

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday October 8, 2015 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Stephen Adamini, Donald Kristola, Karen Alholm and John LaCourt

Members Absent: Scott Schulz, Steve Rodger and Frank Rosado

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

Staff Absent: None

Guests Present: Kevin Corkin

1. Call to Order:

John La Court called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

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

3. Public Comment:

- A. Mr. Kevin Corkin provided information on the Boy Scouts “Pioneer Post” coed program. Developed for young people ages 14 through 21, it introduces them to a variety of career-based interactive opportunities. Sawyer International could potentially provide a unique activity/program designed around aviation and firefighting. Mr. Corkin elaborated on the basic concepts and distributed informational pamphlets to the Committee for review. Discussion took place and Mr. Corkin stated he would provide a future presentation and detail what Sawyer, as a sponsor, might provide.

4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Member Kristola, supported by Member Adamini, to approve the September 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Suggested Agenda Items:

- A. None Noted

6. Items of Discussion:

- A. ACIP 10 +1 Year Plan: Mr. DuRay presented the plan to the Committee for review; outlining construction plans for Sawyer as it relates to the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The ACIP contains 20 projects slated over the next 10 years. Discussion took place on the overall plan.

- B. Promotional Items: Mr. DuRay requested feedback from the Committee for suggested promo items to be purchased under the MDOT Airport Awareness grant. The line item currently has \$650.00 available. Staff recommendations are thumb drives or a carry-on bag. Commissioner Alholm suggested something for children. DuRay asked the Committee to give it some consideration and come back with some ideas at the next meeting.
- C. Economic Impact Study: DuRay briefed the Committee on the Economic Impact study staff has been working on. The study requires a survey to be completed by surrounding businesses. Utilizing a model, multipliers will be then be used to analyze the airport's impact on the region. Participation from area businesses has been less than positive. DuRay requested assistance from the Committee in prompting businesses to provide the necessary information required to complete the study.
- D. Review of Recommended Plans Summary (Master Plan): DuRay provided an overview of the goals that were previously established in the master plan, those that were met, and those that may need to be tabled. DuRay asked the Committee to look at future goals and priorities. Members. La Court and Adamini suggested that a focus on road transportation infrastructure improvements might provide better connections to southern locations. Discussion ensued.

7. Informational Items & Project Updates:

- A. MAAE Conference: DuRay updated the Committee on the MAAE Fall Conference. Main focus was on "Fair Skies" relating to subsidized foreign air carriers competing with US carriers. The FAA provided their forecast for the future, which appears to be developing into a more centered common sense approach. Members of the MAAE board approached Mr. DuRay about future serving on their board - which he eagerly accepted. Discussion took place.
- B. US Army/South Korea: The Army and Koreans have arrived and intend to begin their icing tests as soon as the weather cooperates. Discussion took place.
- C. Trillion Presentations: Trillion's air service study group recently traveled to Marquette and over the course of three days delivered several presentations to staff, the business community, and Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Each presentation catered to that entity's focus/area of concern. Overall, Marquette County and Sawyer International Airport are strategically position for continued air service. Commissioner Alholm inquired as to what type of agreement the Airport has with Trillion. DuRay stated the current agreement is for a one year - to include visits with air carriers.
- D. West End Kiwanis (Nov. 12): DuRay informed the Committee that he was invited to provide a presentation to the West End Kiwanis on Nov. 12th.

E. Expansion of Secure Holding Area (Terminal): DuRay informed the Committee of his conversations with the FAA regarding the need to expand the Secure Holding area in the terminal. Discussion took place; DuRay will keep the Committee informed on future communications with the FAA.

8. Late Additions: None

9. Public Comment: None

10. Staff and Committee Member Comment:

11. Adjournment: At 5:46 p.m., a motion was made by Member Alholm, supported by Commissioner Kristola, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Duane DuRay, Airport Manager