

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, January 11th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Kevin Fowler

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 5:35p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the December, 2020 minutes was made by Board Member Mike Reeves and seconded by Board Member Doug Miller. Motion passed.**

- II. Information/Old Business

- A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:

1. Presented Draft AAB meeting schedule for 2021. Evans stated that he does not see the Board going back to face-to-face meetings in 2021. There are no conflicts in terms of holidays on proposed schedule. AAB Chair Scheinpflug put motion to accept schedule to Board. Motion to approve by Christopher Richard and seconded by Mike Reeves.

- Per 2020 Elections, Commissioner Patrick was voted into District 1, and Commissioner Terry was voted into District 6. New commissioners will coordinate transition team meetings with all. Commissioners should accept already existing airport committee members but may suggest replacements. Board Member Christopher Richard is on the agenda to be reappointed as District 4's advisor. Mario will share commissioners email addresses.

2. Airport Master Plan Update:

Evans deferred to Jim Duguay of Baker International: Jim updated: currently working on airport layout drawing set. Also working on implementation of financial plan for airport's 20 year capital improvement project. Deferred to Donya Elder from Smartegies to discuss results of surveys. Donya shared that surveys issued December 13th were shared with all three committees. They were asked to return by January 15th. Smartegies will tally up results and report back to Board. AAB Chair Scheinpflug asked what the schedule is looking like for completion of Master Plan. Duguay answered: Hoping for Spring of this year.

Question from Public Member Jaime Dutro regarding working papers 2 and 3: why were papers not provided to committees before December 2019? Evans answered: they were not complete yet. Jim Duguay further responded that working papers are on website.

Next Question: Can anything be done to speed up the pdk.com website? Evans deferred to Jim Duguay. Donya will look into and report back.

3. RIM PHASE 2 update:

Evans deferred to Deputy Airport Director, Hunter Hines. Hines reported no new updates. Working with contractor for some firm dates on when project will start. Hoping to start first or second week of February.

4. New PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) update:

Hunter Hines noted we are waiting on a FAA flight check and it should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

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

The December 2020 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 11,114** which is a decrease of -7.97% as compared to December of 2019. There were 331 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2020 year-to-date operations are **138,420** as compared to the total 2019 operations as of December 2019 of 161,367. In December 41% of operations were on a southerly flow, 55% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 12.6 households made 114 complaints. The majority

of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59PM. (38%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 43% of the complaints originated from the **30319** zip code. A total of 124 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, 61 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

AAB Chair Scheinpflug asked if fuel flowage fee losses are impacted in budget? Mario Evans said No. Board Member Reuben Jones asked if MedEvac operations in curfew hours was smaller this month? Corey answered: Yes, they did reduce in December. Reuben also asked if A/C tripping the noise monitors are because of aircraft type or disregard for standard or procedure. Corey said it was due to A/C type.

Motion to accept the December 2020 Noise Report was made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.

Annual Noise and Operations Report: - N&E Analyst, Corey Barnes delivered the following report: **The 2020 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 138,420** which is a decrease of -14.22% as compared to 2019. There were 4,076 voluntary curfew operations. In 2020 47% of operations were on a southerly flow, 49% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints: 81** households made 1,252 complaints in 2020. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05:59 PM (38%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 61% of the complaints originated from the **30341** zip code. A total of **1,461** 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, 579 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft Barnes informed that the Airport will be reducing db for noise monitors 2, 3, and 4.

Board Member Reuben Jones asked if people receiving letters apologize. Corey Barnes answered, Yes. Board Chair Larry asked Corey to clean up percentages on the first page of his report.

Motion to accept the 2020 Annual Noise and Operations Report was made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Reuben Jones.

PDK FBO owner, Elaine Epps of Epps Aviation asked: Does the Airport Admin. have an opinion about the proposed project dubbed Chamblee Manor – 382 apartments proposed near the Pete Garcia/Great Gatsby area, i.e., more neighbors to be affected by airport noise? Mario Evans answered that he doesn't have any information. As a requirement Chamblee speaks to builders and asks them to require sound proofing.

B. **Other:**

Board Member Doug Miller thanked AAB board Secretary Lori Bell for her service.

III. **New Business:**

NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Jim Flock; what is the update on Gate 11? Deputy Airport Director Hines answered that they are still working on it.
- Jordan Fox; thanked Board for lowering max level on decibels. Second question; requested that Annual Report be sent to Brookhaven and Chamblee with instructions on how to make a noise complaint. Mario Evans said they will make a concerted effort to make sure everyone knows how to lodge a noise complaint.
- Jaime Dutro; shared that Sagamore Hills Civic Association voted overwhelmingly against hangar expansion.
- Elliot Aviation will leave The Maintenance Group
- Larry Foster; question about changes on the main runway. Will any projected changes effect displaced threshold part of runway (6600 lbs. engineer weight)? 2nd question: If so, this needs to be added to the Master Plan. Larry showed some documents. Mario Evans asked that Joseph Snyder, architect engineer with Jim Baker answer. Snyder answered: it is not the weight of the aircraft that determines the design of pavement, it is tires, how many ops at airport, where the tires line up with joints of concrete, etc. Evans further clarified: Displaced threshold is not used for landing purposes. Airport is not looking to extend runway, not looking to add larger aircraft. Mario said Joseph Snyder will come back next month and present on weight-bearing and capacity.

- Board Member Mike Reeves acknowledged that Ted Terry just elected to District 6 was on the call.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Eugene Henry. Motion passed at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)