

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, August 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, Mike Reeves

Members Absent: Chris Richard, Kevin Fowler, Reuben Jones

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the July 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 resolution with GDOT to accept State funding for project. Will be going before the BOC tomorrow. Once finalized this will go over to GDOT for a notice to proceed. Still looking at a late Fall start.
2. Runway 3R/21L Keel Replacement Project: Bid awarded to CW Matthews. Still waiting on allocation of funding from FAA. Project then has to go before the BOC for approval. Expected timeframe to start Spring 2025.
3. Amendment to Flightway One, LLC Corporate Lease: Amendment to their contract extending lease for one of their two-year five-year lease options. Lease will go to 2029. AAB Chair Doug Miller asked Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines to discuss the lease options. Board Member Will Childs had a question about flowage fee after Year 3. Hunter said it will increase by 1 cent. **Board Member Mike Reeves made a motion to approve Flight Way 1 Corporate Lease. Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug seconded. All approved unanimously.**

Consent for sublease for two facilities at Aero Center (Epps) FBO for hangars 2 and 3 to be subleased to SkyTech, Inc.: Aero Centers President/COO, Geoff Heck was present and shared that Aero wants to sublease for turbo prop maintenance. **Board Member Mike Reeves made a motion to approve Aero Center Lease. Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug seconded. All approved unanimously.**

Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines asked that each Board member email their recommendations to him for both leases. Board Member Mike Reeves asked when the new branding signs will be going up in place of Epps signage. Geoff Heck said this is moving forward. Heck also shared that one back hallway at the Aero Center will be dedicated to Epps history.

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

**The July 2024 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 18,226** which is an increase of 16.22% as compared to July 2023. There were 404 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2024 year-to-date operations are **115,193** as compared to the total operations as of July 2023 of 100,722. In July 61% of operations were on a southerly flow, 37% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 62.9 households made 2,013 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 7.9 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5.59PM (33%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 74% of the complaints originated from the **30345**-zip code. A total of 259 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, 40 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

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

B. **Other:**  
None

II. **New Business:**

Board Chair Doug Miller reminded all Board Members to keep trying to get information for amendment to airport section of county code that says airport can charge transient landing fees.

III. **Public Comments:**

NONE

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:09 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Mike Reeves and seconded Will Childs.**

Submitted by:

*Lori Bell*

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Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

*Doug Miller*

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Doug Miller (AAB Chair)