

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

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

Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Murray, Assistant Airport Manager and 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 Karen Alholm with support from Bob Muelle.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from November 12th, 2020 were moved for approval by all members.

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.

B. Navigational Approach Capability: Sawyer will reach out to Martin Clark with the FAA for assistance with this process and include Steve Rodgers and Bob Muelle in this discussion. The need for statistical data of the use of the approach aids will be a major tool. For example, if the approaches were successful or not. The opening of the dormant runway was also discussed.

6. Informational Items & Project Updates:

A. COVID Affects for Sawyer: Sawyer has modified its employee's schedules to minimal cross over of staffing as operationally possible. Sawyer is also continuing with its increased disinfecting schedule as well in the public terminal and office areas.

B. Project Updates

i. De-Ice Storage Tank Project: This project is near completion and should be completed in the next week or so, training for staff is to follow.

ii. National Carbon Roof Repair: The contractor selected, Independent Roofing, is currently behind schedule, but is planning on beginning the full roof replacement very soon.

- iii. Road Commission Contingency Partnership: The Marquette County Road Commission and Sawyer have partnered together to ensure that in the case of COVID affecting staffing levels for either party, shifts would be covered. Training for the road commission is starting shortly to operate on the airfield.
- iv. Car Wash Floor Drain Project: An oil water separator was installed at the Car Wash building for the rental cars. During construction, a piece of conduit was damaged that requires additional electrical work.
- v. Air Traffic Control Elevator Status: Staff is discussing the possibility of getting the ATCT elevator back in service. Estimates for this project are over \$300,000 to complete. Sawyer will continue its research on funding possibilities and repair options. Sawyer staff will get the state inspector number for more information as well.
- vi. The repeller system for the ATCT is almost complete. The repeller bar needs to be installed and should be completed by Spring.

7. Late Additions: None.

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment:

- A. Bob Muelle requested an update on Bob Wilson's hangar repair. Sawyer staff shared that engineers found that this issue is caused by the foundation itself throughout the t-hangars. It was requested if Sawyer staff could move him to a new hangar. Sawyer will follow up on this.
- B. Walt Paegel brought to attention the issue of general aviation tenants having expired badges trying to obtain access to the airfield through Boreal's offices. Sawyer staff assured Boreal that this is not their responsibility to let badge holders with expired badges into the AOA. Additional badging information has been shared with Boreal to give to badge holders as well. Walt also brought to attention that Delta is not calling Boreal Aviation first for maintenance repairs. This is in their agreement for Delta to do so. Boreal is able to fine Delta when they are made aware of this occurring, which temporarily fixes the issue.

10. Adjournment: 4:54pm

Save the Date: Sawyer Fest, 2021, Building 662