

DELAWARE COASTAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2025

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Delaware Coastal Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. on January 22, 2025, at 21911 Rudder Lane, Georgetown, Delaware by Airport Manager, Bob Bryant.

Advisory Committee Members Present:	Todd Lawson, County Admin.	Dustin Berlinger
Mark Parker, Asst. County Engineer	Matt Lloyd, County Council	Rick Garner
Ezra Rickards	Mark Ryan	Scott Thomas
Bill Pfaff, Econ. Dev. Director	Larry Kelley	Jeff Reed

Bob Bryant, Airport Manager, Delaware Coastal Airport, non-member

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Ray Hopkins

1. Approval of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Scott Thomas, and seconded by Dustin Berlinger, to approve the agenda as distributed. The agenda was unanimously approved by consent.

2. Election of Officers:

Prior to the nominations and election of officers, Bob introduced our newly elected County Council Member Matt Lloyd. Councilman Lloyd will be taking the place of Councilman Doug Hudson on the Airport Advisory Committee.

Nominations were taken for the position of Chairman. Larry Kelley nominated Rick Garner and seconded by Dustin Berlinger. Nominations were closed. Rick Garner was elected Chairman by acclamation. At this time, the Chairman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. Mark Ryan nominated Ezra Rickards, seconded by Jeff Reed. Nominations were closed. Ezra Rickards was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Bill Pfaff seconded by Mark Parker, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by consent.

4. Wildlife Management Update:

Bob informed the committee of the wildlife being spotted at the airport such as a few migratory birds when he does the runway inspections. He is using pyrotechnics to deter the birds. There was a bird strike reported. He also reported there have been 4 deer and 3 foxes spotted generally at dusk at Runway 4-22. We have resources in place to remove them, the County has updated their depredation permit with the State for this matter.

5. Airport Update:

Bob Bryant provided airport updates as follows:

- (1) Bob reported on the Taxiway Bravo stating work should begin either the last week of March or the first week of April. The contract has been approved and signed by all interested parties. As the construction date draws near, we will send emails to all tenants informing of the timeline of the process.

6. Advantech New Gate Program Presentation:

Ron Verosko, Sussex County's CSP Manager, Safety and Security provided a presentation of the Hosted Access Control Project to be installed in the upcoming months at DCA. This installation is to upgrade the vehicle and people walk-thru access gates installed in 2005 throughout the airport that are outdated and failing. There will be new software updates to allow the use of an App on the users phone to gain access to the airport.

7. Public Comments:

- (1) Councilman Lloyd spoke for a few minutes introducing himself and advising of his background in the U.S. Air Force. He was welcomed aboard by the Committee.
- (2) Larry Kelley mentioned the snow removal efforts by the County staff and gave kudos to the great job they did in getting a foot of snow removed in a short amount of time. Dustin Berlinger also complimented the work done by the County maintenance department for the incredible job done to get the airport back operational.

8. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 6 p.m. at 21911 Rudder Lane (EOC), Georgetown, DE.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ezra Rickards, seconded by Jeff Reed. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Patty Bodenweiser - Delaware Coastal Airport