

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

**Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 1, 2009, 4:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes**

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

Members Present: Chairman Bob Struck, Frank Rosado, Scott Schulz, Fred Benzie, John LaCourt, and Andy Sikkema

Member(s) Absent: Steve Rodgers

Staff Present: Keith Kaspari, Scott Erbisch

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chairman Struck
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** A motion to approve the Agenda was made by John LaCourt and supported by Scott Schulz and unanimously approved by the Committee.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Fred Benzie and supported by John LaCourt and unanimously approved by the Committee.
- 4. Public Comment:** None
- 5. Items for Discussion:**

A. Master Plan Review and Discussion ó Scott Erbisch provided a brief update on the upcoming meeting with the County Board and Mead & Hunt at Sawyer. Scott also mentioned that the FAA is continuing to state that it still has a strong interest in shortening the length of the runway.

Fred Benzie asked that the Master Plan include a "purpose statement" to better explain the need for having the plan.

John LaCourt added comments regarding his concern about reducing the length of the runway and discussed the "accelerated stop distance" as a point to potentially use in the argument to maintain the current runway length. The shorter the runway, the more the cross wind runway becomes more of a factor.

B. Draft Power Point ó Scott Erbisch explained that the intent of the Power Point was part of a growing awareness campaign for the airport. He further advised that it was a work in progress and may or may not be ready for the July 16th Board Meeting.

Airport Advisory members identified a number of slides that needed further clarification and also recommended using a photograph of a local aircraft.

C. Airport Budget ó Scott Erbisich advised that airport staff was starting the budget process for 2010.

D. WAAS Update ó Keith Kaspari said that he was in the process of completing the FAA registration for the next aerial survey for Sawyer and should have it completed and submitted by the next week.

E. EAA Lease Status ó Scott Erbisich provided an update on the potential lease of the former Skyward Aviation offices to the EAA. The main holdup from the EAA was the cost of insurance. Staff advised that contact was going to be made with the County's insurance carrier to determine what, if anything could be done to help reduce the cost for the EAA.

F. Freedom Shrine Update ó Scott Erbisich advised that he had visited the Freedom Shrine at the Marquette City Public Library. Contact was also made with Geno Angeli advising him that it would be ok so install in the Sawyer Airport Terminal.

G. Braking Action ó Sawyer Runway ó Scott Erbisich advised the Airport Advisory Committee that it was not a liability problem to potentially have airport employees flown to Traverse City by John LaCourt.

6. Informational Items: None

8. Public Comment: None

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment

> Chairman Bob Struck talked about a visit Chairman Corkin had with Senator Levin.

> John LaCourt expressed his potential interest in researching and promoting a mileage for Sawyer International Airport.

> Keith Kaspari discussed the upcoming 400 Series Hangar bids, the success of the recent business afterhours and thanked Steve Rodgers /AMR for providing airplane tickets, the opening of the runway pavement repair project bids, and the lighting vault project.

> Scott Erbisich provided updates on the status of the Argonics Project, Renewafuel, Ice in the Bin, and Frontier Medical.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:12 p.m.