

**COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport**

**Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2009, 4:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes**

**Airport Services Center,
First Floor Conference Room
Gwinn, MI 49841**

Members Present: Vice Chairman LaCourt, Frank Rosado, Scott Schulz, Fred Benzie, Steve Rodgers

Members Absent: Chairman Struck, Andy Sikkema

Staff Present: Scott Erbisch, Keith Kaspari

Approval of the Agenda: Fred Benzie made a motion to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Frank Rosado and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman LaCourt.

Approval of the Minutes: Scott Schulz motioned to approve the November 2009 minutes. Fred Benzie supported the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Public Comment:

Scott Bolster spoke about a number of concerns and questions that he had with the new T-Hangar lease that he recently received. Specifically, he questioned the new language that no aircraft repairs could be made without first receiving approval of the Airport Manager. He was also wondering what would be considered maintenance. The second area of concern was with 3.6 and the ability of the airport to access the T-Hangar without providing notice to the tenant. Section 4.1 and 4.2 and the insurance addendum. He advised it was not clear if they (tenants) would be responsible for damage caused by others and he was seeking a bit more information on the Premises Liability language.

Greg Durand also spoke that he had similar concerns as noted by Scott Bolster. He also asked about experimental aircraft and premises liability.

Mark Yankovich discussed his concern with the language that permitted the airport to enter the hangar without notification. He advised he had approximately \$1,000 worth of tools stolen from his hangar.

Bill Landry was present, but did not speak at this Public Comment.

Items for Discussion

WAAS Update ó Keith Kaspari provided an update on the WAAS system. He advised that all was still proceeding as scheduled for Runway 19 for a spring 2010 publication. He did not have the schedule for Runway 1 at the time of the meeting.

Fuel Flowage Fee (Attached spreadsheet and a handout provided at meeting) ó Fred Benzie began discussion on fuel flowage by stating that the airport needs to be cost competitive with other General Aviation airports in the Upper Peninsula. This is needed to attract itinerant aircraft. He recommends that the County consider purchasing the fuel and that the County and Boreal Aviation negotiate a percentage that Boreal will be paid for dispensing the fuel. He further advised that the County Board will have the final say on the per gallon price.

John LaCourt advised that the flying community has control on the whether to pay for fuel at the price that Boreal offers by looking at purchasing the fuel elsewhere. John further advised that he can not support an increase if it exceeds what the Airport Advisory Committee recommended in 2007.

Steve Rodgers advised that Boreal should charge what the market will bear.

Scott Schulz was not supportive of the idea presented by Fred Benzie.

Fixed Base Operator Agreement – Scott Erbisich reminded the Airport Advisory Committee that Marquette County and Boreal Aviation will be entering into lease negotiations. The lease is now over ten years old and is in need of a thorough review. Although, Scott is not has not been told this will be asked of the Committee, he mentioned that there is a chance that the County Board may ask for a recommendation on the agreement by the County Board prior to their approval.

With that in mind, Scott asked the Committee for any suggestions or comments on what they felt might be considered by Marquette County and Boreal during the negotiations. Staff also advised that if the County Board did want a recommendation prior to the County Board Approval, that they would have the opportunity to review the agreement.

John LaCourt suggested that there be some consideration for a special winter rate for the T-Hangars that would not only bring in other tenants for the winter, but that there would also be a special winter maintenance special for the planes. He advised that this is a slower time of year for Bill and may bring additional revenue to both parties.

No other comments were made.

Informational Items – Projects Update

600-Series Hangar Project ó Keith Kaspari advised that the 600 series hangar work is virtually complete. He anticipates a first of the year project close-out.

400-Series Hangar Project ó Keith Kaspari advised that the insulating contractor is back on site. Bill Landry advised that there has been damage to the floor by the contractor. Keith advised he would look into this.

Phase I, Airfield Lighting Improvement Project (ARRA) ó The airfield lighting, GA apron lights, AWAS, and repeater are all being run through the new electrical vault. There are LED lights on the Delta and Echo taxiways.

Draft Informational Materials for Meeting with Senator Mike Prusi - Keith Kaspari briefly discussed informational items that were presented to Senator Mike Prusi. The intent of the materials and a recent meeting was to encourage Senator Prusi to try to get the transportation funding process underway. Senator Prusi is term limited and is a good candidate to try to get the ball rolling.

Argonics and Renewafuel Status ó Scott Erbisich provided brief updates on the status of both projects. Argonics is fully operational at its new Sawyer location (building 727) however, the Airport will not start receiving rent until May 2010. The lease with RenewaFUEL is being reviewed by the FAA.

6. Public Comment ó Mark Yankovich asked about whether the airport will be looking into the potential of a runway broom

7. Staff and Committee Member Comment

John LaCourt raised some concerns about Delta Airlines and their schedule. Scott Erbisich advised that staff is concerned about Delta's schedule and was looking into a possible meeting with Delta officials in Atlanta.

Keith Kaspari discussed that there was some mis-information on a recent environmental impact study.

Adjournment – Scott Schulz made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. It was seconded by Steve Rodgers and unanimously approved by the Committee.