

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
AIRPORT RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
1020 S. PLANT ROAD
WHEELING, IL 60090
6:00 PM**

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Interim Executive Director George Sakas welcomed everyone and started the meeting. He said these are quarterly meetings and it is important that we can communicate information to the residents. He spoke about what this meeting will do, the rules of the meeting, some helpful to know items and what this meeting cannot do. He introduced Penny and explained her role in the program. He said that \$3M per year will be spent on the program. Chicago Executive Airport is a self-funded, self-sustaining airport that will soon be 100 years old. He spoke about the four-month minimum delay to receive door and window orders. He said a 30-year plan was just completed, the airport is here to stay and the airport will be changed according to that plan.

In Attendance: George Sakas – Interim Executive Director
 Penny Merritt – C&S Companies, Project Manager
 Jennifer Pfeifer - Recording Secretary

II. Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP) Update

- A. Penny Merritt, Project Manager, gave the RSIP update:
- To date she has received 454 applications
 - The pilot phase testing and design visits are complete
 - Contractor bids were accepted and will be awarded at the September board of directors meeting.
 - Penny explained the pilot phase construction process for a homeowner when their home is worked on.
 - She spoke about and explained the program after the pilot phase is complete.

III. Questions and Answers

Steve Neff asked how many homes were tested in the pilot phase and Penny said 19 homes were tested and nine homes qualified for sound insulation. Steve asked what company the windows are sourced from, and Penny said Larson and Harvey windows which are manufacturers that are approved to be used in sound programs. He asked if any future changes in the dnl contour are anticipated. George said another noise study is programed to be done in 2023. Penny said the noise contour could change. Steve asked about the avigation easement and Penny said it will be decided by the board of the directors.

Emilia Ritchie, a Plum Creek resident, asked why it took so many years to start the program here? She asked why there was no representative from the FAA at the meeting? Why wasn't Plum Creek Condos in the pilot program? She spoke about the number of aircraft and said

Plum Creek is too close to the airport. She complained about noise and smoke. George said he does not know why the program was not started long ago, the FAA regulates us and we cannot tell them to come to the meetings, and the pilot program is regulated by FAA rules.

Joe Lidecki is a resident in Plum Creek Condos. He asked where he can contact the FAA to get help so that Plum Creek Condos are worked on. George said the FAA office is in DesPlaines and explained how the program will move forward.

Nancy Neff asked what the reasons were that some homes did not qualify in the pilot program. Penny explained the qualifications and how the noise testing is done. She said the home must be built before 1998, it must be in the 65 dnl noise contour, and interior noise testing must result with 45 decibels or higher. There are many factors that will cause a home to be quieter such as newer windows and carpeting. Nancy asked if the program budget can be increased since the price of windows and doors has gone up. George said as many homes as possible will be worked on.

Anton asked about testing in multi-family residences. Penny explained the process and there was discussion about multi-family testing. George explained that more multi-family units can be worked on in a year with the budget.

A resident asked why the warranty is only one year? Penny said this is in accordance with FAA mandates. It is typical to guarantee for one year on workmanship. The resident asked why there were only two bidders. Penny said two is not unusual but also the pilot phase is only nine homes so it may not be an attractive job for bidders. Each phase or year the construction will go out for bid.

IV. Adjournment

George reiterated that Penny is here to help and when things get moving it will make more sense. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Pfeifer
Executive Secretary