



MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2016

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions
 - a) Ted Dahlburg of DVRPC's Office of Freight and Aviation Planning called the quarterly meeting of the DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee to order. Mr. Dahlburg, filling in for committee chair Michael McCartney, asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.
- 2) Welcome
 - a) Dave Nelson of the Brandywine Airport and Brian O'Leary of the Chester County Planning Commission officially and warmly welcomed the committee members and friends to the special meeting location, the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center in West Chester, PA.
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - a) The draft minutes from the March 17, 2016 RAC Meeting were accepted.
- 4) Status of Regional Airports and Heliports (2 Minute Reports):
 - a) **Pennsylvania**
 - i) **Brandywine:** The Airport is progressing with the removal of tree obstruction leading up to its runway approaches, which continues to be an ongoing issue. A 3-story assisted living home has been approved by the FAA. The building will be constructed to the southwest of the airport, and the project will commence in late summer, 2016.
 - ii) **Chester County:** After 11 years, the South Acre project was completed on June 7th. The Airport is continuing its effort to remove trees which obstruct the runway approaches.

Officials have been talking to landowners to the west of the airport in order to try and discuss deeds and contracts with them, allowing for the full removal of the trees.

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Landowners will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding tree removal before any deed is signed and work begins. The Airport will host National Aviation Day on August 19th. Scouts and other similar groups will be in attendance.

- iii) **Doylestown:** The Airport is currently dealing with tree removal and asking local residents for easements in order to aid in the process.

On August 24th, the Airport will host a seminar to review aircraft rescue safety measures and what to look for when dealing with a downed aircraft.

- iv) **Heritage Field:** The Airport recently helped 250 Boy Scouts receive their aviation merit badges.

Tree removal is still continuing and airport officials are continuing to work with local residents to allow for the removal of trees which obstruct the runway approaches.

The Airport will host a pancake breakfast on the second Sunday in September.

- v) **New Garden:** The Airport started tree removal projects. Officials hope to be able to clear 25 acres of trees obstructing the runways.

From the 27th to the 29th of June, the Airport will begin a short term project to remove and fix drainage systems near runway 624.

After much work, the project to build new hangars has been completed. There is still additional work to do which includes paving the taxiway portion of the runway, as well as signing leases for the newly constructed hangars.

The Airport hosted the Ford TriMotor event for one week. There were some minor incidents during the air show including a bird strike to an aircraft and a blown cylinder. The Airport was able to give over 200 rides to attendees.

The Chester County balloon festival will be held from the 24th to the 26th of June. Airport officials are expecting 20,000 people to attend the event. The Air and Car Show will be held from August 20th to the 21st. Also on August 21st, the Rock and Roll Airshow 5K run will take place on a flat course.

The Future Aviator summer camp will take place in July and August. The Airport is expecting to host many attendees from all over US.

A new airport aviation center has opened and includes a multimedia education room, offices, and a simulator room.

- vi) **Northeast Philadelphia:** The Airport is in the process of upgrading its electrical substation.

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The Airport has shown and voiced an interest in hosting airshows in the future.

vii) Pennridge: No report.

viii) Perkiomen Valley: No report.

ix) Philadelphia International: The Airport is working on large airfield projects. These include starting directional boring for field pipeline work, and terminal paving and renovation. The taxiway project is coming to a close.

The Airport reports that rental car consolidation is still in the conception phase.

x) Pottstown Municipal: No report.

xi) Quakertown: The airport is experiencing more issues with trees. These include cutting trees as well as acquiring easements from nearby landowners.

The Airport will be holding a special event, Young Eagles Monthly, from 9AM-11:30AM on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

xii) Vansant: No report.

xiii) Wings Field: The Airport is continuing to work on tree obstruction clearance. They are also working on installing new solar powered attraction lights on Stenton Avenue.

Terminal apron rehab will be getting underway shortly. This will be the beginning of the 2nd phase.

xiv) Penn's Landing: Sterling Helicopter in Croydon, PA is trying to expand its facility to 50,000 square feet on 13 acres. They are expanding the facility to accommodate new innovations in the helicopter industry. These expansions will include an expanded avionics area.

The City of Philadelphia and the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation are not aiding in the repairs needed to the sea wall.

b) New Jersey

i) Camden County: The airport is looking to acquire a new grant, but are experiencing difficulties.

ii) Cross Keys: No new projects were reported.

iii) Flying W: No new projects were reported.

iv) **Red Lion:** No new projects were reported.

v) **South Jersey Regional:** The Airport has put the drainage improvement around the t-hangar on hold as they complete more important and pressing projects.

