



MINUTES

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

- a. Committee Chairman Mr. Michael McCartney opened the June 20, 2013 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. Public Comments

- a. The meeting was opened to public comments, with a limit of five minutes per person. Lita Bellocchio of Mt. Laurel, NJ spoke about her concern for the noise from passing aircraft arriving and departing from Philadelphia International. She had concerns about a lack of public involvement in the process to decide on approach paths.

4. Presentation

- a. *Note: The presentation was moved earlier than originally scheduled in the agenda to accommodate the speaker's busy schedule.*
- b. John Piasecki, President and CEO of Piasecki Aircraft Corporation, spoke about the history of his company and products that they're currently developing. A movie was shown about his father, Frank Piasecki, and his development of early helicopters and then Mr. Piasecki spoke about vertical lift and unmanned technologies that are currently being developed.

5. Minutes of the March 21, 2013 RAC Meeting

- a. Chairman McCartney made one correction stating that the PHL taxiway discussed under the PHL update was K, not K5. The minutes were approved as corrected.

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

- a. Delaware:
 - i. New Castle/Wilmington: Frontier will start service on July 1, 2013. It will provide service 7 days a week with a schedule of five destinations: Chicago, Denver, Houston, Tampa, and Orlando. There will be 2 departures and 2 arrivals daily, with each destination being served 2-3 times per week.
 - ii. Summit AirPark: The airport was not classified in the FAA Asset report, but they have gathered additional data which is currently being reviewed.
- b. Maryland:

- i. Cecil County: The airport continues to pursue the formation and recognition of an Autonomous Airport Authority. It is also in talks to be considered as a site for basing a MedEvac unit. Hangars are full and fuel sales are up. The airport is in agreement with the draft DVRPC activity study activity levels, which shows traffic counts much better than Maryland's counts. The airport was included in a Maryland economic impact study for aviation which is available online.
- c. New Jersey:
- i. Camden County: The grant for widening the runway is not proceeding.
 - ii. Cross Keys: Three grants have expired, but AECOM is now working with the airport to try to recover the money. It is also problematic that the airport has to pay for the design phase with the state only covering construction costs. AECOM is also trying to resolve this issue.
 - iii. Flying W: No new projects to report.
 - iv. Red Lion: No new projects to report.
 - v. South Jersey Regional: The airport is currently doing a Master Plan update with the FAA and is rehabilitating their fuel farm which should be completed by the July/August timeframe.
 - vi. Spitfire Aerodrome: There are currently two projects, with the grants currently being changed over to the new ownership.
 - vii. Trenton-Mercer: There are projects underway for EMAS installation and the design phases of a security fence and designing taxiways B, H, and F. There are also issues with taxiway damage, which may require a future FAA grant for construction.
 - viii. Trenton-Robbinsville: The grants are expired and need to be extended for crack sealing and coating, re-marking, and detention basin cleaning projects. There is also an issue with limited funding for the design phase. The stormwater study was closed out.
- d. Pennsylvania:
- i. Brandywine: The airport is currently in phase II of construction of the project to improve apron drainage. The grant has been received and the project is awarded to Ply-Mar Construction, Inc. Construction started May 30, 2013 and is now on schedule in the second of four phases, with an anticipated project completion in July. Also, they are anticipating a grant for the design of rehabilitating and relocating airfield lighting, phase I. As a result of scoping discussions the scope of the project was increased to include preliminary stormwater design for the runway widening. The grant is anticipated after the state budget passes in July.
 - ii. Chester County: The airport is currently in phase V of the south apron project.
 - 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. The airport held their 10th annual open house with a successful turnout, however there was a fatal experimental aircraft accident.
 - iv. Heritage Field: An airport representative was not present.
 - v. New Garden: A preliminary design meeting was held on the phase 1-design stage for runway widening and reconstruction. Tentative allocation requirements have been met to rehab the west general aviation apron and a grant has been requested. Hangar development is awaiting the

developer to satisfy the Township's application. The airport is currently planning its 42nd annual Festival of Flight and is planning two sessions of Future Aviators Summer Camp. The New Garden Flight Connection flight school is growing and there was a successful open house held to celebrate aviation.

