

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

**Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 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, Andy Sikkema, Steve Rodgers

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Keith Kaspari, Scott Erbisich

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Chairman Struck

2. Approval of the Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve Rodgers and supported by Andy Sikkema and unanimously approved by the Committee.

3. Approval of the Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda, with additions, was made by Fred Benzie and supported by John LaCourt and unanimously approved by the Committee.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Informational Items:

A. Keith provided project updates on Grant 2407 (PARCS), Grant 2608 (Hangars), Grant 2809 (Vault Design), Grant 3009 (Stimulus funding for lighting and vault), Grant 3109 (FY-2009 Part B).

B. Keith provided an update on the upcoming FAA Safety and Certification Inspection.

C. Keith provided an update on the upcoming ARFF live burn exercise set to take place on May 27 and 28.

D. Scott provided an update on the upcoming required Tri-Annual exercise set for May 27th (Table top) and on June 28th (Actual drill)

E. Keith provided and discussed a handout from the Ambassadors trip to Lansing, Michigan.

F. Keith provided an update to the Committee about an upcoming Sawyer's Airport Liability insurance inspection.

G. Keith advised of the upcoming Runway Safety Action Team Meeting scheduled for May 19th.

H. Keith provided an MAAE handout.

I. Keith provided a AAE handout.

J. Andy Sikkema provided an update on future road enhancements on M-553 and Kelly Johnson Drive. The work is not anticipate to occur until 2010 or 2011.

6. Old Business

- A. The Committee was provided an update on the status of the Master Plan chapters 4&5. Chapters 4&5 will be presented to them in June. These are the final chapters to be reviewed before the Joint meeting with the County Board in either late June or July.
- B. County staff provided a handout regarding the WAAS system status. Staff further advised that additional survey work will be completed this summer for Runway 1. Runway 19 is still showing a publish date of May of 2010.
- C. John LaCourt provided additional information on the research he has completed regarding runway sweepers. He discussed his conversation with Cherry Capital Airport and how they will be having an open house this August and it could be very beneficial for airport staff to take a look at their runway sweeper. Cherry Capital Airport has ordered new sweepers from Canada and they feel they will be a valuable runway cleaning tool during winter operations. Approximate cost of each unit is \$580,000.

7. New Business

- A. USDOT / FAA Grant 3009 - Marquette County received 1.7 million dollars in Federal Stimulus money for the relocation of its electric vault and for runway lighting. These items are a high priority in the Airports five (5) year ACIP. Bids will be opened during the week of June 1st.
- B. Geno Angeli came before the Airport Advisory Committee asking for consideration to have the "Freedom Shrine" placed in the Sawyer International Airport Terminal. He said that this display was in the terminal in Negaunee, but that he does not know what happened to it when the airport relocated. He described the display as being approximately 30 feet in length.

A motion was made by Fred Benzie and seconded by Frank Rosado to support the installation of the "Freedom Shrine" if it was able to fit appropriately in the terminal. The motion unanimously passed.

- C. Mr. Ted Kirkpartirck, President of Sawyer's local EAA Chapter 850 presented a letter seeking consideration to allow light aircraft to land on a grass surface at Sawyer Airport. A suggested location was the South end of the airport, but if not there some way of potentially accommodating this request.

Airport Advisory Committee members felt the request should be looked into and to see what maintenance levels would be needed and identify any FAA specific requirements that would need to be met or completed. Keith Kaspari advised that he felt an Air Space Study would be required.

Frank Rosado and Keith Kaspari advised they would meet to look into this request.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment

Fred Benzie advised of a recent situation in which the electronic gate next to Boreal Aviation would not close. The concern was that there wasn't anyone at Boreal Aviation, the Tower was closed. Fred suggested consideration be given to posting emergency telephone numbers on the gate should something like this occur again.

Keith Kaspari advised everyone about the upcoming Airport sponsored Business After Hours on Monday, June 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.