

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 6:00 PM both in person and via Zoom Video Conference call. There were 6 of 7 PDK AAB members present, 5 in person and one via Zoom.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Doug Miller (AAB Vice Chair), Will Childs, Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones, and Jordan Fox.

Members Absent: Chris Richard

Others Present: Interim Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Interim Deputy Director / Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the April 2025 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Will Childs. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

A. Airport Director's Report delivered by Interim Airport Director (Hunter Hines):

1. LED Airfield: Project largely complete. Finalizing some last items. End of third quarter projected as final completion once the backup generator is delivered and installed.
2. Rules & Regulations: Two meetings of 3 Airport Advisory Board members each were held in late April with AMCG to discuss changes. Discussed one comment that Will Childs made in writing, regarding the minimum requirement for an AVGAS tank to be installed. In the R&R document it states a 20,000-gallon tank is the minimum. Board proposes a change to a 12,000-gallon tank based on the size of other fuel tanks on the PDK airfield.

Motion to approve the latest Rules & Regulations document contingent upon changing the above item was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion to approve the latest draft contingent on adding the one above item passed unanimously.

3. Runway 3R / 21L Keel Replacement: There is a point of contention with some citizens in the community sharing misleading information regarding the project with county commissioners. Hampton Worthy, a representative of engineering firm Michael Baker International who manages this project, shared a Power Point presentation to refute all the misleading information. Board Members asked and discussed some questions following the presentation. Hunter Hines noted he would forward the Power Point presentation to all board members.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report April 2025: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The April 2025 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 16,564** which is a decrease of 7.52% as compared to April 2024. There were 473 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2025 year-to-date operations are **57,059** as compared to the total operations as of April 2024 of 58,818. In April 66% of operations were on a southerly flow, 32% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** A total of 1,355 complaints consisting of 40 complainants, of that, 6 were new complainants. 33 households made complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 15.9 complaints per household. One person accounted for 479 (34%). Top four accounted for 1023 (75%). The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05:59 PM (33%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 39% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 220 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, 26 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the April 2025 Noise Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

Other:
NONE

II. **New Business:**

Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug discussed, "What is the role of an Airport Advisory Board Member?" Board Vice Chair Doug Miller read the by-laws which states an AAB member is to provide his/her expertise on airports to their county commissioner related to ongoing issues at the airport. Chair Larry Scheinpflug noted the role of an AAB member is not one of being a community activist.

- Board Member Jordan Fox asked if a one-paragraph recap about what's going on at the airport be created and posted on social media on a regular basis. Other Board members responded that there are several versions of Meeting Minutes already created and available on the airport website. To improve communication with the community, the airport staff agreed to put a link on the Facebook page for the previous months approved AAB Meeting Minutes.

- Board Member Reuben Jones pointed out that he did not see in the Bylaws that the Board should have responsibility to assist in developing documents, such as the Rules & Regulations. Board Members discussed assisting in development was implied in the Bylaws.

III. **Public Comments:**

- Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug stated that comments/discussion by the public are going to be limited to 3 minutes going forward similar to the process that the Board of Commissioners follow.

- Public Member Victorino Rasmussen had a question about the AVGAS tanks which was already addressed earlier in the meeting.

- Public Member Joe McCarty asked about the next steps with the Minimum Standards? Interim Airport Director Hunter Hines responded, once the BOC approves the Rules & Regulations, they will begin development of the Minimum Standards.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. by Mike Reeves. Motion to accept was seconded by Doug Miller.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)