



## MINUTES

September 18, 2014

1. Call to Order, Rich Bickel, Director of Planning, DVRPC
  - a. Chairman Michael McCartney was unavailable due to travel. Mr. Bickel and opened the September 18, 2014 DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting at 10:05 am and noted that he will retire in October.
2. Introductions
  - a. Mr. Bickel asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.
3. Minutes of the June 19, 2014 RAC Meeting were approved.
4. Recent deaths in the local aviation community
  - a. Dave Metzler noted the death of John Desmond, owner of Heritage Field. Fran Strouse shared that John's grandson, Josh, is involved in management of Heritage Field. Deanna Stoddard followed that, as the airport's consultant, they intend to proceed with their long range plan.
  - b. Dave Metzler noted the death of Andy Deutsch, owner of Pennridge Airport.
5. Status of Regional Airports (2 Minute Reports):
  - a. Pennsylvania:
    - i. Brandywine: the airport is is obtaining property owner cooperation in obstruction removal, anticipating grant for LPV Approach Feasibility Study.
    - ii. Chester County: Phase V south apron project to be complete by 9/29 with phase VI to begin thereafter, 151 boy scouts participated to receive aviation merit badges, Fall Flying Fest to take place on 10/4.
    - iii. Doylestown: The Authority is working on removing obstructions to the Runway 5 approach. Governor Corbett announced a \$50,139 funding commitment through the Block Grant Program to remove obstructions. Bidding has been accomplished and work should be completed this fall.
    - iv. Heritage Field: Master plan update underway.
    - v. New Garden: Main hanger has been repainted in checkerboard pattern. Future Aviators had more than 110 campers over the summer. Governor Corbett announced a \$1,254,611 funding commitment through the Block Grant Program for runway widening. The airport is still waiting a Tentative Allocation before proceeding with bidding the site preparation.
    - vi. Northeast Philadelphia: A project to replace existing 40 year old electrical substation is being initiated.
    - vii. Pennridge: The airport is working to receive a \$75,000 grant.

- viii. Perkiomen Valley: No airport representative present.
  - ix. Philadelphia International: New Taxiway K5 was opened July 30<sup>th</sup>, the newly extended portion of Taxiway K was opened on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, Taxiway K7 and K8 are being worked on and should be opened next month. Taxiway EE and H Project was issued a Notice to Proceed on Aug. 11th. Interior Signage Replacement Project is about 75% complete. This project updates or replaces all interior wayfinding signs and all curbside signs (Roadway signs are not included in this project).
  - x. Pottstown Municipal: No airport representative present. Dave Metzler mentioned that there is a new FBO as the previous one decided not to renew their lease.
  - xi. Quakertown: The Authority is working on removing obstructions to the Runway approach. In the July 16th press release, Governor Tom Corbett announced a \$447,530 funding commitment through the Block Grant Program to acquire easements and remove obstructions. Bidding has been accomplished and work should be completed this Fall
  - xii. Van Sant: Outdoor movie nights took place over the summer
  - xiii. Wings Field: Wings & Wheels event had reasonable good turnout. Fuel sales have recovered and charter operations are doing well. A terminal apron project is underway. In the July 16th press release, Governor Tom Corbett announced a \$494,527 funding commitment through the Block Grant Program. A Work Order has been issued to the Bureau. The Airport is still waiting on approval and a Tentative Allocation before proceeding.
  - xiv. Penn's Landing Heliport: The Croyden maintenance facility is planning to add 15,000 square feet after approval by Bristol Township. There is a tentative grant allocation at P72 and DWRC is working on finalizing agreement with DRBA.
- b. New Jersey:
- i. Camden County: No new projects were reported.
  - ii. Cross Keys: Three grants have been issued covering runway lighting and PAPIs.
  - iii. Flying W: No new projects were reported.
  - iv. Red Lion: No new projects were reported.
  - v. South Jersey Regional: Master plan update has been submitted to FAA.
  - vi. Spitfire Aerodrome: No new projects were reported.
  - vii. Trenton-Mercer: Preconstruction project for taxiway rehabilitation underway.
  - viii. Trenton-Robbinsville: Detention Basin Cleanout project time modification granted by NJDOT.
- c. Delaware:
- i. New Castle/Wilmington: An airport representative was not present.
  - ii. Summit: An airport representative was not present.
- d. Maryland:
- i. Cecil County: An airport representative was not present.

6. Presentations

- a. Mary Bell of DVRPC presented on “Greater Philadelphia's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.” (Note: Mary Hall of Claremont Airport was to give a presentation on the improvements at that facility but had to cancel).
- b. Michael Binder of Sikorsky Aircraft presented on the work of the company.

7. DVRPC Planning Activities

- a. Dave Metzler discussed the ongoing aircraft traffic activities; current activity showed a four percent increase in flight operations, training flights are also increasing. Summit Airport currently being counted and operation are up on the turf runway.

8. Capital Funding Program Status

- a. FAA. Currently wrapping up 2014 grants and will clean up 2015 grants in October. Jim Fells is retiring from HARADO at the end of September.
- b. Pennsylvania. No PennDOT representative present.
- c. New Jersey. FY '14 spending plan recently approved.
- d. Delaware. No DelDOT representative present.
- e. Maryland. No MDOT representative present.

9. Old Business

- a. Nothing to report.

10. New Business

- a. Nothing to report.

11. Announcements/ Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**Attendance**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
Dale Russell	Urban Engineers
Dave Metzler	DVRPC
David Pitcairn	Aero Club of PA
Deanna Stoddard	McFarland Johnson
Elaine Farashian	Aero Club of PA
Fran Strouse	L.R. Kimball
Gary Hudson	CCAAA
Gerald Leipfingher	NJ DOT
Hank Stoebenau	Wings Field
Jim Silvester	VRH Construction
John Mininger	BCAA
Justin Smiley	CCPC
Kale Driemeier	DVRPC
Lori Ledebohm	FAA
Maria Guercio	Villanova University
Mark Tiger	Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
Michael Anzalone	Sterling Helicopter
Michael Binder	Sikorsky Aircraft
Mike Waibel	Michael Baker
Paul Carafides	DVRPC
Rich Bickel	DVRPC
Robert Checchio	MAAC
Ted Dahlburg	DVRPC
Tom Cummings	VRH Construction