

County of Marquette  
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 7, 2008, 4:00 P.M.  
Airport Services Center, Second Floor Conference Room  
Gwinn, MI 49841

**Members Present:** Scott Schulz, Steve Rodgers, Frank Rosado, John LaCourt, Bob Struck, Fred Benzie

**Members Absent:** Andy Sikkema (Excused)

**Staff Present:** Keith Kaspari, Scott Erbisch

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m

**Approval of Minutes (January 2008) ó**

No minutes were prepared for review and approval. To be prepared for the March 6, 2008 meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

A motion was made by Fred Benzie to approve the Agenda with the addition of õWAASö as letter õCö in Old Business, supported by Scott Schulz and carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Informational Items:**

- A. Capital Outlay Bill Letter to State Representatives ó Handout at Meeting ó Keith Kaspari summarized his letter and answered several questions regarding the Capital Outlay Bill status.

**New Business:**

- A. USCTA Policy Board Retreat Summary ó Handout at Meeting ó Keith Kaspari summarized his memo and answered several questions regarding the retreat.

**Old Business**

- A. Master Plan Update ó Handout at Meeting ó A printed e-mail from Kevin Mulcaster updating the status of the Airport Master Plan was provided to members.

Staff advised that M&H will be coming this spring to update the Airport Advisory Committee and County Board on the project.

- B. Re-appointment of Secretary Position ó Fred Benzie advised that he was turning down the position of öSecretaryö.

Steve Rodgers advised he would take on the role as long as there were others that could assist in taking the minutes when he was unable to make the meetings. Staff advised they would fill in the gap.

- C. WAAS ó John LaCourt inquired whether or not a follow-up letter had been sent to the Senators and Congressmen regarding our request to have the Sawyer International Airport WAAS made a priority.

Scott Erbisch said that he had his computer flagged with a date in March for the follow-up letter. Staff will prepare and send a follow-up letter to the Senators and Congressman.

**Public Comment:** None

**Staff and Committee Member Comment:**

**Staff comments/updates:**

**EAS Announcement in Escanaba/Iron Mountain ó**

Keith and Scott discussed the potential concerns with the recent announcement that Mesaba would be the Essential Air Service carriers for Escanaba and Iron Mountain.

Potential side effects include a reduction of passengers at Sawyer, loss of parking revenue, loss of Minneapolis flight.

**FAA Inspection ó**

Keith updated members on the annual FAA inspection. Overall, the inspection went well, but there was a correction cited in one area of record keeping.

**Constant Current Regulators (CCR's) –**

Scott updated the Committee on some recent problems with the runway CCRø. In 2009, the airport is planning to due a large electrical upgrade to the airfield and CCRø.

**Committee Member Comments:**

Scott Schulz asked to have an update on the Airport Incubator project at the next meeting. Bob Struck passed along some concerns about the tables and chairs at the Touch & Go concession stand.

The units are not very handicap user friendly. He also advised that he is on a new Ground Transportation & Aeronautics group recently formed by the State of Michigan.

**Adjournment:**

John LaCourt made a motion to adjourn at 5:24 p.m... The motion was seconded by Steve Rodgers and unanimously carried.