

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, December 13th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Kevin Fowler, Reuben Jones, Mike Reeves, Doug Miller and Dan Zanger

Members Absent: Eugene Henry, Christopher Richard (AAB Vice Chair)

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 5:43p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the November 2021 minutes was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Board Member Reuben Jones. Motion passed.**

- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Jim Duguay of Baker International updated on Master Plan. Master Plan was submitted to GDOT, currently under review. GDOT asked for a couple of items from Baker to help with their review. Should hear back in January or February. At last meeting Baker was asked to put the full size airport layout plan on the Master Plan site. Baker sent an email to everyone with the document.

Evans asked about the Minimum Standards update: Duguay answered: still in a data collection mode. Should have results to report in January. AAB Chair Scheinpflug asked if document can be put on website for Public view. Evans answered: Yes.
 2. Declared Distances: Evans asked Michael Baker representative Joe Snyder to give a presentation on Declared Distances. Joe led the presentation. Joe answered several questions from the Board and Public.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:

Glen Case from Hermeus made a presentation on their Noise Abatement efforts. Board Member Reuben Jones asked if these Noise abatement efforts were planned before coming to the airport. Case answered that some measures were decided upon once at the airport in order to be a good neighbor.

October Noise Report was not able to be presented at November meeting and is included here:

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The October 2021 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,778** which is an increase of 13.03% as compared to October of 2020. There were 355 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **138,420** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of October 2020 of 115,451. In October 56% of operations were on a southerly flow, 41% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 14.8 households made 535 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (51%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 43% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 178 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, 28 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The November 2021 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,770** which is an increase of 13.03% as compared to November of 2020. There were 413 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **145,403** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of November 2020 of 127,306. In November 38% of operations were on a southerly flow, 60% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 14.5 households made 379 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (42%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip

Code chart shows that 45% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 173 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, 41 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Board Member Reuben Jones asked: is voluntary curfew classification MedEvac? Evans answered: Yes. Second question by Jones: Is the hypersonic testing picked up by the noise monitors? Korey Barnes answered: Yes, the Noise Monitors will pick up the sound. Jones and Barnes also discussed Hermeus plans to keep their noise below the allowable 65 db.

Motion to accept the October and November 2021 Noise Reports was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**

Scheinpflug asked when the New Minimum Standards will be developed and approved. Evans answered: Feb. or March 2022.

III. **New Business:**

Evans brought up article in AJC he read over the weekend regarding solar farms on airports. He was asked about this from a member of the public prior to the meeting. Evans shared that PDK tried to implement solar panels to generate power. Unfortunately, the location of the airport didn't allow implementation because it was not approved under Glare restrictions, i.e., reflection on control tower, etc.

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Joe McCarty on behalf of the PDKAA – ILS 21L Minimums were to be lowered but only appear to have been lowered by 4 feet (343' to 339') in the current charts. Are these the final minimums and if not, what will they be lowered to and when? Duguay of Baker Intl. answered: the lowest possible would be 200AGL. It is elevated for obstructions. Does not expect it to be lowered any time soon.
- Todd Hill: lives on the south side of PDK. Stated that he only makes reports for aircraft going over 80 db. Suggests that PDK's four noise monitoring stations are not enough. Evans answered and suggested Hill come in and sit with the Board to go through the Noms system. Hill agreed.
- Robert Gianoli: are the minimum standard revisions going to be for % of businesses? also if that is the revision will it be for all businesses at the airport? Evans answered: Yes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)