

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM in Room 227, Airport Administration Building at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

Members Present: Christopher Richard (AAB Chair), Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones, Doug Miller, Kevin Fowler

Members Absent: Eugene Henry, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair), Dan Zanger

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans and Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Christopher Richard.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:
 1. Runway Safety Action Meeting and Workshop, Wednesday March 11th - from 10A to 4P and 6:30P to 8:30P at the 57th Fighter Group. Discussion about Phase II RIM will be included. Board Member Doug Miller asked where to RSVP for event? Evans said there is an RSVP email on website and Facebook page.
 2. We had a TFR with the President in town this past Friday. NCAA is coming to Atlanta, April 1st. We will continue to put out information to citizens, NOTAMS, etc.
 3. Updates for Coronavirus: County and State have been putting out information, we are disseminating and cleaning around the administration building.
 4. Master Plan Update: Evans deferred to Michael Baker International representative, Jim Duguay.
 - Still continuing efforts on alternative analysis, looking at various ideas for improvements, costs regarding environmental factors, how to implement improvements and costs associated: how much the airport would pay.
 - Proposed improvements that have been submitted to the FAA regarding the Aerospace Obstruction Study and approach minimums: still in process.
 - Aiming for May for next round of committee meetings.
 - Member of public, Mr. Foster, asked about two prior questions he didn't feel he received an adequate answer on:
 1. Why is the Master Plan Update projection different (much higher) than the FAA's projections? Duguay answered: PDK Master Plan projection based on operations per based aircraft at the airport methodology. It is also based on the vast hangar waiting list at PDK. Evans added: 1993 Master Plan projected 279,000 a year by now. PDK operations has never been that high yet.
 2. Critical Aircraft: G5. Mr. Foster brought up a projection he read where projections for airport 30 years ago were to not have aircraft of this size at PDK. Duguay stated that this was not accurate.
 3. Mr. Foster asked a third question: what environmental studies are being used for the Master Plan? Duguay answered: FAA guidelines are used: NEPA. Mr. Foster provided a handout. Mr. Duguay referred discussion be had during Air Quality roundtable upcoming. Evans stated that the document handed out by Mr. Foster was one he had never seen before.

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

The February 2020 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: Total operations were 10,987 which is an increase of 21.79% as compared to February of 2019. There were 280 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2020 year-to-date operations are 24,360 as compared to the total 2019 operations as of February 2019 of 20,106. In February, 61% of operations were on a southerly flow, 35% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. Noise complaints: 10.8 households made 184 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 6:00p.m. and 11:59p.m. (29%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 86% of the complaints originated from the 30341 zip code. A total of 110 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, 42 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Korey presented data on Soil samples and AES certification.

- Question from Public: Jordan asked that Larry Foster's request for all documents Korey presented, be put on website. Reuben asked if sending letters to non medivac has caused a downtrend in infractions? Korey said it downtrends intermittently. Doug asked about the correlation to dramatic changes in the complaints vs northerly – southerly flow. Evans asked: how many noise complaints come from Public view? Korey said: none last month. Evans is trying to gauge usage, in order to justify paying for the system if no one is going to use it to make complaints.

Motion to accept the February 2020 Noise Report was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**
None.

III. **New Business:**
None

IV. **Public Comments:**
None

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Christopher Richard (AAB Chair)