



MINUTES (Draft)  
December 18, 2014

1. Call to Order, Chair Michael McCartney opened the December 18, 2014 DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting at 10:03 am.
2. Introductions
  - a. Mr. McCartney asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.
3. Minutes of the September 18, 2014 RAC Meeting were approved.
4. Status of Regional Airports (2 Minute Reports):
  - a. Pennsylvania:
    - i. Brandywine: the airport is moving forward with the removal of tree obstruction to its runway approaches. A design meeting was held with the BOA in August and a preliminary report on widening runway 9-27 for WAAS, Phase 1, was reviewed. The BOA had some comments that are being addressed before the submission of the Final Preliminary Design Report. An LPV approach feasibility study is being completed to evaluate the requirements and potential for runway 9-27 to facilitate a vertically guided approach maintaining the 30:1 GQS standard. Approval of the Survey Quality Control Plan for AGIS is being sought. The annual planning session of the PA Bureau of Aviation was held in October at the Reading Regional Airport.
    - ii. Chester County: The south side apron project is being completed.
    - iii. Doylestown: The Authority will be receiving bids for tree obstruction removal in the Runway 23 Approach. There is work underway to acquire six more easements for Runway 5 and tree obstructions will be removed from that area in the fall of 2015. The anticipated grants for constructing bypass taxiways on Runway 5 and 23 ends are \$388,888 and \$52,778 for mitigating obstructions, Phase II.
    - iv. Heritage Field: Master plan update is in its final stages.
    - v. New Garden: In July Governor Corbett announced a \$1,254,611 funding commitment through the Block Grant Program for runway widening. The airport is still awaiting a Tentative Allocation before proceeding with bidding the site preparation. Submission of permitting documents is anticipated this month with bidding to begin in the spring of 2015. The airport applied to the Multimodal Transportation Fund for hangar development and in October Governor Corbett announced that the Airport was awarded \$979,431 for site preparation including drainage, taxiway/apron paving, storm water

management, and construction of seven individual t-hangars and two box hangars. Final design and bidding are now moving forward. There are grants anticipated for the reconstruction and widening of Runway 6-24, the development of Multi-Municipal Zoning Ordinances, and the Multimodal Transportation Fund.

- vi. Northeast Philadelphia: A project to replace existing 40 year old electrical substation is under design.
  - vii. Pennridge: The airport had a planning session in October.
  - viii. Perkiomen Valley: No airport representative present.
  - ix. Philadelphia International: Rochelle (Chellie) Cameron was promoted to COO. The Runway 27 left extension has sixty percent design documents completed for soil stabilization. There will be final inspection on capital budgets and maintenance. The security bollards project will be rebid soon.
  - x. Pottstown Municipal: There is a new FBO as the previous one decided not to renew their lease.
  - xi. Quakertown: The Authority is receiving bids on December 22 for tree obstruction removal in the Runway 11-29 Primary Surface Runway 11 Approach. The Authority is working to acquire easements that will allow for other tree removal in the Runway 11 Approach and the Runway 29 Approach. The Authority has five more easements for Runway 11, and 18 for Runway 29. Anticipated completion date is spring 2016.
  - xii. Van Sant: No report.
  - xiii. Wings Field: Wings Field is progressing with obstruction removal and is cutting down many trees at both ends and installing obstruction lighting in an effort to regain instrument night minimums. A review meeting for the preliminary design was conducted on the rehabilitation of the GA Terminal Apron, Phase I. Engineering work authorization was approved in October and a fully executed WA was submitted for the rehabilitation of GA Terminal Apron, Phase I final design and bidding.
  - xiv. Penn's Landing Heliport: After approval by Bristol Township the Croyden maintenance facility is going to add 15,000 square feet. The TA Seawall repair and expansion project is anticipated to move forward pending a response from the DWC. Penn's Landing Heliport received the Heliport of the Year award.
- b. New Jersey:
- i. Camden County: No new projects were reported.
  - ii. Cross Keys: Three grants have been issued covering runway lighting and PAPIs and new consultants are negotiating pricing due to the need for redesign.
  - iii. Flying W: No new projects were reported.
  - iv. Red Lion: No new projects were reported.
  - v. South Jersey Regional: Master plan update is in process.
  - vi. Spitfire Aerodrome: No new projects were reported.
  - vii. Trenton-Mercer: Preconstruction project for taxiway rehabilitation and security fence improvements are underway.
  - viii. Trenton-Robbinsville: Awaiting approval on a possible extension and the Detention Basin Cleanout project time modification was granted by NJDOT.
- c. Delaware:
- i. New Castle/Wilmington: An airport representative was not present.
  - ii. Summit: The upgrading of hangars 1-7 is underway and paint and asphalt

recoating has already taken place.

- d. Maryland:
  - i. Claremont: An airport representative was not present.
5. Presentations
  - a. Mark Hurwitz discussed the Harold F. Pitcairn Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum's history and vision for the museum and memorial park.
  - b. Mike Boyer, DVRPC, discussed the future driving Forces in the Delaware Valley which include social, technological, economic, environmental, and political.
6. DVRPC Planning Activities
  - a. Dave Metzler discussed the ongoing aircraft traffic activities. Hammonton Municipal (N81) which had total operations of 14,166 which is almost identical to the 2003 numbers. Linden Airport (LDJ) saw a decrease in total operations to 50,559 in 2013 as well as a decline in based aircraft. Pocono Mountains Municipal (MPO) had total operations of 24,749 during the 2013/2014 count. This General Aviation airport is also used as a fire base for aerial firefighting equipment as needed.
7. Capital Funding Program Status
  - a. FAA. Jim Fells has retired from HARADO and a replacement has been named and will be reaching out to set up a meeting on the 2016 and 2020 plans.
  - b. Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania planning sessions were in Reading, PA and it will be a few months before the appropriation of funds. The Multimodal Fund is being handled by PennDOT.
  - c. New Jersey. There are two FAA projects in place and the CIP will be submitted by the end of the year.
  - d. Delaware. No DelDOT representative present.
  - e. Maryland. No MDOT representative present.
8. Old Business
  - a. Nothing to report.
9. New Business
  - a. The annual AAAE Conference will be held in June and there is a strong push for academic relations and outreach.
10. Announcements/ Adjournment
  - a. Ted Dahlburg, DVRPC, announced that the next RAC meeting would take place on March 19 and that there is some discussion about having the June RAC meeting (June 18) offsite.
  - b. The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

**Attendance**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
Dale Russell	Urban Engineers
Dave Metzler	DVRPC
Deanna Stoddard	McFarland Johnson
Fran Strouse	L.R. Kimball
Ron Harbist	NJDOT, Aeronautics
Lori Ledebohm	FAA
Michael Anzalone	Sterling Helicopter
Andre Szumylo	Michael Baker
Tom Tomczyk	PennDOT BOA
Dale Russell	Urban Engineers, Inc.
Patrick Williams	Urban Engineers, Inc.
Mark Hurwitz	DVHAA
Chris Swann	Select Greater Philadelphia
Michael McCartney	PHL Airport
Charles D. Neil	Summit Aviation, Inc. DE
Thomas J. Cummings	PHL Airport
Paul Carafides	DVRPC
Michael Boyer	DVRPC
Brett Fusco	DVRPC
Ted Dahlburg	DVRPC
Renee Wise	DVRPC
Patty Elkis	DVRPC