

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday July 12, 2018 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ed Glasgow, John LaCourt, Steve Rodgers County Commissioner Adamini, County Commissioner Alholm, and Frank Rosado

Members Absent: Bob Muelle

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

Staff Absent: None

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rosado at 4:02 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by County Commissioner Alholm supported by County Commissioner Adamini to approve the agenda and have customs and a PFAS update added to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: Mr. Michael Mc Neil, the Director of Operations for Boreal Aviation, wanted to inform the Airport Advisory Committee of the up and coming 20 year anniversary celebration for Boreal Aviation. Boreal Aviation's COO will be in attendance for a ceremonial ribbon cutting to be followed by food on August 3rd at 4 pm. Mr. McNeil will provide an email to Mr. Schenden to circulate over to the entire Airport Advisory Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes April 2018:

A motion was made by County Commissioner Alholm, supported by member LaCourt, to approve the minutes for June 14, 2018, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion:

- A. Runway Construction: DuRay updated the Committee, construction is going well, Phase II is into the second week of construction. The contractor has encountered a slow down due to the concrete milling and the high number of pavement areas that are requiring additional work due to the poor condition, but still remains on schedule. Member Glasgow requested notification on when the contractor will know the hard date they are planning to implement Phase III. DuRay discussed the current options for Phase III.
- B. T- Hangar Lease Rates: DuRay briefed the Airport Advisory Committee on the request to have the Committee review the T-Hangar lease rates. DuRay will work with Mr. Glasgow on getting current rates from surrounding airports and come back to this Committee with hangar rates from other airports to compare. Discussion took place.

- C. FBO Update: DuRay informed the Airport Advisory Committee of the future request for qualification (RFQ) for the FBO. Chairman Rosado spoke about a previous RFQ that was developed for an FBO; staff will need to search the existing files to locate the draft. DuRay also discussed the length of an FBO agreement for the lease; the need for longer agreements would allow the FBO enough time to recoup private investment. DuRay informed the Committee of three possible FBO interests, Kubick, a private individual, and Boreal. Director Schenden said a mandatory Pre-RFQ could be requested so all interested entities would need to attend if they desire to submit a RFQ. Discussion took place.

6. Informational Items & Project Updates:

- A. MAP Update: DuRay briefed the Committee on the current progress of the MAP application; Senator Peter's, Senator Stabenow's and Congressman Bergman's offices have been contacted to provide letters of support for the MAP application. Furthermore a potential visit to Washington D.C. is being looked at this time to meet with the FAA and our legislators to discuss the urgency for this project to the local community. Discussion took place.

7. Late Additions:

- A. Customs: Member Glasgow voiced frustration that the airport is classified as an international airport, yet are unable to get customs to support an international operation. The classification of international is misleading and Boreal receives calls asking for services only to be cancelled due to the lack of customs. Staff continues to work on customs at multiple levels; Director Schenden provided an argument to present to our legislators. Discussion took place.
- B. PFAS/AFFF: County Commissioner Alholm wanted more information on the PFAS/AFFF subject as it related to Sawyer International Airport. Director Schenden stated the Air Force has been monitoring PFAS for some time and they provide a briefing annually at the Restoration Advisory Board. Mr. Schenden will provide the date of the next meeting when the Air Force announces the next scheduled meeting.

8. Public Comment:

Michael McNeil requested more information on the FBO RFQ/RFP, specifically, is Marquette County looking for a replacement FBO or a competing FBO.

Bill Landry from Boreal Aviation commented on the hangar rate research and would like more information on the need to change the current rates.

Staff will provide mailing of the Advisory Committee agenda to the Marquette County Flying Club and the EAA Chapter 850 so those groups are aware of any future subjects that may affect them.

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment:

- A. Director Schenden briefed the Committee on the air-conditioner unit that failed at the Air Traffic Control Tower. Staff has worked very hard to get the issues resolved.

Chairman Rosado stated his pleasure with the staff and their attention to the air conditioner issues.

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

Adjourned At 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Duane R. DuRay, Airport Manager