

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, February 13th, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Kevin Fowler

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Corey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:37p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the January 2023 minutes was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Eugene Henry.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Renewal Leases: Extensions or amendments, per Legal, must be brought before the AAB and then presented to the BOC. The Board of Commissioners has requested that Airport Director Mario Evans present a letter from the Chairman of the AAB to the BOC for anything related to lease extensions or amendments.
 2. Sale of Epps Aviation: Article in AIN regarding sale to Aero Center. There is a pending sale. BOC has to approved assignment to the new owner. The new name will be Aero Center Epps Atlanta. Closing of sale should be by the 1st of March. Aero Center is looking to expand and improve on what the Epps family started. Meeting pending with Board but not scheduled yet.
 3. Article in AJC about Gwinnett airport and a \$17M redevelopment of SheltAir Aviation FBO. Noteworthy just to discuss competitors for PDK.
 4. Personal property tax on aircraft at PDK: Mario Evans listed the property tax paid from the airport for the last five years: 2018: \$2.1M, 2019: \$3M, 2020: \$5M, 2021: \$6.2M, 2022: \$6.8M. There is still some debt out there for '22 that is being collected. The personal property tax does not come back to airport, it goes to DeKalb County, City of Chamblee, and the school board. The airport is an economic development engine and this is one of the ways. Mario Evans just wanted to clarify.
 - Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked: Do you know the % for each group? Evans answered: the county receives 29%, City of Chamblee 15%, DeKalb schools receives 55%.
 5. Will Childs appointment for City of Chamblee seat is approved by operations. In the process of being approved by Airport BOC.
 6. Aviation Management Consulting Group (AMCG): Rules and Regulations, Minimum Standards, Rates and Fees, etc. Presenters: Jeff Coleman, Managing principal for AMCG and Scott Malta. AMCG works with airports and aviation primarily focused in GA. Interviewed airport tenants at PDK especially on the commercial side to update/develop primary management compliance documents for PDK to adopt. Presentation was made, will be on website.
 - Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked 4 questions: 1. How long will this process take? Coleman answered: 6 months. 2. Regarding commercial air activities, is the possibility of regularly scheduled air traffic at PDK one of the topics being discussed? Coleman clarified that there is no discussion about regularly scheduled commercial air flights, only general commercial aeronautical activity. 3. AOPA Southeast regional rep. Stacey Heaton has pointed out in the past that Minimum Standards shouldn't be a one size fits all. Will you be looking for one size fits all? Coleman answered that he knows Stacey, is currently working with her, and that they will not be looking to make Min. standards cookie cutter. 4. Have you talked to piston people? Coleman: Yes, they will be talking to piston personnel.
 - Reuben Jones: Have you ever had an airport not go along with your recommendations? Coleman: Yes, but these are the county regulations, not AMCG's.
 - Member of community: Don Anderson, piston a/c owner on field. Wants to make sure they are going to be able to obtain good quality piston maintenance. Would you meet with individual a/c owners? Coleman:

yes.

- 7. Request for all of our personal email addresses on Board: All on board have received county email addresses. Mario set this up for all of us. Communications will be sent to all of us via those email addresses going forward.
- 8. Runway rehabilitation: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines reported: Runway 16-34 going through rehab. Just finalized a date/time for the pre-construction meeting with contractor for later this month. Should have more information for next AAB meeting.
 - Board Member Doug Miller: Do you anticipate this affecting the parallel runways? Hines answered: Yes, there will be some period where these runways will need to be closed. Project should take 126 days, starting in April.
- 9. Airport Master Plan: Evans reported that this is still with the BOC, no updates.
- 10. Good Neighbor Day: There will not be one this year, rotation now is every other year. Next one will be in 2024: Someone asked. are taxpayer funds used for this? Evans answered: No. Airport does not receive funds from the County for Good Neighbor Day.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The January 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 13,118** which is a decrease of 1.50% as compared to January 2022. There were 290 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **13,118** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of January 2022 of 176,895. In January 59% of operations were on a southerly flow, 37% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 20.2 households made 524 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 5.59 PM. (44%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 38% of the complaints originated from the **30360** zip code. A total of 117 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).
 - Amber Mosler asked why south is so heavy with traffic and when will she get a portable noise monitor from airport? Barnes answered: it is due to wind direction. He has her on the list for a portable noise monitor.
 - Jordan Fox: is 87+dBA a high noise event? Barnes answered, Yes.

Motion to accept the January 2023 Noise Reports were made by Doug Miller and seconded by Chris Richards. Motion passed.

- B. **Other:**
Doug Miller – Are the Minutes only published when approved? Mario Evans answered: Yes.

III. **New Business:**
NONE

- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - Amber Mosler: Any follow-up on Tanglewood Circle plane issue? Evans answered: Board has reviewed, forwarding on their recommendations, waiting to hear back from FAA.
 - Mark Clowdus: When is a good time to talk to Mr. Coleman from AMCG? Coleman responded: How does 3PM work tomorrow? Clowdus responded: Perfect.

Motion to adjourn was made by Reuben Jones5 and seconded by Gene Henry. Motion passed at 6:40p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

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Larry Scheinpflug

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