

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

**Thursday, April 2, 2009, 4:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Members Absent: Steve Rodgers and Andy Sikkema

Staff Present: Keith Kaspari

Staff Absent: Scott Erbisch

Guests Present: None

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chairman Struck.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the March meeting minutes was placed by Scott Schulz, with a second by Frank Rosado. Those present approved the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Approval of the Agenda:**

A motion to approve the agenda as presented, with the exception of the Special Presentation by Mr. Paul Dishaw was placed by Mr. John LaCourt, with a second by Scott Schulz. Those present approved the motion. Motion passed.

4. **Public Comment:** Due to the absence of Mr. Paul Dishaw, the Special Presentation will need to be rescheduled.

5. **Informational Items:**

A. Keith provided an update to the committee members on various Federal and State legislative affairs.

B. Keith provided an update and a handout of a White House memo on Federal Contracting. Memo provided comment on a complete review by the Federal Government on all government contracting, and to review what government programs work well, and what programs do not work very well.

Keith provided the memo to the Committee Members due to Sawyer's Air Traffic Control Tower is part of a public/private partnership under the FAA's Federal Contract Air Traffic Control Tower program.

Current B/C ratio has Sawyer receiving 100% funding for the operation of Sawyer's Tower ó excluding monthly fees for communications, utilities, maintenance, etc.

- C. Keith provided a color-coded copy of the CY-2009 MDOT Construction Projects (via Committee Member Andy Sikkema). Some projects include the use of Federal Stimulus funds under the ARRA.
- D. Keith provided a handout of a power point presentation to the Committee Members, via Kindsvatter & Associates, and MAAE, regarding the impact that Aviation and Airports have locally, regionally, statewide and nationally.
- E. Keith provided an update to the Committee Members regarding an update on Sawyer's Capital Projects.
- F. Keith provided an update to the Committee Members that Sawyer's 2009 FAA Safety and Certification Inspection is scheduled for the week of May 11th.
- G. Keith provided handouts of newspaper articles from the March 23rd Detroit News, "Travelers Cope with Higher Fees."

6. Old Business

- A. Keith provided a copy of various press releases from the Capital Region Airport in Lansing regarding the announcement of service from Lansing to the Newark Liberty Airport, and the Baltimore-Washington International Airport with Air Azul Airlines.
- B. Keith provided a brief update and handout to the Committee Members regarding proposed ARFF criteria and revised indexing of airports with commercial service.
- C. Keith provided an update to the Committee Members on the next steps with regard to the Airport Master Plan project.
- D. Staff provided an update, with the handout of a letter submitted from Staff (Scott Erbisch) to the FAA regarding the WAAS project at Sawyer. Scott Erbisch has continued to reach out to Congressman Stupak's Washington, D.C. office.

For the April update to the Committee, no new updated information was relayed to airport staff. Scott requested to ascertain what are the future expectations of the Committee.

It was decided that the Committee Members would like to continue to keep the WAAS issue on the agenda for an update every month, and to contact the Congressman's office with a schedule of the 2nd or 3rd week of the month previous the next scheduled Airport Advisory Committee meeting.

Committee Member John LaCourt provided additional comment that the airport lost 6-months of follow-up for the WAAS project.

- E.** Staff and Committee Members continued their discussion from the previous month regarding airfield braking action.

Committee member John LaCourt provided comment that there were no updated airfield conditions reports when he landed his private aircraft in the very early morning hours (2:00 a.m.).

Keith provided comment that there is no program in place for staff to provide last-minute updates to the AWOS prior to the Sawyer Ops./ Maint. office closing for the day at 01:00.

Committee Member Scott Schulz made a motion to keep this item on the agenda for the May meeting, regarding corrective measures / actions to be taken if the Braking Action falls to Ö.

7. New Business

- A** Keith provided a copy of the Draft Transportation White paper that will be finished in time to present downstate during the annual trip of the Marquette County Ambassadors.

8. Public Comment None

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment

Committee Member Fred Benzie provided comment regarding Mr. Ted Kirkpatrick and the Sawyer Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

10. Adjournment

Committee Member John LaCourt made a motion to adjourn the April meeting. His motion was supported by Committee Member Scott Schulz. Motion passed.

Time of adjournment: 6:13 p.m.