

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday September 10th, 2020 Held Via Zoom Meetings

Minutes

Members Present: Karen Alholm, Vito Carello, Walter Paegel, Frank Rosado, Christopher Sholander, Steve Rodgers, Bob Muelle, Sr.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Murray, Assistant Airport Manger, Duane DuRay, Director of Operations

Guests Present: None

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Chris Sholander with support from Bob Muelle.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes from August 13th, 2020 were approved with a motion from Walter Paegel. This motion was supported by Vito Carello.
5. **Items of Discussion:**
 - A. T-Hangar Inspections: Sawyer staff has been completing T-hangar inspections during the month of September. This is a requirement by the FAA to ensure all hangars are used for aeronautical purposes. All tenants have been extremely cooperative.
 - B. Airline Passenger Loads: Sawyer staff shared that passenger load numbers are steadily on the rise.
 - C. New Plow Truck: Sawyer staff shared that a new plow truck will be delivered shortly for use during the 2020/2021 winter season. This will have liquid de-icing capabilities as well, which will be used for the first time this season.
6. **Informational Items & Project Updates:**
 - A. Project Updates
 - i. MDOT PFAS Investigation Grants: Sawyer staff shared that the airport has received two grants from the Michigan Department of Transportation to assist with PFAS Investigation. The grants totaled to \$389,925. These investigations will take place at both Sawyer and the old airport located in Negaunee.

- ii. Heavy Duty Pick-Up: The airport has been approved to purchase a new heavy-duty 1-ton pickup by the Marquette County Board. This purchase will be covered by the CARES Act funding reimbursement. Bids were received from Fox Marquette and Riverside Auto Sales. The bid received by Fox Marquette that was to specifications totaling to \$49,423. This equipment will assist the SAW ARFF/Maintenance crews immensely, as the last pickup was purchased back in 2006.
- iii. Hangar 665 Expansion Project: A recommendation to award has been given by the Contract Engineer, Mead and Hunt to Howard Immel, Inc. The project totals to \$7,997,900 and construction is expected to begin in early 2021. Crews will be staging materials at Hangar 665 throughout the end of this year. The Contractor contract for this agreement was approved for pre-approval at the last Marquette County Board. The Construction Administration Agreement for this project was also approved for pre-approval with Mead and Hunt.
 - 1. Both the Construction Administration Agreement and Contractor Agreement are pre-approved to be funded through MAP funding for CY 2020, which was also approved at this meeting. This grant will fund Phase 1 of the project. CY2021 and CY2022 grants have not been issued yet, but are planned to fund phases 2 and 3. If the grants are not issued, the airport has the authority to pull out of either agreement.
- iv. Crack Sealing and Pavement Marking and De-Ice Storage Tank Projects:
 - 1. The Crack Sealing and Pavement Marking Project was completed on September 3rd, 2020. The De-Ice Storage Tank project is currently under contract review. Sawyer staff received a recommendation to award for WR Construction. The project totals to \$139,442. The project is expected to begin September 2020.

B. CARES Grant Funds

- i. SAW granted \$18,075,846. Will be used for operational expenses and airport development projects. Sawyer staff shared that the first payment has been received totaling to over \$800,000.

C. National Carbon

- i. Roof repair coordination has begun with National Carbon. SAW is currently waiting for the scope of work from the contractor to be used. The repair work is expected to begin in September. Duane with Sawyer is currently waiting on the scope of work from the contractor. Chairperson Frank Rosado questioned if this repair will need an engineer on the project. Duane stated he will contact the contractor regarding this.

D. ATC Repeller System:

- i. Frank Rosado shared concerns with the status of the Air Traffic Control's emergency escape system. The tower repeller system is currently not to code and needs to be re-certified. SAW

has sent out this system for re-certification. Staff is waiting on this unit to be returned from the repair center. Two harnesses are also being ordered for the unit, Chairperson Frank Rosado requested these to be front harnesses. The mounted repelling bar will need to be remounted as well.

7. Late Additions: None.

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment:

A. Steve Rodgers shared that Envoy will continue to run two dock lines during the Hangar Expansion project.

B. Chairperson Frank Rosado questioned the arrival of the Army for the winter testing season, as well as, the Italian helicopter test group. Duane shared that the Army will arrive in October and the Italians are unsure on their arrival due to travel restrictions.

10. Adjournment: Bob Muelle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm with the support of Steve Rodgers.

Save the Date: Sawyer Fest, 2021, Building 662