

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday October 13, 2016 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John La Court, Donald Kristola, Steve Adamini, and Scott Schulz.

Members Absent: County Commissioner Karen Alholm, Steve Rodgers and Frank Rosado,

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 Chairman LaCourt at 4:04 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Member Schulz, supported by Member Adamini to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

A. None noted

4. Approval of Minutes:

Member Kristola made a motion, supported by Member Adamini, to approve the August 2016 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion:

A. Access Control Project/Airport Security Plan: DuRay briefed the Committee on the progress; there have been a few issues with some of the vehicle gates and a couple delays on some of the access doors. Substantial completion should be completed on November 23rd, 2016. Light discussion took place.

6. Informational Items & Project Updates:

A. FAA Grant receipt: DuRay informed the Committee on the progress of the current 3-26-0153-4016 FAA AIP Grant. August 24th was the official grant award date, the project slated for this grant is the runway rehabilitation engineering and the work has begun. Light discussion took place.

B. Visit from Senator Peters Staff: DuRay provided a briefing on the visit from the Senator staff. Discussion points focused on blighted buildings, current Telkite projects, and FAA reauthorization progress. Further discussion took place.

C. Cheryl's Position Interviews: DuRay briefed the Committee on the progress with filling Cheryl Cox's position. After the initial round of interviews a person was chosen but

declined the position. A second round of interviews was completed with Ms. Jody Lindberg being selected. We are anticipating she will be beginning soon.

- D. Snow and Ice Control Plan: DuRay provided information on a newly developed Snow and Ice Control Plan due to a change from the Federal Aviation Administration field condition reporting. These changes added several new procedures for completing field condition reporting and came into play as of October 1st, 2016. Light discussion took place.
- E. SCCA Reschedule: DuRay informed the Committee on the rescheduling of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) from late August to September 17-18. The event was the second event of the 2016 year and was very successful. Planning for a future SCCA event may be challenging as Sawyer International Airport transitions into a Category III airport. Staff will need to evaluate future events in conjunction with the Transportation Security Administration on a case by case review.
- F. Army Icing Testing: DuRay provided an update for the Committee on the Army Winter testing; the Army is planning to complete their winter testing in Marquette and is slated to be on site on December 1st, 2016. Several upgrades are needed to include data and electrical improvements; staff is working with local contractors to get cost estimates on the upgrades.
- G. Potential Air Carrier Visit: DuRay briefed the Committee on the planned visit to SkyWest at their headquarters in St. George, Utah on October 20, 2016. The discussion will focus on Minneapolis flights and the possibility of larger aircraft. DuRay will update the Committee on his return.
- H. IL 78 Aircraft Information: DuRay provided information to the Committee on the possibility the IL 78 aircraft being sold as an aircraft to a interested party or the potential the aircraft would be dismantled by another party. Neither of these options are solid, but staff has informed the representative of the impending winter and the need to make decisions before it begins to snow.

7. Late Additions: None

8. Public Comment: None

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment: Member Donald Kristola commented on the Sawyer Restoration Board, he requested I inform Mr. Schenden of the meeting on the 19th of October. DuRay will pass the info down to Mr. Schenden.
Chairperson LaCourt requested an agenda item regarding the Envoy hangar expansion be added to the next meeting agenda to keep the subject moving forward.

10. Adjournment: Member Kristola made a motion, supported by Member Schulz to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Duane DuRay, Airport Manager