

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: Chris Richard, Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Doug Miller.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 2025 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

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

1. LED Airfield: Still on track. Trinity Electrical will be performing the transition to LED lights. Kick off will be around March 3rd. Email sent out to all tenants explaining the phasing plan for the LED project: many phases and closures.
2. Rules & Regulations: Several drafts have gone out with comments from Advisory Board and public. One request for additional review, waiting to hear back from more on the AAB. Will go over at March meeting.
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked some clarifying questions ahead of the March meeting which Hunter Hines answered. Mr. Jones asked about some language in the R&R document that he thought should be removed. Hunter stated that he will review. To be discussed at the March meeting
3. Air Quality and Noise Study: Hunter stated that the study is in the modeling phase. He then deferred to N&E Analyst Korey Barnes for more information. Korey stated that HMMH provided him with a summary of what the modeling would look like based on the input so far. This will be sent to the EPA and FAA. The EPA, FAA and EP Division will review for about two weeks. Once HMMH starts modeling it is projected to take 4 to 5 months to complete. Additional item was introduced by Hunter Hines; Hunter discussed PDK working with HMMH and preparing a report on analysis of the east side of the airport where some potential development is happening. Report should be ready in mid-March.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report January 2025: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report:

The January 2025 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 12,674** which is an increase of 9.05% as compared to January 2024. There were 419 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2025 year-to-date operations are **12,674** as compared to the total operations as of January 2024 of 11,622. In January 24% of operations were on a southerly flow, 73% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 858 complaints were made in the month of January. Top 3 complainants made up 709 of the 858 complaints (83%). One complainant made up 534 of the 858 complaints (62%). **Summary: 26 Total Complainants with 1 new complainant.** The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 05:59 PM (39%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 64% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 221 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 January 2025 and January Annual Noise Reports was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Reuben Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Other:

- Board Vice Chair Doug Miller communicated that Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug (who was absent for this meeting) asked that discussion on the Rules & Regulations be deferred to the March meeting so he can participate. **Motion to accept was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Will Childs. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Doug Miller also discussed his desire to have the Board gather and take a tour of the PDK Tower. Hunter Hines will speak with Tower personnel to see what works.
- Doug Miller reminded that Aero Center/Epps is having an open house on February 26th.
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked for an update on the status of the proposal for PDK transient landing fees. Hunter Hines answered that this should be put in front of the BOC in April.

II. **New Business:**

NONE

III. **Public Comments:**

- Airport tenant Victorino Rasmussen who owns Biplane Rides Over Georgia shared some concerns about Maintenance at the airport. He is also interested in a role on the AAB. Board Vice Chair Doug Miller advised him to get with his County Commissioner to discuss his interest in being nominated for his district.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:02 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Mike Reeves and Will Childs.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Vice Chair)