

# COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

## Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Karen Alholm, Vito Carello, Bob Muelle, Christopher Sholander

**Members Absent:** Steve Rodgers, Walter Paegel, Frank Rosado

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

**Call to Order:** 4:03pm

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Karen Alholm with support from Bob Muelle. All members were in agreement.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup> were moved for approval by Karen Alholm with support from Vito Carello. All members were in agreement.
3. **Items of Discussion:**
  - A. Invest UP Final Report: A report will be created by the committee for the Marquette County Board. The discussion of the option to move an Authority Board, the airport name change, and a possible millage was discussed. Bob Muelle shared information on an RVR information and how it would benefit Sawyer. Megan with Sawyer will look into the authority layout of a few airports.
  - B. Building 600 Next Steps: The discussion is continuing on the next steps for the tenants in building 600; more updates to come.
4. **Informational Items & Project Updates:**
  - A. Hangar 665 Expansion Progress: This project is moving along smoothly. This should be complete the second week of January.
  - B. Airport Entrance Re-Route: This project is ongoing and on track. We are hopeful for an early December completion date. There are a few issues with the parking system and the County's legal team is now involved. The parking machines will be tested and installed soon as the warranty is now voided for the entry lanes as they were stored improperly by the contractor.
  - C. Hangar 662 Move for Envoy: This project is ongoing and progressing well. This is slated to be completed on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - D. U.S. Army Arrival: They have arrived early October and are beginning to fly soon. Bell helicopter will be arriving in January.
5. **Late Additions:** It was questioned what the status of the elevator for the Air Traffic Control Tower was. Megan is currently working on getting additional quotes for this repair. Duane with Sawyer shared that a new aircraft repair and maintenance facility will be renting hangar 402 and beginning service in 2022.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **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.
8. **Adjournment:** 4:53pm; Karen Alholm made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Vito Carello supported. All members were in favor.