

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday June 10th, 2021

Minutes

Members Present: Walter Paegel, Karen Alholm, Frank Rosado, Vito Carello

Members Absent: Bob Muelle, Steve Rodgers, Christopher Sholander

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

Guests Present: Greg Durand and Chad Running (U.S. Forest Service)

1. Call to Order: 4:05pm

2. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was moved for approval by Karen Alholm with support from Frank Rosado. All members were in agreement.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 15th and May 13th were moved for approval by Frank Rosado with support from Vito Carello. All members were in agreement.

5. Items of Discussion:

A. Airport Fee Discussion: The parking pass fee changes relating to corporate/affiliate parking passes were approved by all members. This is due to a 15\$ increase for initial parking passes for corporate and affiliate parkers for the card cost. The lost pass fee will be \$25.

6. Informational Items & Project Updates:

A. Parking Equipment Upgrade Project: The project has been completed and the final loose ends are being finished.

B. National Carbon Roof Repair: Independent Roofing is awaiting the rubber roofing to arrive to begin this project. It is expected for this project to begin in July. Frank Rosado questioned if this project would require a quality control aspect. Duane DuRay stated this would be handled and a full replacement is occurring.

C. COVID Testing Site: The testing is set to begin in the next few weeks and the agreement ends October 9th with the option to renew.

D. Hangar 665 Expansion Progress: This project is moving along smoothly.

E. ARFF Drainage Improvements: This project is set to be complete June 30th. A wire was hit during construction, but was repaired quickly.

F. SCCA Races: These are set for July 17-18 and August 21-22.

G. PFOS (Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid) Findings (Negaunee site): PFOS was found at this site that exceeded Michigan limits. EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) sampled 30 residential wells. 10 out of 30 had positive results with one exceeding the Michigan limit.

H. ARFF Truck Incident: The airport's T-1500 fire truck had an incident during a calibration where AFFF (Firefighting foam) migrated into the water holding tank. A 13,000 tank was delivered to the airport to hold all contaminant and will be properly disposed of.

7. Late Additions: None.

8. Public Comment:

A. Greg Durand noted that the engine test cell could of concern for pilots and questioned the current FOD (foreign object debris) situation. Megan with the airport stated that the airport uses a magnet bar and a FOD removal system to handle FOD on the airfield. Greg also questioned if more hangar space is in the Master Plan. Duane and Megan with the airport stated this is not in the Master Plan.

B. Chad Running with the U.S. Fire Service stated that he is the zone aviation officer and looking to expand their firefighting operations and possibly move the regional offices to Sawyer. He is looking for a helicopter base that would possibly partner with the Michigan State Police. Sawyer staff will follow up with Chad.

9. Staff and Committee Member Comment: Frank Rosado stated the engine test cell is a noise concern and requested the schedule of these operations. Duane and Megan will attempt to get this schedule and disperse.

10. Adjournment: 5:06pm; Frank Rosado made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Vito Carello supported. All members were in favor.