

MINUTES March 20, 2014 RAC Meeting

- 1. Call to Order, Mike McCartney, Regional Aviation Committee Chairman
 - a. Chairman Mr. Michael McCartney opened the March 20, 2014 DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting at 10:00 am.
- 2. Introductions
 - a. Chairman McCartney asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.
- 3. Minutes of the December 5, 2013 RAC Meeting:
 - a. The mention of "CEP program 90% complete" for PHL was revised to "design of taxiway EE and H 90% complete."
 - b. The minutes were approved as amended.
- 4. Status of Regional Airports (2 Minute Reports):
 - a. Delaware:
 - i. <u>New Castle/Wilmington</u>: The airport finished 2013 with a total of 67,629 enplaned passengers. Design is underway for auto parking improvements. The existing baggage claim area will be improved. Design is underway for the rehabilitation of taxiways A and B, as well as the expansion of the terminal ramp.
 - ii. <u>Summit</u>: An airport representative was not present.
 - b. Maryland:
 - i. <u>Cecil County</u>: Kale Driemeier recently visited the airport. It has been purchased by a New York developer who plans to expand both the runway and flight school. The facility is currently being rebranded as Claremont Airport.
 - c. New Jersey:
 - i. <u>Camden County</u>: Runway widening grant terminated. No new projects were reported.
 - ii. <u>Cross Keys</u>: The sponsor doesn't have funds to proceed with runway and lighting projects.
 - iii. Flying W: No new projects were reported.
 - iv. Red Lion: No new projects were reported.
 - v. <u>South Jersey Regional</u>: Drainage improvement project around T-hangars on hold. Jet-A fuel farm installation complete.
 - vi. <u>Spitfire Aerodrome</u>: No new projects were reported.

- vii. <u>Trenton-Mercer</u>: Phase I & II taxiway rehabilitation scope change modification reviewed by NJDOT and awaiting final approval from front office.
- viii. <u>Trenton-Robbinsville</u>: No new projects were reported.
- d. Pennsylvania:
 - i. Brandywine: Anticipating grant for LPV approach feasibility study.
 - ii. <u>Chester County</u>: Bid openings for south apron phase 6; will start construction in July. Three trees identified as obstructions; one removed and two topped which has restored nighttime approach.
 - iii. Doylestown: Runway 5/23 obstruction removal going to bid in April.
 - iv. <u>Heritage Field</u>: Self-funded approach mitigation underway.
 - v. <u>New Garden</u>: West T-hangar apron project rebid, construction should begin in April.
 - vi. Northeast Philadelphia: No new projects were reported.
 - vii. <u>Pennridge</u>: Completed small acquisition project for snow removal equipment.
 - viii. <u>Perkiomen Valley</u>: No new projects were reported.
 - ix. <u>Philadelphia International</u>: Taxiway EE and H bids open April 1. Designer selected for runway 27L/9R. Qatar Airways begins service in April. Death of John Collette, long time noise abatement manager.
 - x. <u>Philadelphia Seaplane Base</u>: An airport representative was not present.
 - xi. <u>Pottstown Municipal</u>: Awaiting FY14 funding for runway rehabilitation.
 - xii. <u>Quakertown</u>: An obstruction removal and lighting project will be sent out for bid in March and due in April.
 - xiii. <u>Van Sant</u>: An airport representative was not present.
 - xiv. Wings Field: Preliminary design for terminal apron rehabilitation was completed in February and is currently under review by BOA. Flight school activity and fuel sales remain higher that the same period last year.
- e. Heliports
 - i. <u>Penn's Landing Heliport</u>: DRWC working to extend the lease for 5 years to allow for grant funding.
 - ii. <u>Croydon</u>: Private heliport, expansions underway to accommodate new and heavier helicopter for maintenance and shop work.
- 5. Presentations
 - a. Diane Crean, FAA Deputy Regional Administrator, presented on Next Gen initiates and commercial space travel.
 - b. Kristinia Luke and Ellen Williams of Angel Flight East presented on the activities of their organization, which is based at Wings Field.
- 6. DVRPC Planning Activities
 - a. Kale Driemeier discussed ongoing RASP activities, including student pilot survey and runway safety area documentation.
 - b. Dave Metzler discussed the ongoing aircraft traffic activities; retrieval of data has been hindered by winter weather.

- c. Ted Dahlburg discussed AWOS activities; a new ceilometer has been approved for installation at Hammonton Airport by NJDOT. Verification Requests have been approved by the FAA for twelve of the fifteen airports. The commissioning process is set to begin on April 1st at Lakewood Airport.
- 7. Capital Funding Program Status
 - a. FAA. All project managers have met with sponsors and entered proposed projects. Exhibit A and SOP forms effective as of October and are being standardized across the nation. Contractors sign certified construction contracts. Exhibit A/project maps due March 31.
 - b. Pennsylvania. Block grant and ADP four year program submitted to FAA.
 - c. New Jersey. \$5 million available for grants, projects have been renewed and ranked.
 - d. Delaware. An RFP has been released for Dover AFB expansion.
 - e. Maryland. No MDOT representative present.
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Nothing to report.
- 9. New Business
 - a. There was a question of effects of sales and use tax elimination and it was clarified that the tax abatement covered only aircraft parts and not aircraft sales.
 - b. The New Jersey Aviation Conference will take place on May 2 and 3 in Princeton.
- 10. Announcements/ Adjournment
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Attendance

<u>Name</u>

Affiliation

Bryan Oscarson Alan Randzin Anne Tyska Bill Leavens Bobbie Geier Chris Jordan Christina Velazquez Chuck Brewer Dan Kopple Dan Sundt Dave Metzler Deanna Stoddard Diane Crean Elaine Farashian Ellen Williams Gary Hudson Hank Stoebenau Jameson Ogg Jan Kopple Joe Kellicutt Josh Desmond Kale Driemeier Kristinia Luke Lori Ledebohm Mark Tiger Matt Lawson Michael Anzalone Michael McCartney Michael Singer Nattiel Chambers Paul Angert Rich Bickel Rob Betz Roger Moog Sean Campbell Shelley Ewalt Ted Dahlburg Tom Thatcher Tom Tomczyk

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