

# COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

## Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Karen Alholm, Vito Carello, Bob Muelle, Frank Rosado,

**Members Absent:** Christopher Sholander Steve Rodgers, Walter Paegel

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

**Guests Present:** Kathy Busby (Boreal Aviation) and Wayne Theurer (Skywest Airlines)

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

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

**3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from September 9<sup>th</sup> were moved for approval by Karen Alholm with support from Vito Carello. All members were in agreement.

**4. Items of Discussion:**

A. Invest UP Final Report: A report will be created by the committee for the Marquette County Board. The items listed below were discussed.

- The terminal facility upgrades are supported; upgrades to weather capabilities (RVR), approach upgrades and runway lights, ILS for RWY 19, and international title being removed to be rebranded to Kelly Johnson Regional Airport idea.
- The NMU aircraft maintenance program would be welcomed back; there is a large demand for customs (possible floating customs officer).
- The option to transfer to an Authority vs. County-run airport was discussed.
- Agreement for the demolition project for revenue purposes; shuttle service importance and covered parking for passengers; restaurant development in terminal.

B. CBR Report (Cost/Benefit) for new airport terminal: This report was discussed with the committee. The synopsis report prepared by Sawyer staff will be shared to the committee.

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

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

B. Airport Entrance Re-Route: This project is ongoing and on track.

C. Hangar 662 Move for Envoy: This project is ongoing and progressing well.

D. COVID Test Site: The lease extension for the COVID test site was extended until January 31st, 2022.

Vaccinations now may be offered as well. This site is open to only ticketed passengers and airport related employees.

E. County Board Approved Items: The winter 2021-2022 seasonal liquid and solid de-ice purchase was approved, including the IL-78 (Aircraft on Ramp) and 906 Tower lease (network connection on top of water tower.)

**6. Late Additions:** None.

**7. Public Comment:** None.

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

A. Building 600: It was discussed that a new ground support equipment building with a space for the general aviation committee to meet will be built in the future possibly. There was a meeting earlier this month and a follow up meeting next month. More updates to come.

**9. Adjournment:** 5:09pm; Karen Alholm made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Vito Carello supported. All members were in favor.