

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN
Sawyer International Airport
Airport Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 9, 2020 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner Alholm, Bob Muelle, Walter Paegel, Vito Carello, Sr., and Steve Rodgers

Members Absent: Frank Rosado, Christopher Sholander

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

Guests Present: Greg Durand, Roger Bentlage

1. Call to Order:

Duane DuRay, Airport Manager called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2. Organizational Items:

- A. DuRay called for appointment of Officers:
Chairman-Frank Rosado; nominated by Commissioner Alholm, Seconded by Member Rodgers.
Vice Chairman- Bob Muelle; nominated by Commissioner Alholm, Seconded by Member Carello, Sr.
Secretary- Vito Carello, Sr., nominated by Commissioner Alholm, Seconded by Member Muelle.
- B. Established meetings dates to be held the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm. Motion by Commissioner Alholm, seconded by Member Rodgers.
- C. Roberts Rules of Order with 5 minute public comment, motion by Commissioner Alholm, seconded by Member Rodgers.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Added Airport Classification under Informational Items and Project Updates. Member Rodgers, supported by Member Muelle, made motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Public Comment: None

2. Approval of Minutes:

Member Rodgers, supported by Member Muelle, made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14th, 2019. Noted that the wrong date of November 12th, 2019 had been on the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Items of Discussion:

- A. Greg Durand, President of The Marquette County Flying Club presented a proposal to lease Hanger 402 for the club. Discussion took place. Subject to further review and discussion at future meetings.

4. **Informational Items & Project Updates:**

- A. SkyWest Airlines Meeting- Duane DuRay traveled to SkyWest headquarters in Utah. SkyWest is pleased with the operations and satisfied with the current success of the Detroit flights. Discussed the chance of SkyWest having an overnight maintenance facility in Hanger 663. DuRay presented information on the hanger size and incentives. They will pass on the information to the correct people, but usually do not have maintenance anywhere they have less than 6 RON flights. Could be a future possibility.
- B. DuRay gave feedback on Operation Good Cheer and Santa Visit fly in on December 7th at Boreal. Santa Visit was free to the public and held Boreal Aviation. The event provided fire truck rides, cookies, and pictures with Santa. Attendance of approximately 30 people. Good press and public relations opportunity. Something to continue.
- C. Oshkosh- requested to demo a single engine snow blower unit. 3 airports were here to take the truck out and demo. They opened it up to municipalities, but none attended. One tech on site for 2 days. DuRay put him to work on troubleshooting airport equipment. Get to see newest equipment coming on the market.
- D. Wausau Blower Testing- Testing lasted 8 days utilizing airport facilities to include the snow dump on the south commercial ramp. Airport generated an additional \$3,000 in revenue through facility charges.
- E. Steve Schenden gave an update on the Michigan Launch, should know if Sawyer is chosen on Jan 28th, 2020. Invited to Florida to watch a launch. DuRay looked at travel options if it becomes necessary to go. Discussion took place.
- F. The arrival of the Army de-icing crew has again been delayed. The Italians and equipment should be here February 10, 2020.
- G. Vacant Seat Filled – Christopher Sholander, not present. DuRay will get contact info as he may have not been informed of meeting. Discussion took place.

5. **Late Additions:** Airport Classification. Have not accomplished Category 3 yet. DuRay has been in contact with Craig Robinson from the FAA. Both are frustrated with the slow progress. New Security Officer 20 hours a week that is helping the progress.

6. **Public Comment:** None

7. **Staff and Committee Member Comment:** Happy Retirement Steve. DuRay reiterated that Steve will be missed. Discussed staff restructuring. Update on hanger expansion, DuRay stated that he should have a good handle on the project in May after engineering results for bid specs.

8. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Alholm made a motion, supported by member Muelle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by Duane R. DuRay, Airport Manager