The apron rehab work is coming to a close and will finish soon. An environmental determination project for obstruction removal is underway and to date is 95% complete.

The Airport is still working with landowners on issues surrounding tree removal. A telephone pole removal project is also underway. The Airport was recently told that they may have to repave the roadway on which this telephone pole is located, which would double the cost of the project.

vi) **Spitfire Aerodrome:** No new projects were reported.

vii) **Trenton-Mercer:** The Airport is currently involved in a hotel rehab project, and is hoping to start on the project in late summer. Airport officials are currently underway in the development of a master plan of their facilities.

The Airport will be holding an outreach meeting in the upcoming weeks.

The Airport is looking into a possible new terminal. They are 80% complete with the perimeter fence project. The fence will be 10 feet tall with 2 feet buried underground.

The Frontier Airlines operations are going well at the airport.

viii) **Trenton-Robbinsville:** The Airport is still waiting to receive 3 outstanding grants that it applied for last year.

The Airport is working on 4 statewide projects which include an economic impact study, a pavement management study (70% complete), an obstruction evaluation (mapping to be completed in 2 months, total project will take 1 year), and a New Jersey Airports GIS study (ongoing).

c) **Delaware**

i) **New Castle/Wilmington:** No report.

ii) **Summit AirPark:** No report.

d) **Maryland**

i) **Claremont Airport:** No report.

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5) Presentations

- a) **Cirrus Aircraft Safety: Jim Loolian and Dan Sundt, Brandywine Airport:** The panel gave an overview of the Cirrus aircraft, focusing specifically on its rocket-propelled emergency landing device, and how safety and rescue crews should deal with these aircraft in the event of a crash.
- b) **American Helicopter Museum and Education Center: Frank Zook:** Mr. Zook talked about the history of helicopters, and the importance of helicopters in the Delaware Valley. Mr. Zook also spoke about the history of the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center and the work that the museum has done since it was opened in 1996.

6) DVRPC Planning Activities

a) **Aircraft Operations Counting: Dave Metzler:**

Mr. Metzler highlighted that regional airports are trending upward in capacity and activity, while the national trend is going down. He also mentioned that some regional airports have seen stable activity.

b) **Capital Improvements Plan: FAA Submittal, Ted Dahlburg**

Mr. Dahlburg reported that the operations counting program will continue into next year.

DVRPC will also work with PennDOT, NJDOT, and DelDOT to propose a regional helicopter inventory.

c) **Long Range Plan, Mike Boyer**

Mike Boyer reported that the DVRPC regional long range plan identifies future transportation investments, and that DVRPC hopes to adopt the 2045 long range plan next year.

Mr. Boyer continued to explain that the *Future Forces* report explores major global forces and considers what needs to be done to prepare for these changes.

7) Capital Funding Program Status

- i) **FAA:** Lori Ledeborn reported that all sponsors need to report back to the FAA by July 15th in order to be considered for funding in the next cycle.
- ii) **PA:** Tom Tomczyk reported that the Abatement Management Plan will be available in July and/or August, and that Pennsylvania was able to give out 20 grants for FY 15-16.
- iii) **NJ:** Jerry Leipfinger reported that there were \$5 million available for grants for FY15. He reported that for FY17, \$4 million in grants will be available.

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iv) Delaware: No report.

v) Maryland: No report.

8) Old Business

Nothing to report.

9) New Business

The next scheduled PA Aviation Conference is set for September 7th to the 9th in King of Prussia.

The next scheduled meeting for the DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee is September 15th.

Announcements/Adjournment

i) DVRPC RAC Meeting Dates for 2016

(1) September 15

(2) December 15

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Attendance**Name**

Anzalone, Michael
 Aruicci, Janet
 Boyer, Michael
 Dahlburg, Ted
 Desmond, Josh
 Farashian, Elaine
 Ferullo, Jonathan
 Flynn, Janet
 Hall, John
 Hinton, Craig
 Horstmann, Richard
 Hudson, Gary
 Jordan, Chris
 Kassab, John
 Ledebohm, Lori
 Leipfinger, Gerry
 Looloian, Jim
 Martin, Jon
 Metzler, David
 Minninger, John
 Montgomery, Melinda
 Moog, Roger
 Nelson, David
 O'Leary, Brian
 Pelzer, Reiner
 Phelps, Tim
 Popek, Matthew
 Ruane, Mike
 Santana, Roberto
 Stobenau, Hank
 Stott, Glenn
 Strouse, Fran
 Sundt, Dan
 Tomczyk, Tom
 Wagner, Collin
 Waltermeyer, Randy
 Wise, Renee
 Zook, Frank

Affiliation

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 Brandywine Airport
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