

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Reuben Jones, Mike Reeves, Christopher Richard, Eugene Henry, Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chair) and Kevin Fowler

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 5:31p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the August 2022 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: Airport Director Mario Evans stated that there was no update since last month.

 2. Extra Funding received from FAA and GDOT: For upcoming runway rehab for 16-34 due to the bids coming in for asphalt and concrete which are currently very high. \$4M extra dollars has been allocated by FAA and GDOT because Airport was able to match these funds. Project will not start until Spring of 2023.
 - AAB Chair Doug Miller asked how long the project will take? Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines answered: 120 days.
 - Board Member Mike Reeves asked about temperature delay. Evans answered that paving is not recommended below 45 degrees and dropping.
 - Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked about Master Plan: Evans answered that it is sitting on CEO's desk since February, and there are no further updates.

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

The August 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,988** which is an increase of 0.52% as compared to August of 2021. There were 338 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2022 year-to-date operations are **119,034** as compared to the total 2021 operations as of August 2021 of 101,597. In August 75% of operations were on a southerly flow, 23% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 9.9 households made 319 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00 AM and 11.59 PM. (41%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 35% of the complaints originated from the **30319** zip code. A total of 158 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, 34 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Doug Miller asked about an F-18 that landed and did a low pass. N&E Analyst Korey Barnes answered: Military aircraft don't usually show up on airport radar, but they usually notify the airport.

Motion to accept the August 2022 Noise Reports were made by Doug Miller and seconded by Eugene Henry. Motion passed.

- B. **Other:**
NONE

III. **New Business:**
NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Public member Don Anderson, pilot and airport tenant, asked about Master Plan update. Scheinpflug answered that report is still on CEO's Desk since February. Anderson then wanted to ask about Minimum Standards. Scheinpflug deferred to Hunter Hines for answer, but first Scheinpflug asked Hines if he heard back on any of his questions out to the Minimum Standards committee. Hines answered that he received 2 out of 10 committee member comments back. He is still waiting on responses from the other members. Evans added: Folks who have been selected to be on the committee have shared the document with other airport tenants for their feedback. Once all is gathered it will be combined into a draft to be shared with the AAB. Anderson asked: Is it possible to submit written comments? Evans answered: Yes, email to Evans or Hines. Anderson stated that his question will have to do with maintenance, i.e., continuing to have a variety of providers.
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked the name of the consulting firm that did the draft? Evans answered: Michael Baker.
- Scheinpflug asked Hines: Will you reach out to the other 8 people on the committee to get their comments? Hines answered: Yes.
- Scheinpflug also asked if Board could see All the questions and comments that come up? Evans answered: That is the plan.
- Public member Jamie Dutro asked about the Environmental study scope of work. Evans answered that Board is preparing RFP. Hope to have it out very shortly.
- Public member Elvis White: Wanted to know about the new crane for new planes? Evans was unsure how to answer question. Asked Mr. White to explain further. He did not. Evans believes he was asking about crane building new City Hall for Chamblee.
- Board Member Mike Reeves mentioned that purchasing and contracting has lost their Director, and asked: Will that slow things down? Evans answered: No that is not expected, but it is possible.
- Board Member Doug Miller announced that he will be out of town for the next meeting and asked Larry Scheinpflug to handle. Scheinpflug answered that he would.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Chris Richard. Motion passed at 6:07p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)