

# COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

## Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 Held Via Zoom Meetings

### Minutes

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

**Members Absent:** Duane DuRay, Director of Operations, Steve Rodgers

**Staff Present:** Megan Murray, Assistant Airport Manager

**Guests Present:** None

**1. Call to Order:** 4:01pm

**2. Organizational Items:**

A. Sawyer staff shared that an in-person meeting option is now allowed. An online Zoom option will still be offered for those not able to attend in person.

**3. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Karen Alholm with support from Vito Carello. All members were in favor.

**4. Public Comment:** None.

**5. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved. All members were in favor.

**6. Items of Discussion:**

A. Approach Capability and RVR Discussion: A sub-committee has been created to discuss airport equipment and improvements. The sub-committee creation decision was moved for approval by Bob Muelle with support from Vito Carello. This committee is limited to three members. The exact members have not yet been determined.

B. Boreal Security Needs: Boreal requested that a camera be added to Hangar 423 (northern most Boreal hangar) for security coverage due to an event of possible fuel taken from an aircraft. Sawyer staff will continue this discussion with Boreal.

C. SEI Expansion: Superior Extrusion has publically shared their proposed expansion plan which will cause the airport entrance to move to 10<sup>th</sup> street. More information will be shared regarding this project as it develops.

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

A. National Carbon Roof Repair: The contractor selected, Independent Roofing, is planning to begin this repair in April. It was shared that multiple white storage bags from National Carbon's operation were found on the airfield as well. Sawyer staff will reach out to their management.

B. PAPI Repairs: The PAPIs for runway 19 have been repaired. It was questioned when all incandescent lights are being changed to LEDs. Sawyer staff will follow up with the committee.

C. Summer/Fall Events Update: Sawyer shared that the following events are occurring in 2021.

i. Mobility Guard: May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

ii. Air Race Check Point: July 25<sup>th</sup>

iii. Northern Strike: August 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

iv. SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) Races: July 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

- v. Yooper Looper: September 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- vi. Discover Sawyer: September 8<sup>th</sup>
- D. Additional FAA Grants: Sawyer staff shared that the airport has been awarded two additional grants relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The airport has been awarded \$1,020,042 in Coronavirus Response Grants and \$12,648 in Concession Relief grants to be divided equally among the car rentals.
- E. Invest UP Project: Sawyer Staff has partnered with Invest UP to work with stakeholders in the surrounding communities to discuss future growth for the Sawyer business district and airport. More information will be shared once this process is complete.
- F. 2021 AIP (Airport Improvement Project) Update: The Sawyer staff is currently working with an engineer to develop a concept budget report for the airport terminal reconfiguration. More information to come on this project.
- G. CARES Funding Update:
  - i. There is currently an RFQ posted for consultants to submit qualifications to manage the building demolition project. More information to come on this project soon.
- H. MAP Project Updates: Sawyer staff shared that the Hangar 665 expansion project is set to begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. It is also planned that Hangar 661 or 664 could possibly obtain fire suppression upgrades with grant funding. Sawyer staff will share more on this in the future.

**8. Late Additions:**

- A. Sawyer staff shared that the Café in the terminal is set to open late April/early May.

**9. Public Comment:** None.

**10. Staff and Committee Member Comment:** It was share that a few wires were found in aircraft tires recently, but not nearly as many as last spring/summer. Sawyer staff purchased a magnet bar to be used to collect any metal fragments last season and will be consistently used throughout this spring/summer season as well.

**11. Adjournment:** 4:32pm; Karen Alholm made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Walt Paegel supported. All members were in favor.

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