



1. Call to Order, Mike McCartney, Regional Aviation Committee Chairman

- a. Committee Chairman Mr. Michael McCartney opened the September 19, 2013 DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting at 10:15 am.

2. Introductions

- a. Chairman McCartney asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.

3. Minutes of the June 20, 2013 RAC Meeting

- a. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Status of Regional Airports (2 Minute Reports):

- a. Delaware:
 - i. New Castle/Wilmington: Frontier service is off to a good start at New Castle, after beginning in July. Draft of economic impact study has been received, though thorough review is needed, early impressions show numbers are down since last study.
- b. Maryland:
 - i. Cecil County: An airport representative was not present.
- c. New Jersey:
 - i. Camden County: No change since June. Project held awaiting sponsor response.
 - ii. Cross Keys: AECOM has provided scenarios under the grant which are out for discussion with DOT and sponsor.
 - iii. Flying W: No new projects to report.
 - iv. Red Lion: No new projects to report.
 - v. South Jersey Regional: Master Plan update is under review. Drainage improvement project currently on hold. Jet A fuel farm almost completed, delay with tank installation, should be completed by end of November.
 - vi. Spitfire Aerodrome: Projects are on hold awaiting closeout from old sponsor in order to transfer to current owner.
 - vii. Trenton-Mercer: Security fence is in design phase. Taxiway borings showed more extensive damage, requiring larger effort to reconstruct. Terminal upgrades and EMAS installation underway on expedited time table.
 - viii. Trenton-Robbinsville: Grants are awaiting response from sponsors on new letter for time modification.
- d. Pennsylvania:
 - i. Brandywine: Apron drainage construction project is completed. Grant awarded for runway widening and lighting improvements.

- ii. Chester County: Phase V of the south apron project is underway.
 - iii. Doylestown: As part of the Runway 5-23 obstruction removal, the airport authority is in the process of finalizing the acquisition of numerous easements for properties located under the Runway 5 approach. A stormwater management project is underway.
 - iv. Heritage Field: Crack seal and remarking project was completed this week. Visual runway improvements for existing non-precision landing. ALP update is being prepared.
 - v. New Garden: Runway widening project is ready for construction pending funds. Apron project bids came back higher than budget. Airshow was held and was a huge success.
 - vi. Northeast Philadelphia: Planning for taxiway D continues and an ALP update is being done. No new construction.
 - vii. Pennridge: No new projects to report.
 - viii. Perkiomen Valley: No new projects to report.
 - ix. Philadelphia International: New Deputy Director Diego Rincon. Taxiway K extension contract awarded. KJ contractor currently placing fill. Airport is in the process of demolishing the salt barn for replacement.
 - x. Philadelphia Seaplane Base: An airport representative was not present.
 - xi. Pottstown Municipal: No new projects to report.
 - xii. Quakertown: The airport is seeking easement acquisition to conduct structure removal.
 - xiii. Vansant: No new projects to report.
 - xiv. Wings Field: Walking trail was dedicated. Terminal improvements are completed and it is in use. Wings and Wheels for Angel Flight event was held and was successful. A new Master Plan is underway.
- e. Heliports
- i. Penn's Landing Heliport: Delaware River Waterfront Corporation is working through Pier 36 Phase 1 design of sea wall reconstruction and deck rehab. Bid documents expected end of October.
 - ii. Total RF Heliport: A heliport representative was not present.
 - iii. Valley Forge Bicentennial Heliport: A heliport representative was not present.
 - iv. Horsham Airways Heliport: A heliport representative was not present.

5. Presentation

- a. Trenton-Mercer Airport – Jon Donahue, C&S Engineers
 - i. Jon Donahue presented on the safety and terminal improvements being made at Trenton-Mercer. EMAS is a safety measure being installed at the ends of the runways that acts similar to a runaway truck ramp. The EMAS prevents damage or injury to both the plane and passengers. Any intrusion by a plane into EMAS is considered by the FAA an incident and not an accident. Terminal operations are being improved with new secure side bathrooms, baggage check on entry level and a new baggage claim area.
- b. Wildlife Mitigation Strategies- Andrew Clapper, USDA-WSNJ & Carey Furlo, USDA-WSPA

Mr. Clapper and Furlo presented on overview of hazards related to wildlife on airport properties, highlighting key species, deer and waterfowl, and damage/loss statistics. Each presented on various measures to mitigate these issues, including harassment, relocation, habitat modification and exclusion, as well as lethal reinforcement. Airports experiencing issues can contact their state APHIS-WS office for assistance with mitigation strategies.

