

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday November 12th, 2020 Held Via Zoom Meetings

Minutes

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

Members Absent: Steve Rodgers and Karen Alholm

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

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order: 4:02pm

2. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was moved for approval by Bob Muelle with support from Vito Carello.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes were moved for approval by Chris Sholander with support from Bob Muelle.

➤ October 8th, 2020

5. Items of Discussion:

A. Airline Passenger Loads Update: Airline passenger numbers are steadily on the rise. American Airline's schedule is changing in the month of December due to holiday traffic.

6. Informational Items & Project Updates:

A. Project Updates

- i. Heavy Duty Pick-Up: Sawyer staff is resubmitting the RFP for this purchase in order to comply with federal requirements that must be complied with when using CARES Act funds.
- ii. De-Ice Storage Tank Project: This project is near completion. It was questioned if this liquid is corrosive in nature and Sawyer staff ensured the committee that it is formulated for use on airport pavements and is non-corrosive to aircraft.
- iii. National Carbon Roof Repair: The contractor selected, Independent Roofing, is currently behind schedule, but is planning on beginning the full roof replacement very soon.
- iv. A-10s visit: This is schedule for next May for a training exercise.

- v. MCFC Flight Instructor, Bill Vaneffen Fundraiser: Bill, one of the MCFC flight instructors was injured in a hunting accident and sadly is now partially paralyzed. A fundraiser was held by the MCFC to raise funds to help Bill and his family with medical costs.

7. Late Additions:

- A. Air Traffic Control Tower Elevator Status: Chairperson Frank Rosado requested an update on the ATCT elevator status. This is currently out of service and was set to be decommissioned. This was held off due to COVID-19, but Sawyer staff will research the current status with OTIS and see what is needed to be done to get the unit back in service.

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment:

- A. Bob Muelle requested an update on Sawyer's master plan regarding the navigational aids on the airfield. He requested that the airport consider increasing the approach capability to a Category 2 approach for Runway 1 and/or to an ILS for Runway 19. This discussion will need to begin with the FAA and Bob offered to assist Sawyer in any way he can.

10. Adjournment:

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