

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, February 14th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: 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 5:32p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the January 2022 minutes was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves.**

- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Received resignation (January 25th) from Dan Zanger stepping down from the Board representing the City of Chamblee. City of Chamblee will find a replacement.
 2. Jim Duguay of Baker International updated the status on Master Plan. Received GDOT's comments, very little feedback. Some technical preferences on the Technical report.
 - Evans described some of the technical issues that GDOT specified on the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Evans reminded that the report can be viewed on the airport website. There are 12 chapters. Evans asked for a recommendation from the AAB to approve the Master Plan and send it to the BOC. Miller asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Reeves seconded it. Motion passed.
 3. Lease for Hermeus: Evans seeking approval to put on the Board's agenda. Lease is for a 2-year term with one automatic renewal, equaling 4 years. With a CIP to increase 7% after the first two years. The lease is for 15,000 sq. foot of airport land. Evans described the details of the lease.
 - Board Member Reuben Jones asked if Hermeus would be building anymore testing space. Evans answered that they are only building the hush kit. This structure is a temporary structure.
 - Miller asked if the drawings were the same as the original proposed. Evans answered: Yes. Board Chair Scheinpflug approved motion, Reeves seconded. Motion is passed.
 4. Good Neighbor Day Airshow: Airshow is coming back after 2 years on hiatus due to COVID 19. Headliner will be Team Aeroshell in their T-6s! Up to 12 acts in the show so far. Show will start at 1PM. Evans went over details. May 14th, airshow is free. 65th Anniversary of V-Day will be celebrated and Warbirds will be present.
 5. Minimum Standards: Evans would like to put together an ad hoc committee along with Jim Baker along with some corporate T-hangar tenants and mechanics to weigh in on final draft document to be discussed by AAB and then presented to the Board of Commissioners. Evans asked people to let him or Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines know if they want to be part of the committee.

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

The January 2022 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 13,318** which is an increase of 24.79% as compared to January of 2021. There were 454 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2022 year-to-date operations are **13,318** as compared to the total 2021 operations as of January 2021 of 10,672. In January 43% of operations were on a southerly flow, 54% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 34.4 households made 791 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (42%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 66% of the

complaints originated from the **30360** zip code. A total of 223 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, 32 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Board Chair Miller asked if the Dunwoody zip code had ever lodged that high a number of complaints before. Barnes answered: No, but stated that the resident who lives in the household who lodged the complaints, Govantez Lowndes, was on the call. Lowndes addressed the Board and talked about how his house is in an area where airport noise has increased. Lowndes stated that he is interested in learning and is using the new Noise Complaint app. Barnes displayed an aerial map of where Lowndes house sits in comparison to aircraft take-offs and landings at PDK.

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

B. **Other:**

- Evans: Tomorrow on the BOC's agenda is to receive funding from the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$148K. Also on the agenda will be two standard T hangar leases and one shop lease.

III. **New Business:**

- Scheinpflug asked about survey work on runway 34/16. Asked if there was a timeline for resurfacing the runway. Evans deferred to engineer, Joe Snyder. Snyder said they are looking to put that project out for a bid in the next couple of months. Hump in runway will be engineered out. Other issues on runway 34/16 will also be addressed.

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Joe McCarty: is there a timeline for lowering the decision height or decision altitude on the 21L IOS approach? Evans: No timeline. Second question: is there a date for decommissioning the PDK VOR? Evans: It is on the list to be decommissioned. On the list for 2023.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed at 6:23p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)