

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chair), Will Childs, Kevin Fowler, Reuben Jones, Mike Reeves

Members Absent: Chris Richard

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller

Approval of Minutes: March Minutes will be posted at a future date due to technical difficulty with meeting recording. April Meeting did not take place due to lack of quorum.

I. Information/Old Business

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

1. PDK Minimum Standards/Rules and Regulations: Do not have all comments back from the consultants. Should have them back some time this month.
2. LED Airfield Project: Currently about to get under way with chosen vendor, Trinity Electrical. Hopefully will have this to the Board at the beginning of next month. Project should be under way by Summer.
3. 2024 Good Neighbor Day Open House and Airshow – Post report: Great airshow this past Saturday. Incredible attendance:13,000 people. No complaints so far. Good comments: plenty of food trucks! Board Member Reuben Jones brought up that the crowd was very diverse. Plan for GBD every two years going forward.
4. Doc Magnet Memorial Aviation Park: New playground equipment was in place for the Good Neighbor Day Open House. Rubber mulch will be taken out and replaced with playground grade artificial grass turf. Date TBD.
5. PDK Airport Landing Fees: Based on a suggestion initially made by Open DeKalb, PDK is in the initial stages of exploring a plan to charge landing fees for transient aircraft. No base tenants will be charged. Much discussion on the topic ensued as well as significant Q&A among Board Members and Public attendees. AAB Chair Doug Miller recommended that a vote on this be delayed until all Board Members can discuss with their County Commissioners.
6. Air Quality & Noise Assessment RFP: Still moving forward; working out some final details. Over the next month or so expect movement. Still at the beginning stages of an 18-month project.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report March 2024: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The March 2024 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,659** which is a decrease of 7.01% as compared to March 2023. There were 368 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2024 year-to-date operations are **40,907** as compared to the total operations as of March 2023 of 41,837. In March 49% of operations were on a southerly flow, 45% were to the north, and 6% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 34.4 households made 997 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 6.8 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5.59PM (50%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 52% of the complaints originated from the **30360**-zip code. A total of 210 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, 52 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report April 2024: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The April 2024 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 17,911** which is an increase of 20.04% as compared to April 2023. There were 431 voluntary curfew operations. Total

2024 year-to-date operations are **58,818** as compared to the total operations as of April 2023 of 56,746. In April 71% of operations were on a southerly flow, 26% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 55.6 households made 1,835 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 10.2 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5.59PM (50%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 63% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 238 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, 43 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the March and April 2024 Noise Reports was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Will Childs. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Other:
NONE

II. New Business:
NONE

III. Public Comments:
New Air Traffic Manager at PDK, Jennifer Ross, encouraged folks to visit the Tower.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Doug Miller and seconded Mike Reeves.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell

Doug Miller

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)