

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, May 9th, 2022 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Eugene Henry

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 5:33p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the April 2022 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Kevin Fowler.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Airport Master Plan: Evans stated that Master Plan is still with Board of Commissioners for approval. Waiting for them to put it on the agenda for approval.
 2. Good Neighbor Day Airshow: Airshow will be May 14th. Hope everyone comes out for a fun festive time! Celebrating the 80th anniversary. Several warbirds will be flying in as well as military aircraft. A Reunion of Naval Air Station soldiers that were here in 1942 will be there.
 - Mike Reeves asked if there would be an observance for the Tuskegee Airmen. Evans answered, we have not received any response back from the organization.
 - Member of public Larry Fowler asked if the military planes would be on static display or be flying. Evans answered: they will be on static display.

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

The April 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 16,171** which is an increase of 40.27% as compared to April of 2021. There were 467 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2022 year-to-date operations are **59,925** as compared to the total 2021 operations as of April 2021 of 44,535. In April 57% of operations were on a southerly flow, 40% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 27.7 households made 971 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (43%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 57% of the complaints originated from the **30360** zip code. A total of 243 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, 34 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Reuben Jones asked: is there a correlation between high noise monitor and the call in complaints? Barnes answered: Yes. Evans followed up: look at Noise Monitor report online and where the reports are investigated for more details for each complainant.
- Doug Miller asked which makes more noise: take off or landing? Evans answered: more noise complaints come from departure.
- Evans brought up that the Red Bird Simulator per lease for Simflight, can turn into four different aircraft. Airport will be monitoring the Red Bird Simulator statistics for the rest of the year. Korey read off the statistics to date.

Motion to accept the April 2022 Noise Reports were made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**
NONE

III. **New Business:**
NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Jordan Fox asked if people can bring camping chairs to Good Neighbor Day: Evans answered: Camping chairs and blankets are welcome, no tents. – Has a press release gone out to the media about the event. Evans answered: Yes.
- Doug Miller shared that there will be an antique car show at the air show as well. Evans clarified that it will be antique cars from the 1940s.
- Scheinpflug asked if there is a list of acts. Evans answered: they are on the website. Headliners are Team Aeroshell and Lima Lima.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed at 6:01p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)