

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday February 14, 2019 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ed Glasgow, County Commissioner Alholm, Bob Muelle, and Vito Carello Sr.

Members Absent: Steve Rodgers, Frank Rosado, and County Commissioner Adamini,

Staff Present: Duane DuRay, Airport Manager and Steve Schenden, Director of Operations

Staff Absent: None

Guests Present: Greg Durand, Marquette County Flying Club (MCFC).

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alholm at 4:00 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Member Muelle, supported by Member Glasgow to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: Mr. Durand presented a request to the Committee to support the hangar fee reduction for the third hangar the MCFC. Mr. Durand provided a brief update on the benefits the flying club brings to the airport and the community. Discussion took place and Chairperson Alholm asked to have the MCFC placed on the March Agenda for discussion.

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by member Glasgow, supported by Member Muelle, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion:

A. Winter weather canceled flights: DuRay reported on the number of canceled and delayed flights over the recent past. DuRay stated, Sawyer staff is becoming far more efficient with the clearing of the pavement surfaces of snow and ice contamination. The use of the deicing chemicals and new equipment has greatly improved the clearing ability. Discussion took place.

B. FBO RFQ: Director Schenden provided an update on the draft FBO RFQ for comment to several interested parties, to include Boreal Aviation and Kubick Aviation. There is a stated comment period for interested parties to provide comments to Mr. Schenden before the official FRQ is posted. Member Glasgow made a few comments and said he would submit comments in writing. Discussion took place.

6. Informational Items & Project Updates:

A. Senator Peters Visit – DuRay briefed the Committee on the planned visit by Senator Peters. The visit will be on Friday February 15 and some the items for discussion will be PFAS, MAP funding, and

blighted buildings. The purpose is to provide the Senator with an update of the airport and the future plans. Additional discussion took place about customs and a review of past work completed customs for Sawyer International Airport.

- B. Airport of the Year: DuRay provided a briefing on the State of Michigan, Aeronautics and their intentions to award Sawyer International Airport with the Airport of the Year for the State of Michigan on February 21st. This award is a reflection on the hard work entire airport staff. .

7. **Late Additions:** None

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. **Staff and Committee Member Comment:** Member Muelle gave congratulation to the Airport for the award.

Director Schenden informed the Committee of examples of cooperation among many of the stake holders at the airport to keep operations going.

Chairperson Alholm requested a copy of the past Custom study be provided to the Committee Members and to keep the Committee informed on items that have been passed at the County level for the airport.

10. **Adjournment:** Member Glasgow made a motion, supported by member Muelle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Duane R. DuRay, Airport Manager