

**COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN**  
**Sawyer International Airport**  
**Airport Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday August 10, 2017 4:00 P.M.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Bob Muelle, County Commissioner Steve Adamini, John LaCourt and County Commissioner Alholm.

**Members Absent:** Frank Rosado and Scott Schulz

**Staff Present:** Duane DuRay, Airport Manager , Steve Schenden, Director of Operations

**Staff Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** None

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Member LaCourt at 4:05 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Alholm supported by Member Rodgers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:** None.

**4. Approval of Minutes July 2017:**

Motion was made by Member Rodgers, supported by Commissioner Alholm, to approve the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Items of Discussion:**

- A. FAA Radar Meeting: Director Schenden briefed the committee on the progress with the FAA's plans to relocate their radar site that is located on the Sage building to the west side of the airfield. The time table for the relocation is estimated for next year. Discussion took place.

**6. Informational Items & Project Updates:**

- A. Enplanements: DuRay informed the committee on the current passenger enplanement and deplanement numbers, both Delta and American continue to show solid growth year over year. Discussion took place.
- Delta ENP up 36%, DEPL up 33%
  - American ENP up 24%, DEPL up 30%
  - Overall increase in passengers is a 32% increase
- B. Discover Sawyer Update: DuRay provided a summary of the event; the attendance was around 400 with several activities. Sky Dive Harbor Spring was on site and provided tandem skydiving for several local residents over two days. The Valley Medical helicopter with crew were in attendance for the public to view and ask questions, Fed Ex had a presence with their aircraft , truck, and staff providing a forum for questions and answers with the public. The event also comprised of a pancake breakfast, car show, helicopter rides, Young Eagles rides and much more. The event was a success.

- C. Thermal Barrier Update: Director Schenden informed the Committee on the progress of the removal and replacement of the thermal barrier in hangars 664 and 665. Removal is moving along well with no current issues. Discussion took place.
- D. Elevator Update: Director Schenden briefed the committee on the progress for taking the tower elevator out of service. Schenden stated he is waiting on a call back on a vendor for getting the repelling escape system inspected. Discussion took place.
- E. RFP-Asbestos removal from Bldg.431 – Adler: Director Schenden provided a summary of the RFP for the removal of asbestos from the Adler Lumber building, the bids are due on August 28 and to be followed with a September 5<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting. Schenden’s estimate for the removal is approximately \$25,000. Discussion took place.
- F. SEI Expansion: Director Schenden spoke about the progress for the SEI expansion, locating the utilities and looking at the property and land leases. Discussion took place.
- G. New Restaurant: DuRay briefed the Committee on the opening of a new restaurant in the fitness building. Discussion took place.
- H. FAA Inspection: DuRay updated the Committee on the FAA inspection. One of the areas that were discussed in the inspection was the airport pavement painting and it was in need of repainting. Discussion took place on future solutions for paint and funding. The inspection went well.

**7. Late Additions:** None

**8. Public Comment:** None

**9. Staff and Committee Member Comment:** Committee Member Rodgers informed the Committee of the future LED lighting project funded through American Airlines; the project is going to replace all of the lighting in Hangars 661, 664, 665, and building 608 at the cost of \$239,400 for the Envoy operation.

Director Schenden thanked Commissioner Adamini for attending the Discover Sawyer Event.

DuRay provided a summary on the MAP application process and what are our next steps for the future submission for hangar expansion.

**10. Adjournment:** Committee Member Rodgers made a motion, supported by Committee Member Muelle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Duane DuRay, Airport Manager