

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday February 10th, 2022

Minutes

Members Present: Karen Alholm, Bob Muelle, Steve Rodgers, Vito Carello, Christopher Sholander and Frank Rosado

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

Call to Order: 4:04pm

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Steve Rodgers with support from Bob Muelle. All members were in agreement.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from January 13th, 2021 were moved for approval by Bob Muelle with support from Vito Carello. All members were in agreement with the change to mark Boreal absent at the last meeting.
3. **Items of Discussion:**
 - A. Airport Advisory Restructure: Through advisement of Invest UP and the Sawyer Collaborative group, it is proposed that the Airport Advisory Committee is restructured to add five members to the group and by removing one advisory seat. The additional seats would be from a representative of NMU/Education, Hospitality/Tourism, Medical Manufacturing, Mining, and Mergers/Acquisitions. After a discussion within the committee, it was decided that Duane with Sawyer will bring back more information on the added members. Duane with Sawyer will discuss with Scott Erbisch, the County Administrator, the possibility of bringing these individuals to the next meeting.
4. **Informational Items & Project Updates:**
 - A. Hangar 665 Expansion Progress: Due to project cost increases, the floor was not epoxied, but Envoy is painting the floor very soon.
 - B. Building 627 Sold: The Marquette County Board agreed to sell this building to Able Medical.
 - C. MCFC Rent Reduction Update: The flying club turned in two hangars this past month. They are not requiring rent reductions at this time.
 - D. Kathy Busby, FBO Chair: Kathy will be leaving Boreal Aviation in the next few weeks; the FBO chair will be open soon.
5. **Staff and Committee Member Comment:**
 - A. Steve Rodgers shared that they will begin 175 heavy checks at their facility regularly.
 - B. Megan shared that the airport discussed with Delta the reasoning behind the loss of the Minneapolis flight, which is due to the pilot shortage.
 - C. Frank Rosado requested an update on the Airport Security Plan. This is currently in the last revision stage and should be approved soon.
6. **Adjournment:** 5:23pm; Vito Carello made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Karen Alholm supported. All members were in favor.