

## DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference call.

Members Present: Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair), Christopher Richard, Mike Reeves, Doug Miller (Vice Chair), Reuben Jones, Kevin Fowler and Gene Henry.

Members Absent: Chris Richard

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 5:37p.m. by AAB Chair, Larry Scheinpflug.

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the February 2023 minutes was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Reuben Jones with changes discussed.**

- II. Information/Old Business

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

1. Airport Master Plan still in a holding pattern from the BOC. Update on Environmental Air and Noise is still in committee. Hoping to be ready by the first of April.
    2. Runway rehabilitation: Deputy Airport Director Hunter Hines reported: Runway 16-34 going through rehab. From the preconstruction meeting it was determined that the project will start April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will consist of 3 phases: first phase 6 days, second phase 54 days, third phase 11 days consecutively. This will include a closure of primary runway for 11 days in phase 3, late June.
    3. Minimum Standards: waiting for first draft to be completed from AMCG.
    4. Leases: Per Legal, Mario will bring all renewals, amendments, extension requests from current and future tenants before the BOC.
      - Board Chair Larry Scheinpflug: Has a renewal ever been denied? Evans: not automatic but reviewed for due diligence to make sure tenant is in good standing; paid monthly lease on time, taxes, etc.
      - Board member Reuben Jones: Is this a new process? Evans: Not a new process.
      - Public member Larry Foster: Have you sent out the information about the new county emails? Evans answered: Email addresses are listed on website. Reuben Jones responded: anything sent to him he would want to have reviewed by official channels before he would respond. Larry spoke about concerns that members of the public are given enough time to speak. The Board discussed how the current process is for the public to make their comments at the end per the agenda.

**Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** - N&E Analyst, Corey Barnes delivered the following report: **The February 2023 Noise Report** will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations were 132,955** which is a decrease of 11.4% as compared to February 2022. There were 347 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2023 year-to-date operations are **26,073** as compared to the total 2022 operations as of February 2022 of 27,881. In February 71% of operations were on a southerly flow, 25% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 16 households made 543 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00 PM and 5.59 PM. (43%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 47% of the complaints originated from the **30360** zip code. A total of 139 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, 27 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

- Larry Scheinpflug: Will bump be taken out when you land on runway 16/34? Hunter Hines responded: Yes.

**Motion to accept the February 2023 Noise Reports were made by Mike Reeves and seconded by Doug Miller. Motion passed.**

- B. **Other:**  
NONE

III. **New Business:**

NONE

IV. **Public Comments:**

- Mark Clowdus: Clarify on runway 16/34 construction: Will one runway remain open at all times? Evans: Yes.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed at 6:27p.m.**

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

*Lori Bell*

*Larry Scheinpflug*

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Lori Bell (Secretary)

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Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Chair)