

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, August 9th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Doug Miller, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Kevin Fowler, Eugene Henry, Reuben Jones, Dan Zanger

Members Absent: Airport Director Mario Evans, AAB Vice Chair Christopher Richard

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the July 2021 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Board Member Doug Miller. Motion passed.**

- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report:** Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines reported the following in Airport Director Mario Evans absence:
 1. Airport Master Plan Update:

Jim Duguay of Baker International states: In the last couple of weeks transmitted the draft of the Technical report of the Airport Master Plan to the airport staff and also transmitted the draft of the airport layout plan to airport staff. Airport is preparing their comments back. Next steps will be submitting to GDOT after reviewing airport comments, and submitting to Board of Commissioners. Also submitted a draft Airport Executive summary and did receive feedback from the airport.

Scheinpflug asked for a timeframe for all the above steps. Duguay answered: probably a couple of weeks for comments back, then and an additional few weeks for Baker to respond to comments. GDOT will take about 4 months to submit through FAA. Full timeline projection will be 6 months.

Member of Public Jordan Fox: Citizens have asked for a summary of the Master Plan. Many documents on the site, can a summary be presented? Also it's been a while since documents have been posted. Duguay responded: a 6 to 8 page summary was prepared. He will defer to Mario Evans as to when they will be posted on the site.
 2. RIM Update:

Waiting for a few things related to storm water structures, and final striping. Also some repairs at Atlantic's ramp have been made.
 3. New Rotating Beacon:

Beacon has been delivered. Should be installed in the next week or two.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The July 2021 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 16,072** which is an increase of 31.83% as compared to July of 2020. There were 436 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **86,686** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of July 2020 of 77,461. In July 68% of operations were on a southerly flow, 29% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 7.7 households made 185 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (32%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 45% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 239 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, 45 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Member of Public Amber Mosler: reported being woken up almost every night about 3AM by a jet that sounds like they are going to land on her roof (Tanglewood and Gregory Run), when will she get a break in air traffic? Scheinpflug asked Barnes what Noise monitor her home is close to? Barnes answered that her home is very close to airport. He will review noise reports to get more information. Board Member Doug Miller asked for a clarification on noise percentages, and did note that noise was up in the area where Amber Mosler's home is. Scheinpflug also pointed out that takeoffs and landings are not just at the discretion of the tower, but what

direction the wind is coming from. Board Member Dan Zanger commented on the consistent time and regularity of this reported jet noise, asked Barnes to research specifically. Board Member Reuben Jones asked for more clarification on what might be behind the curfew operations decrease in violations? Barnes answered that he letters might be helping. Jones then asked how many of the noise reports are correlated to Hermeus testing? Barnes answered that none of the High Noise events were associated with the Hermeus testing. Barnes also stated that he has been working with Hermeus and reviewing when they do their testing to see if there are any blips in the airport's noise readings. Findings are that the AAB results are in sync with Hermeus. Hunter Hines said Hermeus is working hard on the Hush House. Member of Public Larry Foster asked: would it be possible to try to get the regular MedEvac operations to occur at 3PM and/or a less disruptive time? Barnes answered that MedEvac are not scheduled, they come in as needed. They also do fly during the day.

Motion to accept the July 2021 Noise Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Eugene Henry. Motion passed.

B. Other:
NONE

III. New Business:

Hunter Hines: New lease agreement for Helicopter Express Inc. at 2005 Flight Way Drive. Need recommendation from the AAB. This would replace a prior lease agreement where they were a tenant at will. This would be a 20-year lease. Current rent is \$2048.57 a month. New rent would be \$4,377.72 per month per AAB approval. Rent credit is also included in this because of renovations they did. Also a 25,000 gallon minimum on fuel will be included in the package. Scheinpflug asked if the agreement was at fair market value? Hines answered: yes. It included a market analysis completed in November of 2020. Reuben Jones asked if Helicopter Express is fully cooperative with their Noise Control efforts? Barnes answered: Yes. Dan Zanger asked: how long have they been at PDK? Do we have to vote on this tonight? Hines answered: previous lease was for 20 years. They have been a tenant at will since 2018. Timeline requested was for a Board recommendation this month. Zanger said he'd like time to review, but he doesn't see any glaring issues. Scheinpflug agreed that time to review the lease would be best. Board discussed, most want to approve, but want to review information. Decision made for Hines to send information to Board, and everyone send their responses back to Larry.

- Doug Miller: There was significant flooding at the Downwind / Administration building / Epps Aviation. Any information? Hines answered: the Airport is aware of the flooding, which was a 25 year rain event. Issue being addressed with the storm water engineers. Epps sustained damage, Airport reviewing. Member of public asked that information on the flooding be discussed at the next meeting. Hines answered: Yes.

IV. Public Comments:

Larry Foster: Can you inform me when the meeting with the BOC will be scheduled? Scheinpflug reiterated the comments that Jim Duguay made. Jim Duguay also restated. Scheinpflug asked that Hines confirm all dates with Evans.

Motion to adjourn was made by Douglas Miller and seconded by Eugene Henry. Motion passed at 6:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)