



APPROVED Minutes
Airport Advisory Board

The Airport Advisory Board of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, held a Regular meeting on March 22, 2021, at the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport, 3232 Pleasant Street, DeKalb, Illinois, in the West Community Hangar.

Chair Robert Owens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Chair Robert Owens called the roll and the following members of the Airport Advisory Board were present: Paul Borek, Scott Carlson, Robert Owens/Chair, Bernard Pupino/Vice Chair, James Rhoades. Richard Downen and Matt Duffy were absent. Also present were Mayor Cohen Barnes, City Council Liaison Tony Faivre, City Manager Bill Nicklas, and Airport Manager Renee Riani, along with guests: City Council member Scott McAdams, Eric Dienst/Rev'd Up Motorsports, Jeffrey Kohlert/Fly America, and Bruce Griffith/KEC Aviation Program.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Public Participation

None

D. Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2022

Bernard Pupino moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022, meeting; seconded by Paul Borek. Motion passed by a majority voice vote of those present.

E. Old Business

1. SASOs Review

No questions or discussion.

F. New Business

1. Workshop Session: Airport Development Direction in the Next Five Years

S.W.O.T. (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) Analysis.

City Manager Nicklas and Mayor Barnes led a session on bringing forward ideas appropriate to each of the four categories, as listed on following page. At the culmination, the next step will be for members to review prior to next month's meeting on Tue., Apr. 26, at which time conversation will continue to identify priorities and hone efforts for establishing direction toward achievable goals and Legacy developments.

G. Adjournment

Bernard Pupino moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by James Rhoades. Motion passed by a majority voice vote of those present. Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Renee Riani, Airport Manager

Minutes approved 042622 during the Airport Advisory Board regular meeting.

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Strengths

- Long runway (7,026') / 2 runways
- Customer Service / Management
- Land for development
- Instrument approaches (ILS, GPS)
- Ground support equipment
- Airport maintenance equipment
- Thriving aviation businesses
- City Council support
- Cooperation with City departments
- Airport Advisory Board
- Proximity to highways, I-88, I-39
- Organizations - EAA, IAC, CAP
- Fast-growing business climate
- 2 fuels available - JetA, 100LL
- Competitive fuel prices
- Flight training
- Competitive lease rates
- Community visibility - Peace/Pleasant
- High traffic - Peace/Pleasant
- Updated FBO
- Tenants
- No control tower
- IDOT/FAA support
- Legislative support
- KEC program
- Consistent social media presence

Weaknesses

- No TIF funding
- Hangars for large aircraft
- Lack of hangars
- Communication with tenants
- Cortland residents
- Community image
- Lack of signage - businesses, hangars, County Farm Rd
- Budget funding
- Lacking economic drive
- Limited vehicle parking
- Aged airport maintenance, ground service equipment
- No restaurant / skydiving

Opportunities

- Cortland
- Land for growth
- Events - airshow, races, concerts
- Community gathering space
- Hangar development
- Air taxi/regional air service
- Increase rental income
- Drove delivery
- Restaurant
- Part 139 status
- Legislative advocacy group
- Attracting businesses
- TDR drone/Roger Keys
- Selling simulator time
- Public school education
- Turf available
- Courtesy cars/Zip
- EV charging
- LaLa's Bagels
- Opportunity Unbound - DCEDC
- Social media
- OSH - camping, pit stop
- Alternative fuels - Swift, unleaded
- Air Park

Threats

- Cortland
- Tenant engagement
- Peace/Pleasant road condition
- Leaded gas
- Funding
- Rochelle (RPJ)
- Not contiguous land/zoning - Frontier, north of 2200 Pleasant