6. DVRPC Planning Activities

- a. RASP Update– Ted Dahlburg
 - i. The first subcommittee meeting for the update of the Regional Airport System Plan was held with a second meeting scheduled for November 7, 2013.
- b. DVRPC Aircraft Operations Counting (for 2013-2014 counts) – Dave Metzler
 - i. This counting group is nearing 50% completion and preliminary results are showing decrease in operations, likely the result of the 46 inches of rain on the year. There have been increases in flight training operations.
 - ii. FY2014: Aircraft Operation Counting program grant awarded by FAA. Airports include: Brandywine, Chester County, and New Garden in Pennsylvania; South Jersey Regional and Flying W in New Jersey; and Summit in Delaware.
- c. DVRPC/NJDOT AWOS Project – Paul Carafides
 - i. Trenton-Robbinsville is having a new external tower being installed to improve signal. Authorizing verification letters are being sent to begin FAA certification process.

7. Capital Funding Program Status

- a. FAA
 - i. Currently finalizing 2013 grants, DVRPC counting funded.
 - ii. FY2014- Next round of 5 year plans will need to be completed.
- b. Pennsylvania
 - i. 5 year CIP is underway. Regional meeting to be held at Reading Regional from October 21-24th. Availability is limited to the 21st and 24th.
- c. New Jersey
 - i. Letters being issued for sponsors on grants for 2014, some 2012-13 grants being evaluated.
- d. Delaware
 - i. No updates to report.
- e. Maryland
 - i. No representative was present.

8. Old Business

- a. Nothing to report

9. New Business

- a. PA Aviation Conference is being held in Erie, registrations are higher than usual.
- b. Roger Moog reported on the PA Governors Aviation Advisory committee that current transportation funding scenarios are bleak and will impact aviation funding. There is a bill in the Senate however the House has yet to approve a funding bill.

10. Announcements/ Adjournment

- a. The next meeting has been moved to December 5 to accommodate the FAA Regional Administrator and/or Deputy Regional Administrator who will be attending.

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Andre Szumylo	Michael Baker Jr. Inc
Andrew Clapper	USDA-Wildlife Services
Bobbie Geier	DelDOT Planning
Carey Furlo	USDA-Wildlife Services
David Metzler	DVRPC
David Nelson	Brandywine Airport
David Ottow	Urban Engineers
Dawn Fithian	Sterling Helicopter/ Penns Landing Heliport
Elaine Farashian	Aero Club of Pennsylvania
Eric Silverman	Philadelphia International Airport
Fran Strouse	L.R. Kimball
George Watson	Wings Field
Gerard Leipfinger	NJ DOT
Hank Stobenau	Wings Field
Holly Bussey	Bucks Residents for Responsible Airport Management
Jan Kopple	TranSystems
Jeff Wood	McFarland Johnson
Jiting Deng	Temple University
Joan Hellyer	Bucks County Courier Times
John Brewes	PNE
John McDevitt	KYW News Radio
Joy Bose	Perkiamen Valley Airport
Lori Ledebohm	FAA- HARADO
Matin Hagnkar	Urban Engineers
Matthew Lawson	Mercer County
Megan S. Ryerson	University of Pennsylvania
Michael McCartney	Philadelphia International Airport
Michael Ruane	DVRPC
Nattiel Chambers	PNE
Paul Carafides	DVRPC
Reiner Pelzer	AECOM
Renee Wise	DVRPC
Rich Delello	Bucks Residents for Responsible Airport Management
Richard Horstmann	KS Engineers
Roger Moog	ACP, NJAA
Sean Campbell	Delaware River Waterfront Corporation
Shirley Loveless	Temple University- Center for Sustainability
Ted Dalhburg	DVRPC
Tom Tomczyk	PennDOT Bureau of Aviation