

**COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN**  
**Sawyer International Airport**  
**Airport Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday October 12, 2017 4:00 P.M.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Frank Rosado, Ed Glasgow, Bob Muelle, John LaCourt and County Commissioner Alholm.

**Members Absent:** County Commissioner Steve Adamini and Steve Rodgers

**Staff Present:** Duane DuRay, Airport Manager

**Staff Absent:** Steve Schenden, Director of Operations

**Guests Present:** None

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Rosado at 4:03 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion was made by County Commissioner Alholm supported by Member Muelle to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes September 2017:**

Motion was made by Member LaCourt, supported by Member Muelle, to approve the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Items of Discussion:**

A. RFP-Asbestos Removal from Bldg.431 – Adler – Update Tabled

**6. Informational Items & Project Updates:**

A. Delta flight schedule reduction: DuRay briefed the Committee on the flight schedule reduction; there was a teleconference with SkyWest representatives, Amy Clickner (LSCP), Mike Bown (Trillion) and local representatives. The discussion focused on the flight schedule change and the need to adjust aircraft scheduling through Detroit. The SkyWest team discontinued the Detroit morning departure and the late evening arrival and replaced it with a Minneapolis flight. SkyWest felt Minneapolis would provide good flight connections for many of the current Detroit hub users and open better connections to the west. All parties agreed to reassess the flight schedule in the first quarter of 2018 and SkyWest is planning to reinstate the previous flight schedule in March 2018. Discussion took place.

B. Board Member Terms Expire 12/31/2017 (Steve Rodgers and Stephen Adamini): Chairman Rosado requested the staff to forward the necessary documents over to the two members.

C. Wildlife Management Training: DuRay updated the Committee on the annual wildlife training hosted at Sawyer International Airport this year. Every 12 months, airport staff is required to attend annual

recurring wildlife training. This year Sawyer International Airport hosted the training, staff coordinated with the Department of Agriculture and several airports for training on September 20, 2017. The training location is rotated among participating airports every year.

- D. Enterprise Car Rental: DuRay briefed the Committee on the transition of the lease agreement from National Car Rental (Keweenaw Park) to Enterprise. The official date of the turnover will be November 1, 2017. Discussion took place.
- E. TSA Site Visit for SIDA: DuRay updated the Committee on the planned TSA visit. TSA are coming to review the current Airport CAT III measures as a pre-inspection. TSA will be onsite on October 23, 24, and 25 to review the entire security program. Discussion took place.
- F. Travel Marquette Presentation: DuRay stated, Amy Clickner and DuRay attended a Travel Marquette board meeting to request financial support for the Trillion Aviation contract. This is a continued effort to raise the necessary funding for the Trillion Aviation contract as the Airport's aviation consultant. Discussion took place.
- G. SEI Expansion Tabled - Steve Schenden.

**7. Late Additions:** MAP Application, DuRay updated the Committee on the resubmission of another MAP Application. Mr. Schenden and DuRay traveled to Lansing and met with Mr. John Mayfield, the Detroit ADO Director, on the possibility of applying for another MAP grant. The discussion went well. The next application will be completed and the scope of work will focus on the expansion of hangars 664 and 665. The application process should be completed and ready for submission in early December. Discussion took place.

**8. Public Comment:** None

**9. Staff and Committee Member Comment:** County Commissioner Alholm asked for an update on the Telkite Solar projects, DuRay stated he was unsure of the current status or progress of the project, but will try to get an update for the next meeting.

County Commissioner Alholm also asked how the airport staff felt about a shooting range location at the south end of the runway. The DNR and the Planning Commission were not in favor of the location, Alholm stated. Consensus among the Committee and airport staff was opposed to a shooting range near the south end of the airport.

Chairman Rosado requested information on the arrival of the Winter Icing testing teams. DuRay said the group is planning to begin after the first of November and hangar 663 is getting prepped.

Chairman Rosado commented on a trip to Dallas and the ability of that airport to charge people to drive through the airport. Discussion about airport use fees for ground transportation and the need to continue to look at a way to charge an airport fee equally to all ground transportation groups.

**10. Adjournment:** County Commissioner Alholm made a motion, supported by Committee Member LaCourt to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned At 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Duane R. DuRay Airport Manager