

# COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

## Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 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:** Bob Muelle, Sr.

**Staff Present:** Megan Murray, Assistant Airport Manager and Duane DuRay, Director of Operations

**Guests Present:** None

**1. Call to Order:** 4:00pm

**2. Organizational Items:**

A. Appointment of Officers:

i. Chairman: 2021 Chairman was selected to be Bob Muelle

1. Two nominations were given for Walk Paegel. Frank Rosado moved to approve these nominations and Vito Carello supported.
2. One nomination for Frank Rosado was given by Walt Paegel.
3. One nomination was given for Bob Muelle. Vito Carello moved to approve this nomination with support from Karen Alholm. All members were in favor of this nomination.

ii. Vice-Chairman: 2021 Vice-Chairman was selected to be Walt Paegel

1. One nomination was given for Walt Paegel. Walt Paegel moved to approve this nomination with support from Vito Carello. All members were in favor of this nomination.

iii. Secretary: 2021 Secretary was selected to be Vito Carello.

1. One nomination was given for Vito Carello. Vito Carello moved to approve this nomination with support from Frank Rosado. All members were in favor of this nomination.

B. Establish meeting dates and times: The committee approved the 2021 meeting schedule.

C. Rules of Order: The committee approved to continue using the Roberts Rules of Order for 2021.

**3. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Chris Sholander with support from Frank Rosado.

**4. Public Comment:**

A. Greg Durand with the Marquette County Flying Club requested that Sawyer staff advise all badge holders with driving privileges before their badge is set to be shut off, due to them needing to renew their badge or re-take their driving exam online. Sawyer staff will provide badge holders lists to all Authorized Signatories who request them. These lists will include all expiration dates.

**5. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from December 10th, 2020 were moved for approval by Karen Alholm with support from Steve Rodgers. All members were also in favor.

**6. Items of Discussion:**

- A. Airline Statistics: Graph was shown by Sawyer staff to show the passenger number fluctuations from 2019-2020. It was requested that Sawyer staff get similar information from surrounding airports to compare trends.
- B. Approach Capability Upgrade: This item was tabled for the next meeting as Bob Muelle is absent and lead this discussion. Chris Sholander moved to approve this and Frank Rosado supported.

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

- A. COVID Vaccinations Staff: The Sawyer ARFF staff has started their vaccination process. The second vaccinations will be completed in February.
- B. National Carbon Roof Repair: The contractor selected, Independent Roofing, is currently behind schedule, but is planning on beginning the full roof replacement very soon. Duane stated all additional damage to this delay from weather will be National Carbon's responsibility.
- C. PAPI Repairs: The PAPIs for runway 19 will be repaired as soon as parts arrive. These do not need to be flight checked. Updates to come.
- D. Runway Deicing System Operation/Winter Operations: Sawyer staff is now using liquid de-icing chemical on the runways. Steve Rogers asked how it is applied and this is via a plow truck with a liquid sprayer on the back that was purchased in 2020.
- E. PFAS Investigation Selection: Duane DuRay shared that the firm selections were finalized for the PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) investigation for the Sawyer International Airport and former airport located in Negaunee. AECOM was selected as the firm to investigate Sawyer International Airport and Mead and Hunt was selected for the Negaunee site.
- F. Terminal Parking RFPs: Sawyer staff has received four proposals from companies to replace the current parking system at Sawyer. These are currently being reviewed by Sawyer staff.

**8. Late Additions:**

- A. Walt Paegel referenced the incident back in October where 38 gallons of aviation fuel went missing near the Boreal hangar. Sawyer will look into getting a camera installed in this area.
- B. It was discussed of what the CARES Act funding will be used for and if it could be used to upgrade the t-hangars and a possible crosswind runway. The use of CARES Act funding will be sent to the committee again at their request.
- C. It was requested that the GA ramps are sanded where aircraft do run-ups near the compass rose.

**9. Public Comment:** None.

**10. Staff and Committee Member Comment:**

- A. Karen Alholm questioned if Sawyer has any information on the second stimulus bill and a talk of a third. Sawyer does not have any news on this yet.

**11. Adjournment:** 5:23pm Chris Sholander made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Vito supported. All members were in favor.

*Save the Date: Sawyer Fest, 2021, Building 662*