

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, September 13th, 2021 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Doug Miller, 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 5:47p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the August 2021 minutes was made by Kevin Fowler and seconded by Board Member Reuben Jones. Motion passed.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans deferred to Jim Duguay:
 1. Airport Master Plan Update:

Jim Duguay of Baker International stated the same status as last month. The draft of the Technical report of the Airport Master Plan was sent to the airport staff as well as draft of the airport layout plan and Executive Summary. They received comments back from airport and are currently addressing them. Next step is presentation to BOC, which will be on September 21st. As soon as BOC presentation is complete, all documents will be added to Master Plan website.

- Member of Public Larry Foster asked: When is the BOC Ops meeting? Evans answered: he will inform.

- Member of public Jordan Fox asked: is there a policy in bylaws where AAB members are removed after missing a certain number of meetings? Evans and Scheinpflug answered: they will have to review the bylaws and get back to him.
 2. Helicopter Express Lease:

Scheinpflug is fine with lease. Reuben Jones asked about the discrepancy between rents in different regions. Evans answered: this is due to market analysis. Dan Zanger stated that more time was needed to review the lease than was given for this lease. Evans asked if there were any more questions regarding the lease? **Motion passed to approve as submitted by Dan Zanger and Reuben Jones.**
 3. PDK Pilot / Controller Forum:

Wednesday, 9/22 from 2PM to 4PM. Pilots can talk with controllers about any concerns when operating in and out of the airport. This will be a virtual meeting.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The August 2021 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 14,911** which is an increase of 28.00% as compared to August of 2020. There were 420 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2021 year-to-date operations are **101,597** as compared to the total 2020 operations as of August 2020 of 138,420. In August 57% of operations were on a southerly flow, 40% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 12.9 households made 323 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05.59 PM. (40%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 54% of the complaints originated from the **30345** zip code. A total of 189 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, 30 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Board Member Christopher Richard asked for clarification on the time of day range for the most complaints. Barnes provided it.
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked about the advisory letters, are responses required? Barnes answered: Pilots are not required to respond.

Motion to accept the August 2021 Noise Report was made by Chris Richard and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed.

B. **Other:**
NONE

III. **New Business:**

Evans addressed the question about removal of a Board Member. According to the bylaws, removal can happen for inability to carry out the obligations of a Board Member. Attendance is not addressed specifically.

IV. **Public Comments:**

Evans provided the following answers:

Jordan Fox: Yes, documents will be made available on the website once the BOC reviews.

Larry Foster: GORA report has been sent to the BOC.

J Dutro: The Master Plan can only be made available to the public after review of the BOC.

Other comments and discussion provided on meeting recording.

Motion to adjourn was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Chris Richard. Motion passed at 6:31 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)