

DELAWARE COASTAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2023

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Delaware Coastal Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. on September 27, 2023, at 21911 Rudder Lane, Georgetown, Delaware by Advisory Committee Chairman, Garrett Dernoga.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Doug Hudson, County Council	Garrett Dernoga	Bill Pfaff, Econ. Dev. Director
Mark Parker, Asst. County Engineer	Rick Garner	Jeff Reed
Ezra Rickards	Ray Hopkins	Scott Thomas

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

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Todd Lawson, County Administrator	Mark Ryan	Larry Kelley
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1. Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Rick Garner, and seconded by Ezra Rickards, 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 March 22, 2023, meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by consent.

3. Wildlife Management Update

Bob informed us that the number of deer are down in number from 5 to 2. He also informed the Committee there are geese and seagulls on the airport and he has been very vigilant in using pyrotechnics to deter the birds and it seems to be working.

4. Airport Update

Bob Bryant provided airport updates as follows:

- 1- New 9 Unit T-Hangar Project: Construction has begun on schedule as planned but there have been delays which will cause the completion date to be pushed back to the end of November with a projected date for tenants to occupy the units in January of 2024. The projected cost was \$787,000 and with the change orders required this will add an additional 10-12% to the cost of construction.
- 2- Airport Master Plan Update: A request was submitted to the FAA for an extension and was granted with a target date of completion approved for January 2024.

3- Taxiway Restriping has been approved and bids completed, and this project is County funded. Project will start on October 4, 2023, and will take approximately 3 days to complete (weather permitting). Per FAA requirements, the restriping must include a border of black striping on either side of the yellow strip and will be reflective material.

4- Linda Price was present to discuss the Wings & Wheels event and states everything is on target with road closures to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. They have gotten confirmation the Coast Guard, DSP and Chorman's Aviation will be present at the event. She is hoping for the long weekend of Columbus Day will bring out more people.

5. Public Comments – Ray Hopkins asked how the public can find out about updates and made aware of changes and Bob informed him there will be a public hearing for the Master Plan once completed. Brian White brought up the Runway 4-22 safety areas needing improvements.

6. Next Meeting Date – TO BE DETERMINED.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ezra Rickards and seconded by Rick Garner. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Patty Bodenweiser- Delaware Coastal Airport