



Minutes

Airport Advisory Board

The Airport Advisory Board of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, held a Regular meeting on June 23, 2020, at the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport, 3232 Pleasant Street, DeKalb Illinois in the first floor Community Room.

Vice Chair Bernard Pupino called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Renee Riani called the roll and the following members of the Airport Advisory Board were present: Paul Borek, Scott Carlson, Matt Duffy, Bernard Pupino, James Rhoades, and Tony Faivre.

Also present were: Airport Manager Renee Riani, City Manager Bill Nicklas, and Mayor Jerry Smith.

B. Approval of Agenda – Additions / Deletions

Paul Borek moved to approve the agenda; seconded by James Rhoades. Motion passed by a majority voice vote of those present.

C. Public Participation

Scott Carlson introduced himself to the Board as the newest appointed member.

Mayor Smith commended Renee Riani for the informative agenda, and further compliments were shared by Bill Nicklas and echoed by members of the Board.

D. Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2020

Paul Borek moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 meeting; seconded by James Rhoades. Motion passed by a majority voice vote of those present.

E. Old Business

1. Illinois Department of Transportation/Division of Aeronautics Aircraft Counting Study
Questions were raised regarding the usage of the data that will be gathered, length of the study, whether the data will be shared. Renee Riani explained the collected data will be used as one of the factors in determining airport system planning and future development funding by IDOT and the FAA and will be shared, and the study spans a year.

F. New Business

1. DKB-4331 – Taxiway – Rehabilitate T-Hangar Pavements, Airport Entrance Road, and Auto Parking Lot
No questions or discussion.
2. DKB-4853: CARES Act
No questions or discussion.
3. DKB-4556: Relocate & Replace the Existing NAVAID Units on Runway Ends 2, 20, & 27
No questions or discussion.

4. **DKB-4800: Resurface Runway 2-20**

A question was raised by meeting attendee, Jeff Kohlert, President of Fly America, an airport tenant/business, regarding the possibility of having a portion of Runway 9-27 available during the intersection construction, which would allow the airport to remain open, albeit with a shorter length of runway available. Renee Riani said that she would present that idea to CMT and IDOT for consideration.

G. Reports

a. **Airport Manager's Report**

No questions or discussion.

b. **Flight and Ground Operations**

Bill Nicklas shared update on Cortland resident complaints and gave background on the previous meeting he attended last fall with a few of the Cortland residents, a Cortland police officer, Tom Cleveland, former DeKalb Airport Manager, and FAA Flight Standards District Office representative. Prior to the meeting, the FAA representative had reviewed the residents' emails, photos and videos, addressed them during the meeting, and provided a PowerPoint presentation to show that the operations at DKB are within FAA regulations. Discussion and comments were made regarding the fact that the airport has been in existence for many years prior to the Cortland residences being established.

Renee Riani provided an update on the 100LL aviation gasoline truck recent leak. Scott Carlson suggested checking with the fuel supplier to see if they offer a fuel truck lease program.

c. **Budget**

Renee Riani explained that following the statewide Stay at Home order, the City had established a non-essential spending freeze and the only out-of-the-ordinary expenditures have been for necessary fuel truck and farm repairs.

d. **Hangar Rentals**

Renee Riani received another hangar rental inquiry that morning, which brought the current hangar waitlist total to 11. Discussion included the fact that one aircraft owner might be on more than one waitlist at multiple airports. Renee Riani had spoken with the Kankakee Airport manager who has many vacancies, which shows that aircraft owners will typically seek a hangar that is within reasonable reach of their home.

H. Adjournment

Paul Borek moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by James Rhoades. Motion passed by a majority voice vote of those present. Vice Chair Pupino adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Renee Riani, Airport Manager

Approved: July 28, 2020.