

## **PDK Watch Newsletter, March, 2000**

### **Passenger Service Offered at PDK**

Last month in response to questions about a new start up airline at PDK, for which 13 positions covering two shifts were advertised on the Internet, Airport Director Lee Rimmel stated that the service being offered was for air taxi/air charter or on-call charter, "exactly like we already have on the field." He also called these terms interchangeable and defined them as the scheduling of an aircraft in the same manner as one would schedule a taxi or limousine.

On March 10 the activation of a website that allows the booking of seats on small private jets was announced in an article in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (over). The article describes the service out of PDK Airport offered by Flightserv.com as different from traditional charter service since it will give "people access to private jets by the seat." The service is further described as "a new option" with expectation of more than 100 routes by the end of the year.

Whatever you call it, arranging for a seat on an airplane between PDK and New York is passenger service, and regularly scheduled passenger service is just a matter of time. The only thing missing now is a published regular flight schedule. Another example of incremental expansion at PDK.

It is time for the Board of Commissioners to address the issue of operational expansion at PDK Airport and for CEO Liane Levetan to carry out county policy.

NOTE: Mr. Beverly Lance, CEO of Flighserv.com, obtained land leases at PDK Airport as a principal in several companies. The lease to build a hangar and another for a hotel at PDK Airport were acquired from DeKalb County on an unsolicited, noncompetitive basis.

### **Greenspace Resolution**

During its March meeting the Airport Advisory Board discussed a proposed resolution supporting DeKalb County commissioners who have stated that the buy out land between Clairmont Road and the airport will be used as greenspace. A vote on the resolution was delayed until the board's April meeting. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 P.M. at PDK Airport.

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