

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday January 14, 2016 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Scott Schulz, Steven Rodgers, and Frank Rosado

Members Absent: John LaCourt, Commissioner Karen Alholm

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

Staff Absent: None

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order:

Steve Schenden called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Organizational Items:

A. Appointment of Officers

Steve Schenden called for nominations of a new Airport Advisory Committee Chairman. Nominations were made for members Rosado, Schulz and LaCourt respectively. Each member present voted and the nomination for John LaCourt carried.

As member LaCourt was not present, Steve Schenden proceeded with a call for the nomination of a new Vice Chairman. Nominations were made for members Rosado, and Schulz. Members concurrently voted for and the nomination of Frank Rosado as Vice Chairman carried.

Member Rosado, as Vice Chairman, then conducted a call for the nomination of the new Secretary. Committee member Schulz made a motion for the Secretary position to remain with member Steven Rodgers which was carried by unanimous vote.

B. Establish Meeting Dates and Times

Member Schulz made a motion to continue Airport Advisory meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the present location in the training room of the Airport Services Center. A second of support was made by member Rodgers. Motion carried.

C. Rules of Order

Member Rosado inquired as to whether anyone desired changes to the current Rules of Order. A motion was made by member Schulz to maintain them as is, which was seconded by member Rodgers. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by member Rodgers, supported by Member Schulz, to approve the agenda as prepared. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by member Schulz, supported by Member Rodgers, to approve the January 2016 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Suggested Agenda Items:

A. None Noted

7. Items of Discussion:

A. None Noted

8. Informational Items & Project Updates:

A. Update from Member Rosado on Energy Efficiencies at the Terminal

Member Rosado shared the arduous steps taken in the recent review of the energy expenditures at Sawyer Airport, as well as future cost-saving measures defined by Lindsay Wagner of Efficiency United.

Staff member Schenden has requested additional estimates and specific criteria so the County can determine its ability to obtain funding and/or its qualification for reimbursement which will hold much weight in the County Board's decision to move forward. These estimates will allow the Board to determine the future return on investment and this project's priority level.

B. Update on Airline Meetings

As "next steps" following the Air Service Study, staff member Schenden reports that Mike Bown of Trillion, Amy Clickner of the Lake Superior Community Partnership and Airport Manager, Duane DuRay head to Las Vegas to discuss the return of Minneapolis service with Skywest, as well as potential, seasonal, flights with Allegiant on February 10, 2016.

9. Late Additions: None

10. Public Comment: None

11. Staff and Committee Member Comment: Member Rodgers shared that Envoy is preparing for an upcoming meeting with Robert Isom, President of American Airlines, to show case both of their heavy check bases. He also disclosed Envoy's recent pickup of Embraer 175's from Brazil, which could eventually result in future heavy checks (approx. six years from now) and discussed the need to look at larger hangar space in the event they see some 90's. Wouldn't result in any job creation, but would aid in retention.

Member Rosado further emphasized the need to understand the County's budget where utility consumption is concerned. Clarification on dollars budgeted vs. monies expended would be helpful.

12. Adjournment: At 5:00 p.m., a motion was made by Member Rosado, supported by Member Schulz, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Steven Schenden, Director of Operations