

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, July 10th, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Mike Reeves, Doug Miller (Vice Chair), Reuben Jones, Will Childs, Kevin Fowler, Christopher Richard, Airport Director Mario Evans

Members Absent: Eugene Henry

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 June 2023 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Chris Richard.**

- II. Information/Old Business

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

1. Airport Master Plan: still downtown in a holding pattern.
 2. RFP for air quality and noise assessment. It has come out of RFP committee. It will now go to the Board of Commissioners meeting next Tuesday for approval.
 3. Minimum Standards: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines: Should have first outline by end of this week.

Rules and Regulations: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines: He just spoke to Airport Management Consulting Group, waiting on last draft.

Runway 16/34: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines said that the project is moving at a good pace, held up by weather. Still on track to complete on time by August 18th.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The June 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 13,871** which is a decrease of 14.15% as compared to Jun 2022. There were 410 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **85,011** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of June 2022 of 91,952. In June 65% of operations were on a southerly flow, 35% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 8.9 households made 268 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00PM and 11.59PM (40%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 30% of the complaints originated from the **30341**-zip code. A total of 218 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, 16 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Board Member Reuben Jones asked questions about how current report data analysis conveys high noise percentages. Evans and Barnes answered and explained.

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

- B. **Other:**

Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked four questions of Airport Director Mario Evans: 1. Is there an ongoing lease for Sky Harbor and if so, what is the timeline? Evans: Lease is not written yet, no timeline. 2. Do new owners of Epps Aviation have a new lease? Evans: No, owners purchased as is. 3. Do we have any RFPs for future development on the table as of today? Evans: No. 4. Are there any near-term plans for T-hangar construction? Evans: No, none on the table to build more at this present time.

- III. **New Business:**

NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

Jordan Fox asked about sidewalks along Buford Highway? Evans answered that the airport is working with GDOT on sidewalks. Other questions were asked by Jordan Fox and others and answered by Evans.

Motion to adjourn was not made due to a hacker at the end of the meeting. Meeting ended abruptly at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell

Larry Scheinpflug

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)