

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 13, 2020 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner Alholm, Bob Muelle, Vito Carello, Sr., Frank Rosado, Christopher Sholander, and Steve Rodgers

Members Absent: Walter Paegel

Staff Present: Duane DuRay, Director of Operations

Guests Present: Greg Durand

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson Rosado called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

County Commissioner Alholm, supported by Member Muelle, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Approval of Minutes:

- January 9, 2020 Member Rodgers, supported by Member Muelle, made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020, with an amendment to remove Member Sholander's absence. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion:

- A. Marquette County Flying Club Hangar 402 request - Mr. Greg Durand, President of the MCFC provided a proposal to lease hangar 402 for the Club. Mr. Durand proposed a lease rate of \$0.20 per sf for the hangar provided a lease rate of \$100 per month; in addition, this proposal also would pay all of the electrical, gas and water fees. Mr. Durand provided a community benefit explanation the MCFC brings to the airport and Marquette County. Mr. Durand needs to come back to the Advisory Committee with a better-defined plan at a future meeting with a business plan format presented. Discussion took place.

6. Informational Items & Project Updates:

- A. Assistant Airport Manager Search- DuRay briefed the Committee on the progress of the search.
- B. Argonics Lease – DuRay informed the Committee on a lease agreement in building 725 for business expansion.
- C. Air Carrier Lease Extension- DuRay briefed the Committee on the progress with lease extensions with the two air carriers based at the airport. Staff hopes to have the leases executed soon with both tenants.
- D. U.S. Representative Jack Bergman Office Lease – DuRay informed the Committee that Congressman Bergman inquired on available space for office space at the airport. Staff was able to accommodate the space needs and Congressman Bergman now has office space located at Sawyer International Airport.

- E. GM Demo / Airport – DuRay briefed the Committee on the General Motors inquiry about space for vehicle demonstration and a meeting space for a brief conference for a couple of days, February 25th and 26th.
- F. MB Potential Winter Snow Blower Tests – DuRay provided information on the potential winter testing with MB, a Letter of Intent has been signed by MB and they plan to come to the airport for a couple of days.
- G. MLI Update – DuRay provided an update on the Michigan Launch Initiative (MLI), Mr. Erbisich attended meeting at NASA in Florida. MAMA is planning to make an announcement on the horizontal launch site soon and to be followed by the Vertical launch site announcement.
- H. Army Icing Operations - DuRay updated the Committee on the arrival of the Army Icing Team and the Italians, the Italian test helicopter will be arriving on February 14th. Discussion took place.

7. **Late Additions:** None.

8. **Public Comment:** None.

9. **Staff and Committee Member Comment:** Member Rodgers asked about the status of the Security Status. DuRay stated, the process continues. Member Muelle asked about the IL-76 aircraft, DuRay informed the Committee, the current owners continue to pay the ramp space rent. The newest Member Sholander voiced his excitement to serve on the committee and looks forward to the opportunity. County Commissioner Alholm informed the committee that she would not be attending the next month's meeting due to travel plans. Chairman Rosado asked about the status of the rental car self-serve fuel pump and the handicap door issue on the north end of the terminal building.

10. **Adjournment:** Member Muelle made a motion, supported by member Rodgers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by Duane R. DuRay, Airport Manager