

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, October 9th, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines, and Noise and Environmental Analyst Corey Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the September 2023 minutes was made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller motion passed unanimously.**

- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**
 1. Airport Master Plan: Master plan website is now down. All materials are moved over to the airport website: pdkairport.org.
 2. Runway 16/34 project: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines updated that runway surfacing is complete. Working now in the safety area of 16/34 to meet compliance. Runway needs to remain closed until completion of this safety work, about another two weeks. Final markings on runway surface should also be completed in the next couple of weeks.
 - Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked where the work was being done? Hines answered that the work is being done at the approach end of runway 34.
 3. PDK Aviation Park playground upgrade: moving through purchasing and contracting to approve funding. Aviation theme will continue.
 - Member of public asked to see renderings of what is proposed for park upgrade. Mario Evans answered that the renderings will be shared on the website.
 4. Air Quality and Noise assessment: all documentation has been received by HMMH Consulting. Notice to proceed meeting forthcoming.
 - Member of public asked when this would occur? Mario Evans answered: he will provide an update as soon as is possible.
 5. Sky Harbor presentation: Mario Evans requested recommendation from Board. Larry Scheinpflug asked if any Board members need a refresher? Doug Miller asked if there had been any other changes since the presentation. Mario Evans answered: proposal has not changed. Larry Scheinpflug asked if there are any other questions or motions?
Motion to approve by Reuben Jones and seconded by Doug Miller motion passed unanimously.
 6. Hermeus hours of operation: No noise complaints have been received. Airport now requires Hermeus to not operate during curfew hours.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Corey Barnes delivered the following report: **The September 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 17,546** which is an increase of 12.56% as compared to September 2022. There were 232 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **132,141** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of September 2022 of 134,622. In September 43% of operations were on a southerly flow, 57% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 54.4 households made 1,360 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00AM and 11:59AM (58%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 72% of the complaints originated from the **30319**-zip code. A total of 187 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, 19 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Board Vice Chair Doug Miller offered to meet with resident from Brookhaven with a significant number of complaints since this is the district he represents.

Motion to accept the September 2023 Noise Report was made by Doug Miller and seconded Reuben Jones motion passed unanimously.

B. **Other:**
NONE

III. **New Business:**
NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**
- Jordan Fox asked if residents will be receiving permanent new noise monitors. Evans answered that a portable one will be brought to a citizen's home for a week, but not permanently. Jordan stated that this was asked for and approved. Evans stated that no funding has been allocated for permanent noise monitors. Doug Miller suggested that citizens go directly to Airport Director's office to discuss.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:09 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Will Childs and Reuben Jones.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Larry Scheinpflug

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)