



1. Introductions

Committee Chairman Mr. Michael McCartney opened the March 21, 2013 DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting at 10:00AM. He asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.

Ted Dahlburg invited the committee to thank Reiner Pelzer for his service to DVRPC and the aviation community for 20 years. Mr. Dahlburg then introduced a new DVRPC staff member, Kale Driemeier, who will be assuming many aviation planning duties.

2. Minutes of the December 13, 2012 RAC Meeting

The minutes of the December 13, 2012 RAC meeting were passed with a correction to an organization referenced in the Special Presentation. The name should read "New Jersey Aviation Association."

3. Status of Regional Airport Systems Implementation (2 Minute Reports)

Delaware Airports:

New Castle County

No new projects to report.

Summit

The airport did not fit into one of the FAA's preliminary airport categories. The FAA will talk with the airport and see whether it fits into one of these categories, or a new category.

New Jersey Airports:

Camden County

No new projects to report.

Cross Keys

All projects are currently on hold because the NJDOT grants have expired. Grant extension requests have been submitted, but to date, have received no indication concerning the extension of the grants. The Airport Layout Plan update, conducted by DVRPC, was submitted to NJ Aeronautics.

Flying W

No new projects to report.

Red Lion

No new projects to report.

South Jersey Regional

Drainage improvements have been made at the airport. The Jet A fuel farm installation will be complete in June or July.

Spitfire Aerodrome

New fencing was installed at the airport.

Trenton-Mercer

Frontier Airlines is now serving the airport and as a result, it has become busier. There may be plans to expand parking and charging a fee, as flights may possibly triple at the airport. EMAS installation (i.e., Engineered Material Arresting System) and taxiway reconstruction projects are continuing, as well as the construction of a security fence.

Trenton-Robbinsville

A stormwater management study for the airport is available.

Maryland Airport:

Cecil County

The airport continues to pursue the formation and recognition of an Autonomous Airport Authority. The airport is being considered as a site for basing a medevac unit; talks are continuing. Hangars are full and fuel sales are up. The airport is in agreement with the draft DVRPC activity study levels/traffic counts. Maryland has published economic impact studies and they can be downloaded at <http://www.marylandregionalaviation.aero/>.

Pennsylvania Airports:

Brandywine

A grant for Apron Drainage, Phase II construction has been received and the project has been awarded to Ply-Mar Construction, Inc. The anticipated start of construction is early May 2013. Grants are anticipated for the design and relocation of airfield lighting, Phase I. As a result of scoping discussions, the scope of the project has been increased to include preliminary stormwater design for the runway widening.

Chester County

An airport representative was not present.

Doylestown

Runway 5-23 Obstruction Removal: The Authority is in the process of finalizing the acquisition of numerous easements for properties located under the Runway 5 approach.

Heritage Field

A tentative allocation was made for crack sealing and remarking.

New Garden

The extension of Parallel T/W "A," Phase 2 is being closed out. A grant was awarded for runway widening and reconstruction, Phase I-Design. A design meeting will take place in early April. Bid documents were finalized and things are getting ready to move forward as soon as possible on the west apron rehab project. The "perk test" passed for the hangar project and there is a meeting on Thursday to present the plans to New Garden Township officials.

The dates for the air show were changed to accommodate other local events. The new dates are August 24 and 25. Performers are being booked and vendor applications have been sent out. The 2013 advertising campaign is being developed. Registration is underway and filling up for the 2013 Future Aviators Summer Camp. A new web page was developed for the camp, including a highlight video from 2012. The New Garden Flight Connection (Flight School) has added a Red Bird Flight Simulator to its fleet and in April there will be a Piper Arrow online. Planning is underway for the airport's first Open House on Saturday, June 1st, with a rain date of June 2nd. This is a free event to promote the importance of the airport in the community.

Northeast Philadelphia

There are currently no city projects, and all construction is limited to tenants.

Pennridge

An airport representative was not present.

Perkiomen Valley

No new projects to report.

Philadelphia International

The 9L/27R runway pavement and runway construction is still in winter shutdown. The K5 construction bid notice to proceed is pending. The K extension design is completed and is ready to bid.

Philadelphia Seaplane Base

An airport representative was not present.

Pottstown Municipal

A safety area evaluation was conducted by PennDOT for the airport and will be presented to the borough.

