

SUSSEX COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Sussex County Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 6:07 p.m. on October 26, 2011 at Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, by Committee Chairman, Jeff Reed.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Dave Baker, County Administrator
Julie Wheatley, Director, County Economic Development

Garrett Dernoga Rick Garner Jeff Reed Richard Wilson

Jim Hickin, A.A.E., Sussex County Airport (Non-member)

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Honorable Sam Wilson, County Council
Mike Izzo, P.E., County Engineer Gus Croll
Larry Kelley Mark Ryan

1. Amend and Approve Agenda

A Motion was made by Rick Garner, seconded by Garrett Dernoga, to approve the agenda as distributed. The agenda was unanimously approved by consent.

2. Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Rick Garner, seconded by Garrett Dernoga, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting as distributed. The minutes were unanimously approved by consent.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Airport/Industrial Park Security

Jeff Reed complimented Sussex County Security with the job they are doing at the Airport and feels guards are more attentive to the areas they are checking. Garrett Dernoga also commented on a recent incident in which he noticed the guard being proactive for a situation that could have injured someone.

Joe Kempf, who was due to report back to committee regarding an attorney's opinion on property checks, etc. did not attend the meeting as he has no new information to provide at this point. He is planning on having the information for the next meeting, December 7, 2011.

5. Emergency Response

Rick Garner reported that things are status quo in regards to a future drill that he is trying to coordinate with Georgetown Fire Company. Jim Hickin requested Rick to please coordinate the drill with him. Jeff Reed commented that he received positive feedback the night the fire company came out for the tour.

Garrett Dernoga shared with the committee a situation regarding a situation with Dover Approach, EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and a plane that appeared to be missing, however, they had not canceled their IFR flight Plan. Dave Baker asked Jim to find out what phone tree EOC was using and if it needed to be updated.

6. Wildlife Management Update

Jeff Reed stated that he had observed deer at the end of the runway. Jim Hickin updated the committee on the recent activities regarding wildlife at the airport. Geese- Jim said he hasn't seen any geese for weeks.

Deer- Jim stated that the county is still moving ahead with the plan to get rid of the deer. He has been going out twice a day to "harass" the deer and try to get them out of the fence area. Once the leaves are off the trees we will have Delaware State Police use their infrared cameras to provide information on the number of deer and their location.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:23 P.M.

At this time meeting was adjourned due to lack of quorum. The meeting initially started with the required six members and at this point Dave Baker, regretfully, had an emergency and had to leave the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

A Meeting for December was previously set at the September 28, 2011 meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6 p.m. at EOC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Wise, Clerk III Technician
Sussex County Airport