

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, January 10th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Eugene Henry, Dan Zanger

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, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: Board Member Reuben Jones had a question on the Minutes, Evans clarified.
Motion to approve the December 2021 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by

- II. Information/Old Business

- A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**

1. Evans said Happy New Year to all on the call.
 2. News article from CBS 46. Article misinterpreted the information and statistics for the airport. Evans directed all to go to the pdkairport.org website to get the facts.

Jim Duguay of Baker International updated on Master Plan. Master Plan was submitted to GDOT. They have reviewed and are ready to go over the comments with the airport. Meeting is being scheduled this week. Once comments are addressed, the plan will be sent back to GDOT.

- Minimum standards are being reviewed by AAB will be finalized in the next couple of months.
- Board Member Doug Miller addressed the misinformation on social media about the airport that is going around right now. Encourages folks to get the facts from reliable sources. Board Chair, Larry Scheinpflug also spoke on some misinformation being expressed out in the community.

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

The December 2021 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 12,611** which is an increase of 13.47% as compared to December of 2020. There were 341 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **158,014** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of December 2020 of 138,420. In December 53% of operations were on a southerly flow, 45% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 20.1 households made 342 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (49%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 54% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 148 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, 35 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

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

The Annual 2021 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 158,014** which is an increase of 14.16% as compared to Annual Report of 2020. There were 4,624 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **138,420** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of Annual Report 2020 of 115,451. In 2021 45% of operations were on a southerly flow, 54% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 27.8 households made 3,486 complaints. The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 40% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 2,098 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, 357 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Evans and Scheinpflug addressed several questions on the Zoom chat:
- 1990 Noise Control Act wiped out the three strike rule act that other airports, such as Teterboro, still have in effect.
- Board will address social media communication issues. Working with Jordan Fox to get suggestions approved on the county level. Shout out by Doug Miller to Jordan Fox for addressing miscommunications out on local social media.
- Scheinpflug and Evans educated new people on the call regarding how the airport receives funding from GDOT/Federal government similar to the rest of the U.S. transportation system, such as interstates.

Motion to accept the December and Annual 2021 Noise Reports were made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**
NONE.

III. **New Business:**

- Scheinpflug communicated that every January a new Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected. Board Members Chris Richard and Doug Miller nominated Reuben Jones for Chair. Jones declined due to work commitments. Chris and Larry then nominated Doug Miller. Doug accepted. Doug nominated Larry for Vice Chair. Larry Accepted. All in favor of both nominations.
- Scheinpflug asked about survey being done on Runway 16/34. Evans shared that it is being looked at for repaving.

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Jordan Fox: is Dan Zanger still on the Board? If not, have we been in touch with Chamblee for a replacement? Evans answered that he is trying to find out from the City Council.
- Member of Public Gustavo Barros talked about the strong fuel smell appearing 3 or 4 times a week.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed at 6:33p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)