

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

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 6:01 p.m. by AAB Vice Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the June 2024 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Will Childs. Motion passed unanimously.**

### I. Information/Old Business

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

1. LED Airfield Project: Still waiting for the contract from the DeKalb County purchasing department. Once returned, notice to proceed will be given. Target Q4 2024 to start on project.
2. Runway 3R/21L Keel Replacement Project: Received bids, no recommendation of award given yet. Target Spring of 2025 to start on project.

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

**The June 2024 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 19,336** which is an increase of 39.12% as compared to June 2023. There were 561 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2024 year-to-date operations are **96,967** as compared to the total operations as of June 2023 of 85,039. In June 45% of operations were on a southerly flow, 51% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 61 households made 1,647 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 20.8 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5:59PM (41%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 43% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 284 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, 21 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

**Motion to accept the June 2024 Noise Reports was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### B. **Other:**

Landing Fees – Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked if there were any updates. Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines answered that he is waiting for all Board members to talk to their commissioners. Larry as the only Board member to get a response from his Commissioner, received some documents for revenue and expenditure streams and reported that the revenue side is lacking detail. Larry stated that while we need funds for capital projects at the airport, we also need transparency of the operational budget for the airport. As an enterprise entity he is concerned that we don't have an adequate accounting system. Larry shared that he heard FBO's at PDK are receiving \$1M for fuel flowage fees. Hunter countered that No FBO is being paid \$1M for fuel flowage fees. Larry asked if some of the Ad Valorem fees and taxes generated on the field for fuels beyond what's paid to the government should come back to the airport? Hunter answered that no taxes come back to the airport. Hunter recommended that Board members talk to their county tax commissioner if they want taxes paid on ad valorem fees. Larry recommends that Hunter get further involved with ALL counties and review all line items to make sure we are getting all the credit on revenues and quality control.

PDKAA Representative Joe McCarty conducted a survey among PDK pilots. 84% strongly oppose landing fees. Discussion ensued among various Board members and members of public that was a repeat of discussion held in the June AAB meeting. Larry will get with Board Chair Doug Miller to create a template letter to send to all commissioners. Motion to develop a uniform communication to commissioners so that the Board can make an educated recommendation back to them was made by

Doug Miller and seconded by Board Member Mike Reeves. Board accepted the motion unanimously.

II. **New Business:**

Board Chair Doug Miller shared that he is continuing to receive positive feedback on playground upgrade. Doug asked if Board would want to do a visit of the PDK ATC tower. Board members are interested, will discussed in next meeting.

III. **Public Comments:**

Question on whether there are any updates on the Rules and Regulations project. Hunter Hines answered: No.

Member of public Larry Foster asked about the Environmental study for Noise and Pollution. Board answered that it is still in progress.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Mike Reeves and seconded Larry Scheinpflug.**

Submitted by:

*Lori Bell*

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Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

*Larry Scheinpflug*

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Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair)