

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, September 9<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, Reuben Jones

Members Absent: Chris Richard, Kevin Fowler

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the August 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 Project: Resolution passed with GDOT for project funding. Waiting on GDOT to give us a notice to proceed. Trinity Lighting will be the contractor. They will be looking to start that project end of this year or beginning of 2025.
2. Recommendations for vote from BOC:  
**Lease Amendment #7:** Questions answered regarding property tax by Hunter.

**Epps T hangars being torn down and replaced with corporate hangars.** No information on that.

**General aviation front row tie-down spots to be eliminated for safety purposes.** Flight school planes usually here will move somewhere else. Board Member Reuben Jones asked questions on length of leases. PDK Airport Legal rep. Joyce Foster spoke on lease analysis and amendments. Reuben asked if Epps was able to end current lease without penalty and Aero Center start a new lease? Joyce Foster said this was looked at since the current lease is a 1979 document, however, this would have required many things to change therefore lease amendment #7 was decided the best path, which is a consent to assign lease to another entity.

Member of public shared that Atlantic Aviation received two rent escalations in the last 30 years. Joyce confirmed that it was renewed twice at competitive rate. Joyce shared that most leases at the airport realize a 10% escalation every five years. **Board Chair Doug Miller made a motion to approve Aero Center Lease Amendment 7. Board Member Mike Reeves made a motion to approve and Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug seconded. Board Member Will Child did not approve. Motion approved but not unanimously. Will Child to send email to Hunter to convey in writing his nay vote on aero center lease amendment #7.**

3. US Transport: Consent to assign lease hold to the Maintenance Group dba Elliot Aviation. PDK Airport legal rep. Joyce Foster explained the process. Board has to approve the re-assignment. **Motion to approve the Consent for assignment was made by AAB Chair Doug Miller. Approved by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**The August 2024 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 20,095** which is an increase of 44.85% as compared to August 2023. There were 552 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2024 year-to-date operations are **135,590** as compared to the total operations as of August 2023 of 114,595. In August 40% of operations were on a southerly flow, 57% were to the north, and 3% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 34.7 households made 904 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 13.5 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00AM and 11:59AM (40%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 49% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 274 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, 29 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

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

B. **Other:**

Airport Chair Doug Miller brought up discussion on landing fees. Discussions ensued on when to hold the vote, as well as budget questions related to documents sent to Board by Hunter Hines via email prior to meeting. **Vote to change language in county code suggested by AAB Chair Doug Miller. Motion accepted by Doug, Mike Reeves, Will Child and Reuben Jones. Larry Scheinpflug opposed, and will address in writing to Hunter Hines. Motion approved but not unanimously.**

**Rules update:** Hunter Hines says more information is needed to finalize document. Once finalized it will be brought to the BOC for review.

II. **New Business:**

NONE

III. **Public Comments:**

Mark Clowdus asked if the county is currently leasing tie-downs and is there a waitlist? Deputy Airport Director, Hunter Hines responded that the airport is currently doing an inventory of actual tie-down spaces available.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:08 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)