

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, July 11th, 2022 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

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

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 5:30p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the June 2022 minutes was made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Kevin Fowler.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Airport Master Plan: Airport Director Mario Evans stated that Master Plan is still with Board of Commissioners for approval. No further update on this as of this meeting.
 - AAB Chair Doug Miller asked about article he read discussing a convention center being built by PDK. Evans answered that there was a proposal put out by the DeKalb Convention Center, one of the sites was to be near PDK. Evans was asked for some information at the meeting regarding the airport but has no further information.

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

The June 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 16,157** which is an increase of 15.75% as compared to June of 2021. There were 433 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2022 year-to-date operations are **91,952** as compared to the total 2021 operations as of June 2021 of 70,614. In June 29% of operations were on a southerly flow, 68% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 14.5 households made 363 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00 AM and 11.59 AM. (44%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 33% of the complaints originated from the **30341** zip code. A total of 204 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, 18 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Board Member Chris Richard asked: How do you quantify new complaints and how do you research them? Barnes answered: They have never complained before. They are researched by address.

- Member of public Jordan Fox asked: 1.Can AAB meetings be advertised on Facebook? Hines answered: Yes. 2. There is still a bug with the Plane Noise app regarding data entered. Is there a way to log people who haven't complained in over 6 months? Barnes answered: He will look into that.

- Member of Public Patty Farinola asked if there was a way to reduce aircraft operations over Drew Valley? Evans answered: there is no way to single out not flying over Drew Valley. The decision for flight pattern is made by ATC at the time of flight due to wind. Farinola added: it is about the planes circling. Now that she works from home the noise is worse. Evans answered that in the past the airport had raised the pattern altitude from 500 to 750 feet to accommodate a complaint by another member of the Drew Valley community which resulted in generating other complaints in other neighborhoods. Most new students try to move away from busy PDK airport due to jet volume.

- Member of Public Elsie Allen asked: How does the noise report effect the Master Plan, should we expect an increase? Evans answered: we will look at the forecast for future operations from the Master Plan but it is not certain data. Miller added: there are more student pilots because of

the pilot shortage. Many like to train at PDK because there is a tower.

Motion to accept the June 2022 Noise Reports were made by Chris Richard and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**

- AAB Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked in absentia if there was any update on the Minimum Standards? Evans answered: No.

III. **New Business:**

NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

NONE

Motion to adjourn was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Chris Richard. Motion passed at 6:32p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)