- vi. Northeast Philadelphia: Planning for taxiway D is in the preliminary stage.
- vii. Pennridge: No new projects to report.
- viii. Perkiomen Valley: The airport has a new skydiving center.
- ix. Philadelphia International: Preliminary design is being conducted for east end taxiway improvements for EE and H. Bids are open for the taxiway K extension.
- x. Philadelphia Seaplane Base: No seaplane representative was present.
- xi. Pottstown Municipal: No airport representative was present.
- xii. Quakertown: The airport authority is bidding a project to rehabilitate the parking lot for the former Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School. The fuel farm is almost complete and just needs DEP final approval before it will be operational.
- xiii. Vansant: There are family days one Saturday a month with food, activities, and an outdoor movie.
- xiv. Wings Field: Hangars 3 and 4 are complete and tenants have moved in. Project closeout is in progress for the itinerant apron. The airport is under consideration for a ground repeater station for Philadelphia clearance delivery. Flight school activity and fuel sales are higher than last year. The airport is in phase 1 of rehabilitating the general aviation terminal apron, with preliminary design to be completed by August 2013.

e. Heliports

- i. Penn's Landing Heliport: A representative from Sterling Helicopter attended and told attendees that the heliport's main business was from MedEvac, news, and corporate customers. There is currently a grant being processed to repair the pier, seawall, and deck of the heliport. The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation is managing the grant and requesting it be disbursed in 2013, not 2016. This currently affects operations but not landing activity.
- 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.

7. DVRPC Planning Activities

- a. Development of new RASP – Kale Driemeier
 - i. Kale Driemeier and DVRPC intern Madeline Garant gave a Powerpoint presentation discussing state aviation plans as well as the next steps for the RASP. Comments were made by PennDOT that Pennsylvania has airport zoning by court order. Also, Sterling Helicopter suggested investigating the lack of A&P qualified mechanics in the region. Updates will be made at future RAC meetings.
- b. DVRPC Aircraft Operations Counting 2011/12 – Dave Metzler
 - i. The first quarter of results is complete, but it is too early to tell which airports are showing increases and decreases from last year. The publication for the 2011/2012 data is in its final stages. Tom Tomczyk

asked about DVRPC counting discrepancies with 5010 reports. Mr. Metzler discussed using DVRPC's use of acoustical recording equipment to find baseline data for future projections.

- c. DVRPC/NJDOT AWOS Project – Paul Carafides
 - i. The project is currently working with the FAA in the commissioning process.

8. Capital Funding Program Status

- a. FAA
 - i. No FAA representative was in attendance.
- b. Pennsylvania
 - i. Sequestration will affect funding. The grant application for FY2013 is currently being prepared.
- c. New Jersey
 - i. NJDOT is currently waiting for commissioner approval for grants for FY 2013/14.
- d. Delaware
 - i. There is an economic impact study update being conducted, along with a video component. Sussex has extended their runway 500', and Delaware Airpark is ready for new runway construction after many delays.
- e. Maryland
 - i. No representative was present.

9. Old Business

- a. Legislative Updates:
 - i. Class B airspace changes July 2013.
 - 1. Dave Metzler discussed these changes that will impact many airports in the region.

10. New Business

- a. There is a Popular Science article currently available which discusses aircraft technology.
- b. Dave Metzler let committee members know that there were partially successful discussions with the FAA regarding lessening the Class B airspace proposed changes. Many of the recommendations to FAA were implemented.
- c. Professors Leslie McCarthy and Frank Falcone from the Villanova Engineering Department were on hand to express their interest in working with aviation facilities. They run a senior-level professional practices course and want projects for students to work on. Also, contact Dr. McCarthy if you have plans to do any work with recycled/warm mix asphalt at your facility as she is interested in doing sample testing.

11. Announcements/ Adjournment

- a. The next meeting is September 19 and the following 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>
Fran Strouse	L.R. Kimball
Andrew Clapper	USDA-Wildlife Services
Tim Kleckner	Independence Aircraft Services
Joel Knowles	Independence Aircraft Services
Michael Anzalone	Sterling Helicopter
Elaine Farashian	Aero Club of Pennsylvania
Jeff Gilley	NBAA
Tim Chelius	South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization
Mary Scheuerman	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Gary Luczak	TranSystems
Lita Bellocchio	Resident
Frank Falcone	Villanova University
Joy Bose	Perkiomen Valley Airport
Peter Ludas	Anchor Consultants
Andre Szumylo	Michael Baker Jr. Inc
Anne Tyska	CHPlanning
Reiner Pelzer	AECOM
Bobbie Geier	Delaware Department of Transportation - Planning Department
David Nelson	Brandywine Airport
Michael McCartney	Philadelphia International Airport
Jan Kopple	TransSystems
Gary Hudson	Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport
David Pitcairn	Piasecki Aircraft
Sean Campbell	Delaware River Waterfront Corporation
Tom Tomczyk	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - Bureau of Aviation
Leslie McCarthy	Villanova University
Ron Horbist	New Jersey Department of Transportation - Department of Aeronautics
Clay Lloyd	DVRPC
David Metzler	DVRPC
Madeline Garant	DVRPC
Kale Driemeier	DVRPC