

DAAC

June 11, 2014 meeting

Wilmington/Philadelphia Regional Airport

Update on Legislative Bills/Revenue

Bobbie reported that no action has been taken. The Governor has proposed a \$.10 gas tax increase to supplement existing Transportation Trust Fund revenue. We realize that this is still an issue and that the DAAC would like a separate source of revenue to use for obstruction removal and other airport safety improvements.

Update on DOV/CAT RFP Process

Jeff Stone was unable to attend the meeting so Bobbie read an update of the CAT RFP. The RFP went out to the aviation industry in late April with submission date of June 27, 2014. The proposed revisions to the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) between DeIDOT and Pentagon are not finalized, but pending completion in July 2014. There are no major issues or points of disagreement.

Update on Wilmington – New Castle Airport (ILG) scheduled air service

ILG Airport Director Steve Williams gave a powerpoint presentation on the status of Frontier Airlines commercial air service at ILG. The airport is in the process of rebranding itself from New Castle County Airport to the Wilmington/Philadelphia Regional Airport. Future possible service and destinations include Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Jim Kohler, DAAC member, brought up issue of customs at ILG. Many times when flying overseas, the DuPont Corporate jet must land in Trenton/Mercer Airport for customs because no one is available at ILG. Steve suggested contacting Senator Carper's office to look into this.

2015 Career Day Planning and Schedule

The DAAC discussed a Career Day and partners needed to make it a success. Steve Williams suggested that we have the Career Day this year in October instead of next spring. Steve will look into possible dates that ILG and the Delaware Air National Guard would be able to host this event again. Bobbie called Jim Hickin to discuss and Jim said that the first 2 weekends in October do not work for him. The first weekend is Wings and Wheels, when both DeITech and PATS will be hosting their own career day opportunities.

Shore Area Helicopter Update

Bobbie reported that the State has had no activity in new helipads. Steve Williams reported that the Delaware River & Bay Authority (DRBA) is looking into building a helipad site on its property at the

Cape May/Lewes Ferry Terminal in Lewes. There are many advantages to this location but either of the sites would be adjacent to residential properties and there may be local objections due to noise.

Airport reports

Bobbie reported that Allen Chorman (Chorman aerial spraying) has 2 new locations for his expanding business. He is operating out of Smyrna Airport and Laurel Airport.

Future DAAC meetings

The DAAC would like to have quarterly meetings and minutes for each meeting. Annually, the DAAC would like to invite the Secretary of Transportation to a meeting to talk about its achievements over the past year. Bobbie will invite Sec. Bhatt to the DAAC's next meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

The DAAC also discussed changes in membership based on state enabling legislation that created the DAAC. Bobbie will contact sitting members first to see if they want to continue to serve and if not Bobbie will ask the DAAC to make recommendations to Sec. Bhatt for replacements.

Other Business

Several DAAC members brought up that Delaware needs a State Aviation Director. Currently all the state aviation system planning is done in DeIDOT's Planning section. The DAAC feels that there is a need for a Director that is a pilot and understands more of the operational issues facing the airports and pilots in Delaware. In previous years, Delaware did have an Aeronautics Director that was a Delaware Transportation Authority (DTA) non-merit employee. Currently, DeIDOT Planning does all the aviation system planning, obstruction review, airport safety inspections and grant coordination. The Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) does all the economic development outreach in bringing new businesses to Delaware. A Director of Aeronautics would take the role of representing Delaware airports nationally in matching aviation businesses to business opportunities/resources in Delaware. The DAAC will be sending a letter to Secretary Shailen Bhatt requesting this position.

Attendees

Stephen Williams, DRBA	Bobbie Geier, DeIDOT
Jim Kohler, DuPont	Henry "Chick" Chinski
Richard Horstman	John Poore, DAS
Harry VanDenHeuvel	Ben Clendaniel, DRBA
Kim Shropshire, DAS	Tyler Solomon, DeIDOT

Not Present

Jim Hickin, Sussex Airport	Bruce Marvel, Kent County
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