

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, October 14th, 2024 at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chair), Will Childs, Mike Reeves, Reuben Jones

Members Absent: Chris Richard

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September 2024 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

A. **Airport Director's Report delivered by Deputy Airport Director (Hunter Hines):**

1. LED Airfield Lighting Project: Working with contractor on project start. Now expecting to start in January 2025. Project will be a 3-month duration.
2. 3R/21L Keel Replacement Project:
Hope to begin just after LED project is complete. Project is projected to be a 2-month duration. It will require closure of 21L during project. A portion of Alpha will also be replaced and will require a 45-day closure of runway. Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked how these are funded? Hunter answered that they are 95% federally funded / 5% by the airport. Board Member Mike Reeves asked if the bids were competitive? Hunter answered: Yes.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report July 2024: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The September 2024 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 15,416** which is a decrease of 12.23% as compared to September 2023. There were 518 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2024 year-to-date operations are **151,006** as compared to the total operations as of September 2023 of 176,520. In September 34% of operations were on a southerly flow, 64% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 38 households made 1,218 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 13.3 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00AM and 11:59AM (36%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 57% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 286 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, 20 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the September 2024 Noise Reports was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **Other:**

- Board Chair Doug Miller announced that Kevin Fowler has resigned the Board. Board Member Mike Reeves stated that efforts need to be made to reinvigorate the Board.
- Is there a timeframe for VOR removal? Airport Deputy Director Hunter Hines answered: It cannot be removed until the DME equipment is moved. VOR is already decommissioned.
- Taxiway D lights outage status/ Answer: Contractors have been looking at the lights that are out. May require parts. No timeframe to resolution. If not resolved before LED project completed, it will be resolved by LED replacement. Board Member Mike Reeves asked if a salvage company would pick up removed lights. Hunter Hines said that a message will go out to see if another local airport could use them.
- Doug Miller asked: is 34/16 is back open? Hunter Hines answered: Yes.
- Minimum Standards / Rules and Regulations? Answer: Consultant still working on next draft version.

II. **New Business:**
NONE

III. **Public Comments:**
NONE.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:41 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Larry Scheinpflug and Mike Reeves.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)