



MINUTES
June 19, 2014 RAC Meeting

1. Call to Order, Mike McCartney, Regional Aviation Committee Chairman
 - a. Chairman Mr. Michael McCartney opened the June 19, 2014 DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting at 10:20 am; the meeting started late due to a power failure in the building
2. Introductions
 - a. Chairman McCartney asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.
3. Minutes of the March 20, 2014 RAC Meeting:
 - a. The notation for Penn's Landing Heliport was revised to "DRWC working to extend the lease for 5 years to allow for grant funding."
 - b. The minutes were approved as amended.
4. Status of Regional Airports (2 Minute Reports):
 - a. Delaware:
 - i. New Castle/Wilmington: An airport representative was not present.
 - ii. Summit: An airport representative was not present.
 - b. Maryland:
 - i. Cecil County: An airport representative was not present.
 - c. 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: No new projects were reported.
 - vi. Spitfire Aerodrome: No new projects were reported.
 - vii. Trenton-Mercer: Phase I & II taxiway rehabilitation scope change modification reviewed by NJDOT and awaiting final approval from front office.
 - viii. Trenton-Robbinsville: No new projects were reported.

d. Pennsylvania:

- i. Brandywine: LPV Approach Feasibility Study work authorization has been submitted to the owner and transmitted to the BOA for review and concurrence. BOA is to prepare an IFE for this project. A Tentative Allocation is expected from the BOA this month.
- ii. Chester County: South apron phase V project has begun and phase VI will begin in July.
- iii. Doylestown: Runway 5/23 obstruction removal going out to bid in July and completing the work in September.
- iv. Heritage Field: Master plan update underway.
- v. New Garden: The airport is getting ready for the Future Aviators Summer Camp July 14-18 and August 11-15; current enrollment is 90 campers. The airport is applying to the Multimodal Transportation Fund for Hangar Development. An Airport Development Committee has been formed to look at the best use of two saleable lots adjacent to the Airport; one area is currently being considered for a business park and the other an airport residential community.
- vi. Northeast Philadelphia: Washouts from stream and crack repair underway on taxiway L.
- vii. Pennridge: No new projects were reported.
- viii. Perkiomen Valley: PennDOT advised that the airport will stay open. No airport representative present.
- ix. Philadelphia International: Taxiway K extension project underway. Runway 9R localizer project to be rebid. Terminal F baggage upgrade underway. Retrofit of airport signage underway.
- x. Pottstown Municipal: PennDOT to issue funding for runway rehabilitation.
- xi. Quakertown: An obstruction removal and lighting project will be sent out for bid and bids will be received in July. This project will include removing tree obstructions on both ends of the Airport and lighting a structure on the Runway 11 end.
- xii. Van Sant: No new projects were reported.
- xiii. Wings Field: Fuel sales and flight school activity have bounced back from downturn last quarter. AOPA had an anniversary event at the airport. Terminal apron rehabilitation project awaiting a TA from the BOA for the Final Design and Bidding Phase for this project.

e. Heliports

- i. Penn's Landing Heliport: DRWC has drafted and sent to Sterling Corporation a lease extension for an additional five years to comply with the State's grant requirements, which state that the pier must operate as a heliport for a ten-year period following the completion of the repair work or for the useful life of the repair work under the grant. The amendment is pending approval and signatures. Sterling Corporation is anticipating receipt of the Tentative Allocation letter, set to be issued by the BOA on July 1, 2014, notifying the Airport Sponsor that grant funding will be awarded pending approval of grant prerequisite documents for the Pier 36S Seawall Rehabilitation project.

5. Presentations

- a. Mike Cortez, PA Dept. of Economic and Community Development, spoke on the importance of aviation to the PA economy. He also encouraged participants to reach out to his office to work with the Governor's Action Team on recruiting new firms to the state.
- b. Linda Castner, Ronke Olabisi, and Miranda Evarts presented on the local programs to promote aviation to young people.
- c. Kale Driemeier presented on the finalization of the RASP.

6. DVRPC Planning Activities

- a. Dave Metzler discussed the ongoing aircraft traffic activities.
- b. Ron Horbist discussed AWOS activities; all 11 ceilometers have been installed and are fully operational. Currently the commissioning process has been placed on hold and a letter written in conjunction with and approved by NJDOT has been sent to all airports. The letter includes what the commission process means for the airport, the costs associated with the three yearly inspections of the unit and whether or not the airport would like to go through with the commissioning process. To date only one airport has responded – Alexandria Field has declined to have their unit commissioned.

7. Capital Funding Program Status

- a. FAA. The AIP grant program for FFY2014 is underway and the ADO is accepting grant applications. As a reminder, the last day to apply this fiscal year is July 11, 2014. Some other items to note is that all Sponsor Certifications and Exhibit A's will be needed with the applications to the ADO since the grant agreement has changed for 2014 and the Standard Operating Procedures for Exhibit A and Construction Safety and Phasing Plan are in full effect so please plan accordingly.
- b. Pennsylvania. Once the state budget is passed and PennDOT's receive 2014 FAA funding they will issue Tentative Allocation letters for Block Grant and Aviation Development (state\local and AIP match) programs.
- c. New Jersey.
- d. Delaware. No DeIDOT representative present.
- e. Maryland. No MDOT representative present.

8. Old Business

- a. Nothing to report.

9. New Business

- a. Wings Field annual "Wings and Wheels" community event will be held on September 6.
- b. PA Aviation Conference will be held September 22-28.

10. Announcements/ Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Brian Gearhart	FAA HARADO
Chris Jordan	Heritage Field
Dale Russell	Urban Engineers
David Metzler	DVRPC
Deanna Stoddard	McFarland Johnson
E.J. Mentry	Villanova Univ.
Fran Strouse	L.R. Kimball
Gary Hudson	CCAAA
Gary Luczak	TranSystems
Greg Fredrickson	Michael Baker
Hank Stoebenau	Wings Field
Jan Koeppel	TranSystems
Jeff Gilley	NBAA
Joshua Desmond	Heritage Field
Kale Driemeier	DVRPC
Linda Castner	Guest Speaker
Lisa Worden	PA DCED
Lou Hufnagle	Delaware County Planning
Mary Scheuermann	PB
Michael McCartney	PHL
Mike Cortez	Guest Speaker
Miranda Evarts	Guest Speaker
Patrick Williams	Urban Engineers
Rich Bickel	DVRPC
Rob Betz	PennDOT BOA
Ron Horbist	NJDOT
Ronke Olabisi	Guest Speaker
Sean Campbell	CAMG
Ted Dahlburg	DVRPC
Tom Thatcher	L.R. Kimball
Tom Tomczyk	PennDOT BOA
Walter Ellis	Aero Club of PA