

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday August 13, 2015 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Scott Schulz, Karen Alholm, Frank Rosado, Donald Kristola and Stephen Adamini.

Members Absent: Steve Rodgers and John LaCourt

Staff Present: Duane DuRay, Airport Manager

Staff Absent: Steve Schenden, Director of Operations

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order:

Scott Schulz called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner Alholm, supported by Member Rosado, to approve the agenda as prepared. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

A. None noted

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Member Schulz, supported by Member Rosado, to approve the July 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Suggested Agenda Items:

A. None Noted

6. Items of Discussion:

- A. Sawyer Runway Length Decision: DuRay reported on the history of the FAA and Marquette County conversations regarding the levels of federal participation with repairs, rehabilitation, and planning for the runway length. DuRay updated the Committee on the FAA's new decision to support a 9000' runway if the project is only rehabilitating the runway surfaces verse rebuilding. Light discussion took place.
- B. Revised Drivers Training Program: DuRay reported to the Committee on the progress and the planned completion of a revised Airfield Drivers Training manual and program, The program covers both the movement and non-movement responsibilities of all vehicle drivers on the airfield. Light discussion took place.

7. Informational Items & Project Updates:

- A. Megan Murray, Airport Intern: DuRay reported to the Committee on the performance of Megan Murray over the four months she was the Airport Intern. DuRay remarked on her ability and willingness to accept tasks of varied complexity without hesitation. Her overall performance was excellent.
- B. Discover Sawyer Day: DuRay reported to the Committee on the overall outcome of the open house. Some new events were added this year, the Sports Car Club of America and helicopter rides. These events went well while other events had varied success. DuRay intends to continue this event into the coming year.
- C. State of Michigan Capital Improvement Grant: DuRay reported to the Committee on the Capital Improvement grant. Sawyer International applied for and was awarded a \$7500 grant to replace and enhance the current inventory of hand held radios for the staff.
- D. Shoulder and Lighting Project Completion: DuRay reported to the Committee on the current status of the Shoulder and Lighting Project. A few loose ends need to be completed with some electrical upgrades and some punch list items. The project went well. Light discussion took place.
- E. Representative Peter Pettalia Visit: DuRay reported to the Committee on the Representatives visit to the airport. Rep. Pettalia is on the State of Michigan's Transportation Committee and wanted to tour Sawyer and get an understanding of some of the challenges Sawyer faces and how he can help Marquette County and the Airport.
- F. Air Service Study – LSCP Multi-Modal Task Force: DuRay reported to the Committee on the progress of the air service study interviews and the Multi-Modal Task Force decision to go with Trillion. LSCP was taking the lead role as the point of contact agency, Sawyer will also carry a leading role working with Trillion as the study is being developed. It is being scheduled to have Trillion come to Marquette and provide a presentation to the Marquette County Board and the Multi-Modal Task Force. The date has yet to be determined. Member Rosado requested to have the Advisory Committee informed of the date and time of the presentation so they may attend.
- G. Marquette Chamber of Commerce: DuRay reported to the Committee that Sawyer International Airport has joined the Marquette Chamber of Commerce at the recommendation of the Marquette County Administrator and that he attended the ribbon cutting for the Chamber as a representative of Marquette County, GINCC, and Sawyer International Airport. Light discussion took place.

8. Late Additions: None

9. Public Comment: None

10. Staff and Committee Member Comment: Commissioner Alholm asked about the IL76 aircraft and Member Rosado asked for an update on the subject as well. DuRay updated the Committee on the communications between Marquette County and International Jets. A decision was made to allow International Jets to remain in hangar 663 through the winter and Sawyer is working with Tactical Extractions Inc. to use hangar 662 for the Army Winter Operations testing that will be incorporating Korean Aerospace Industries and possibly the Italians again. Member Rosado asked about the possible lease extensions for International Jets. Member Rosado also asked about Tactical Extractions regarding their operation. Member Adamini voiced his concern about the issues regarding the request of the IL78 group to remove the aircraft from the hangar.

11. Adjournment: At 5:13 p.m., a motion was made by Member Rosado, supported by Commissioner Alholm, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Duane DuRay, Airport Manager