

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30 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 5:39p.m. by AAB Chair, Doug Miller

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 2024 minutes was made by Doug Miller 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. EMAS update: Incident last year with an aircraft that ended long on 21L and ran into EMAS system. Repair has been scheduled, will begin on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Runway should be able to remain open while repairs are underway. Repairs are estimated to take about 5 days.  
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked: Does the EMAS have any capability now in its damaged state? Hines answered: Yes.
2. PDK Rules and Regulations update: sitting with Draft #4. This is posted on PDK.org under Minimum Standards/Rules and Regulations section. Any users of the airport can click on the link to make comments. Consultant with AMCG will compile all comments and come to the Board with any new business that could possibly be added or changed. Link will be available until March 5<sup>th</sup>.  
- Reuben Jones asked if AMCG is the decider of what changes if any will be made? Hines answered: Decision will be made along with airport management.
3. Air Quality and Noise Study: Noise and Environmental Analyst Korey Barnes reported: Notice to proceed meeting with HMMH: decision to proceed on the Air Quality and Noise study. Kick-off meeting will be February 27<sup>th</sup>. Estimated to be an 18-month project.  
- Board Chair Doug Miller asked: will there be updates in the process? Barnes answered: Yes, he will share as they come in.

**Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** - N&E Analyst, Korey Barnes delivered the following report: **The January 2024 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 11,622** which is a decrease of 11.40% as compared to January 2023. There were 255 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2024 year-to-date operations are **11,622** as compared to the total operations as of January 2023 of 13,118. In January 55% of operations were on a southerly flow, 40% were to the north, and 5% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 33,3 households made 867 complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 5.0 complaints per household. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5.59PM (42%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 51% of the complaints originated from the **30360**-zip code. A total of 100 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, 28 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Reuben Jones asked: When you send out the letters for operating in the curfew hours, have you ever found out why a/c are operating in curfew hours? Barnes answered: Yes he has.
- Public Member Jordan Fox asked: didn't we lower the threshold for high noise events? Barnes answered: Yes, we lowered from 90 to 87 decibels for residential and we raised them for commercial from 93 to 96 decibels.
- Reuben Jones asked: Is there a correlation between noise monitors and number of complaints? Barnes answered: Not necessarily.
- Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug asked: What percentage of your time Korey do you spend on collecting noise data and handling other related information vs environmental and security functions? Barnes answered: a considerable amount of time.
- Jordan Fox asked: Isn't (Korey's) title Noise Abatement Analyst meaning that noise is his primary focus?

Barnes answered: That is correct.

**Motion to accept the January 2024 Noise Report was made by Reuben Jones and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Other:**

- Board Chair Doug Miller brought up the discussion about returning to live monthly AAB meetings that were suspended during the pandemic. Much discussion was had about the option to hold the meetings hybrid. AAB Board leaders reported that Room 227 in the PDK Administration building is not set-up capable for hybrid, but it will be looked into for the future. Vote was taken among Board members in tonite's meeting on whether to hold meetings live at the airport at 6PM starting in March, or do online. Board members on call voted unanimously to hold meetings live starting with the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Member of Public Mark Clowdus asked: Is public invited? Board Chair Doug Miller answered: Yes.
- Board Member Reuben Jones asked: What are advantages of live meeting over virtual? Multiple Board members answered and referenced their commissioners saying that they would prefer live meetings. Board Chair Doug Miller stated that it helps to get people out to the airport.

**II. New Business:**

NONE

**III. Public Comments:**

NONE

**Motion to adjourn was made at 6:23 p.m. Motion to accept was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded Mike Reeves.**

Submitted by:

*Lori Bell*

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Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

*Doug Miller*

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Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)