

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, November 13th, 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

Members Absent: Chris Richard, Mike Reeves, Gene Henry

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:39p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the October 2023 minutes was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Reuben Jones motion passed unanimously.**

I. Information/Old Business

A. **Airport Director's Report (Mario Evans):**

1. Hangars Glen, LLC: A new 20-year lease agreement is being presented to the AAB. Mario Evans emailed the Board a copy two weeks ago. Rent will increase. CIP increase of 10% every five years. Will Childs asked how rent was reset? Mario Evans answered: Fair market value report is completed. Reuben Jones asked: Do we use different analysis companies or just Airport Business Solutions? Mario Evans answered: Various companies are offered to bid on completing the analysis. Reuben Jones also asked if there were specific capital improvement projects that Hangars Glen said they will do per their lease? Mario Evans answered that there are none specifically.

- Public question: What kind of business is Hangars Glen involved with? Olivia Grimm of Stonemont Financial which is hangered there, answered: Stonemont is a private real estate firm so business travel.

Motion to accept by Doug Miller and Will Childs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Airport Master Plan: Master plan was approved by BOC.
- Public member Jordan Fox asked: What happens next? Mario Evans answered: The next project is the Sky Harbor project. Larry Scheinpflug asked if the BOC vote was unanimous to approve as is? Mario Evans said it passed 4/3. No changes were made.
3. Air Quality and Noise Assessment: They are rounding out the final insurance for the sub-contractors who will be working on it. Once complete there will be a notice to proceed.
4. Runway 16/34 project: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines stated that rehabilitation of the runway is nearing the end of the project.
5. EMAS repair: Larry requested details. Mario Evans discussed the incident on the runway with a King Air. The EMAS did its due diligence and stopped the aircraft. Blocks that were damaged on the EMAS that need to be replaced. A \$1.5M repair cost which goes to the insurance company of said aircraft to be paid. Doug Miller asked if there were injuries? Mario Evans said No. Reuben Jones asked if runway access will be affected? Mario Evans said yes, coordination is happening for that construction and installation.

Noise and Environmental Analyst Report: - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The October 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 16,724** which is an increase of 0.78% as compared to October 2022. There were 432 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **148,865** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of October 2022 of 176,895. In October 36% of operations were on a southerly flow, 64% were to the north, and 0% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 31 households made 586 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 6.8 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 06:00AM and 11:59AM (41%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 54% of the complaints originated from the **30360**-zip code. A total of 197 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, 14 advisory letters were sent to

the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

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

Other:

Doug Miller asked: are there any updates on Sky Harbor? Mario Evans answered: this has been placed on BOC's agenda for tomorrow's discussion.

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II. New Business:

- Larry Scheinpflug asked: Since Epps is no longer offering piston powered aircraft maintenance, are there any plans to replace the maintenance void and where do people go? Mario Evans answered: Epps is bringing in a third party to do piston maintenance.

- Larry Scheinpflug asked: Hunter had sent out a third draft of Rules and Regulations which Larry forwarded to Board members. Will we have a separate meeting to discuss? Hunter Hines suggested that everyone compile their questions and comments and he will send them off to our consultant. Doug Miller added that he thinks we need to be on a zoom or face-to-face meeting. Hunter Hines said that would be fine, he will put out some dates and times. Mario Evans will check with the legal department on how the meeting format can take place. Larry Scheinpflug suggested Nov. 27th for the meeting.

III. Public Comments:

- Mark Clowdus asked if Epps is the only piston mechanic option at PDK? Mario Evans answered: No.
- Jaimie Duitro asked about receiving the Environmental study proposal from Mario Evans. Evans said he has been trying to send but it is not going electronically. He welcomes Jaime to come to office to pick up a hard copy.

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

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell

Larry Scheinpflug

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)