an increase of 29.68% as compared to July 2022. There were 404 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **100,722** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of July 2022 of 104,046. In July 63% of operations were on a southerly flow, 37% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 12.2 households made 269 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00AM and 11.59AM (42%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 43% of the complaints originated from the **30341**-zip code. A total of 198 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, 27 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the July 2023 Noise Reports were made by Doug Miller and seconded Gene Henry. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**
NONE

III. **New Business:**

NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- AAB Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked; What is the progress report on the Rules and Regulations (R&R) that comes out prior to the Minimum Standards? Hunter said we are in Draft #2 and the AAB is reviewing. DeKalb County legal is also reviewing. Once all comments are received and addressed the R&R's must be approved by county commissioners.
- Aviation Museum: Evans reported that they are doing their capital campaign for funding.
- Evans also mentioned that the Good Year Blimp is here.
- Minimum standards board stakeholders: Hunter said this will be discussed in draft #3 for Rules and Regulations.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:13 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Gene Henry and seconded by Doug Miller.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)