Quakertown

The airport rejected the bids for the relocation of the fuel farm, and will now be accepting bids for repair of the current fuel farm on March 26th at noon.

Vansant

The airport will be having family days on Saturday each month this summer with food, activities, and an outdoor movie.

Wings Field

The airport has new replacement hangars. Hangars 3 and 4 are complete and tenants moved into each unit on March 8th. The itinerant apron project is complete except for some bird baths and as-built drawings required by the Township, which reflect a minor elevation discrepancy. A ground repeater station for Philadelphia clearance delivery is under consideration. Flight school activity and fuel sales are higher than the same period last year.

Heliports:

Penn's Landing Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

Total RF Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

Valley Forge Bicentennial Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

Horsham Airways Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

4. Special Presentations

Connections 2040 – Michael Boyer

DVRPC's Michael Boyer, Manager, Office of Long-Range Planning and Economic Coordination, presented on DVRPC's 2040 Long Range Plan, *Connections 2040*. The report focuses on communicating the current infrastructure landscape and future infrastructure needs for the Delaware Valley region. Themes of infrastructure preservation, targeted land use planning within and near growth centers, and future infrastructure cost forecasting were presented.

A discussion took place around designating an "Aviation District" in local zoning and its success in helping facilitate projects at airports. To date, only one airport in the DVRPC region uses this designation (New Garden).

LRP 2040 Update – Ted Dahlburg

Ted Dahlburg led a discussion on the update of the aviation component of the aviation

module for the LRP 2040. He reviewed the 6 goals and numerous strategies included in the 2035 long range plan and the 2035 Regional Aviation Systems Plan.

The forecast data from DVRPC, or possibly the NJ/NY Port Authority were requested for further development of the update. The capacity for business class flights was discussed. It was suggested to organize a subcommittee that would help with the update and address any new developments and potential changes for regional aviation.

PhillyFreightFinder – Mike Ruane

DVRPC's Mike Ruane, Freight Planner, presented the *PhillyFreightFinder* tool being developed for freight planning in the region. Commercial and reliever airports were included as two layers and relevant freight data might be incorporated in the future.

5. Continuing Planning Activities

a. DVRPC/PA Aircraft Operations Counting Programs

David Metzler is nearing the end of counts for the 2012/2013 DVRPC Aircraft Operations Counting Program. According to Clay Lloyd, the 2011/2012 DVRPC report is in DVRPC's internal review process, and a draft of the 2011/2012 report for select PA airports is nearing completion.

b. DVRPC/NJDOT AWOS Project Status

Paul Carafides of DVRPC reported all 15 AWOS systems and all 10 ceilometers are installed and completed. He is now working with the FAA on the commissioning process.

6. Old Business/New Business

The future of Willow Grove airport was discussed. Now called the "Horsham National Guard Station", it is now used for drone mission training operators. This does not include actual drone activity; therefore, the runway and airspace are not currently in use. The future use and purpose of the runway is uncertain. An FAA center is being considered for placement at Willow Grove, but there are reservations of relocating personnel there.

PennDOT has begun their State System Plan update and one advisory committee meeting has already been held.

There was a suggestion to schedule an upcoming Regional Aviation Committee meeting at one of the local airports or the Helicopter Museum.

It was noted that the next DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting will be held on June 20, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> |
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| Roger Moog | NJAA, Aviation Council of PA |
| Bobbie Geier | DELDOT Planning |
| David Nelson | Brandywine Airport |
| Elaine Farashian | Aero Club of PA |
| Tim Chelius | SJTPO |
| Lori Ledebohm | FAA HARADO |
| Reiner Pelzer | AECOM |
| Clay Lloyd | DVRPC |
| Kale Driemeier | DVRPC |
| Mike Ruane | DVRPC |
| Ted Dahlburg | DVRPC |
| Michael McCartney | Philadelphia Int'l Airport |
| David Metzler | DVRPC |
| Fran Strouse | L.R. Kimball |
| Tom Tomczyk | PennDOT BOA |
| Ron Horbist | NJDOT Aeronautics |
| Gerard Leipfinger | NJDOT Aeronautics |
| Jan Kopple | TranSystems |
| Mary Scheuermann | Parsons Brinckerhoff |
| Robert Checchio | MAAC |
| Kyle Watson | Baker |
| Joy Bose | Perkiomen Valley |
| Rob Betz | PennDOT BOA |
| Chris DiPrima | Philadelphia DOA |