

DELAWARE COASTAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2024

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Delaware Coastal Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. on November 20, 2024, at 21911 Rudder Lane, Georgetown, Delaware by Committee Chairman, Rick Garner.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Doug Hudson, County Council	Bill Pfaff, Econ. Dev. Director	Mark Parker
Jeff Reed	Scott Thomas	Mark Ryan
Rick Garner		

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

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Todd Lawson; Ezra Rickards; Larry Kelley; Dustin Berlinger; and Ray Hopkins

1. Approval of Agenda:

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Doug Hudson and seconded by Scott Thomas, to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2024, meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by consent.

3. Wildlife Management Update:

Bob informed the committee there have been seven deer spotted on the airport and action has been taken to remove the deer. Four have been removed and the others have not been seen. There were three cuts found in the surrounding fencing that have been repaired to help deter the deer. The bird activity is being controlled by pyrotechnics when runway inspections are performed.

4. Airport Update:

Bob Bryant provided airport updates as follows:

- (1) Taxiway Bravo construction project is moving forward. This project will be done in six phases and to be completed over a 6-year period. It is a multi-grant project with the first phase to begin in late March or early April of 2025. Quite a bit of drainage work needs to be performed in Phase I of the project. As the project moves forward, proper notices will be posted and sent to all tenants of DCA with updates of any conditions that may cause an interruption in service, if any. There will only be one intersection closed at a time during construction.

(2) Bob informed that Senator Carper approved a Congressional Spending Grant to cover \$750,000 for environmental assessment and \$250,000 for preliminary design ideas. There was also a grant issued to Ocean Aviation to add a flight simulation room like they have in Ocean City, MD to attract more students.

5. Public Comments:

No public comments.

6. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 6 p.m. at 21911 Rudder Lane (EOC), Georgetown, DE.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Thomas, seconded by Mark Parker. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Patty Bodenweiser - Delaware Coastal Airport