



**CITY OF DELAND**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 16, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**  
**DELAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**  
**1000 FLIGHTLINE BLVD., DELAND, FL, 32724**  
**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of 1/15/2025 Minutes

**AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT**

1. Noise Complaints – Haven't received any in a while.
2. Projects
  1. Airfield Markings – still waiting on FAA grant
  2. A, B, C Electrical upgrades – Had pre-construction meeting on 4/15/25
  3. Master Plan Update – Still underway. 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting potentially this Fall
  4. Runway 5/23 rehab is being pushed out to another fiscal year. The FAA denied our grant.

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL CONCERNS**

1. New LED guidance signs have been delivered. Electricians have started to install them.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

1. Each member will give a brief report

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. We are making progress on stopping vehicles from driving on taxiways and runways by removing gate access. Section 5 (G) in Rules and Regulations states the following. **No vehicles shall be operated on the runway and taxiways unless so authorized in writing by the Airport Manager.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING**

# AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

## A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Johnston at 5:30 pm.

## B. ROLL CALL

Chris Brown	Present	Mike Johnston	Present
Dave Alber	Present	Mike Bickerstaff	Present
Ken Lockett	Present		
John LeBlanc	Present		

Staff present included: John Eiff, Airport Manager; Mindy Considine, Office Administrator;

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Alber made a motion to approve the October 16, 2024 minutes and Ken Lockett seconded the motion.

## D. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Noise Complaints: Haven't received any for a while
- Projects: **Capital Projects Update**  
All capital projects are in progress.
  - Taxiway A has been completed.
  - The West apron has been completed. New LED lights were installed on the taxilane.
  - Airfield markings project is ready to go, just waiting on the FAA grant.
  - Electrical upgrades to A, B, & C is ready, just waiting on the FDOT grant.
  - Airport Master Plan Update is underway. Airport staff has assembled a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

## E. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL CONCERNS

- AWOS wind sensor was repaired on 1/14/2025.
- New LED guidance signs have been ordered. Should receive new conversion kits in a few months.

## G. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Each member gave a brief report, of significance:

John LeBlanc/Parachute Industry – Parachute business still doing well. Military activity has been busy.

Dave Alber/Flight Training – Flight school inquires have increased, mostly international students. Should stay busy through spring and summer.

Vacant Seat /Aviation Tenant –

Mike Johnston/Skydive DeLand – Skydive DeLand will have a busy spring time. Lots of military activity.

Ken Lockett/Noise Sensitive Community – Reported that pilots are doing touch and goes when they shouldn't be. Epic Aviation students come over first thing on Sunday mornings and crowd the pattern. Sometimes there are more aircraft at DeLand than at other towered airports. There are a lot of safety issues to be concerned about.

Chris Brown/FBO – FBO is having regular traffic. Everything is operating as normal.

Mike Bickerstaff/T-hangar Tenant – No complaints. Was made aware that T-hangar A5 gets water inside when it rains.

#### **H. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments at this time: The audience asked if we could change the pattern capacity from six aircraft to four aircraft to help with the congestion. John Eiff replied that we could change it, but it is all voluntary.

#### **I. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mike Johnston asked where we stand with landing fees.

Airport staff replied that we are on hold for now, but possibly still moving forward with landing fees in the near future.

2. Landing fees have been put on hold until more information can be gathered for the City Commission.

#### **J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Unauthorized vehicles driving on runways and taxiways. Airport staff will be sending out a notice for all unauthorized tenants to stop driving on the airfield. Any violations will involve the police.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Airport Advisory Meeting will be held at location 1000 Flightline Blvd. **April 16, 2025** at 5:30pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.