

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday June 9th, 2022

Minutes

Members Present: Karen Alholm, Vito Carello, Christopher Sholander, Frank Rosado, Chris Sholander

Members Absent: Bob Muelle, Steve Rodgers

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

Guests Present: Ted Kirkpatrick, Marty Munger, Tom Cline

Call to Order: 4:02pm

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval with additions by Duane DuRay and Frank Rosado by Karen Alholm with support from Bob Muelle. All members were in agreement.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from March 10th, 2022 were moved for approval by Chris Sholander with support from Vito Carello. All members were in agreement.
3. **Items of Discussion:**
 - A. Airport Advisory Restructure: Duane is working with Scott Erbish to complete updates to the by-laws. More updates to come regarding this restructure. Motion to table this item was made by Bob Muelle with support from Karen Alholm.
4. **Informational Items & Project Updates:**
 - A. Hangar 665 Expansion Progress: Hangar is almost near completion, just a few closing items to be completed. Envoy has had ownership of hangar and is performing aircraft maintenance successfully.
 - B. Annual ARFF Funding (State of Michigan): The airport applied for and received \$2,000 in ARFF training funding through the State of Michigan.
 - C. U.S. Army Hangar 663 Extending Stay through Summer: The Italian group left their test aircraft in Hangar 663 to complete work through the summer. The Army will be on site as well.
 - D. U.S. Forest Service Hangar 400: The US Forest Service will hopefully be moving into Hangar 400 to base their fire service in the area come next year. More information to come regarding this.
 - E. Taxiway Engineering Project: Taxiway refurbishing funding for taxiways A, B, C, and D were approved. This will include taxiway improvements and the shifting of taxiway C to remove the straight connector from a ramp to runway per FAA requirements.
 - F. 664 Suppression: Hangar 664 will be receiving improvements to the fire suppression system. This project is currently out for bid.
5. **Late Additions:**
 - A. Duane DuRay provided an update on the building demo project, which is currently still on hold due to SHPO (State Historic Preservation) requirements. He also provided an update on the parking lot relating to the new road project. Fencing will be put back up soon, the maintenance gate will be repaired, and the connections for the parking system are fixed as well. Steve Schenden will also be joining the airport team again part-time to assist with RFP/RFQ creation.
 - B. Frank Rosado requested an update on the Air Traffic Control Tower elevator. An RFP is currently in development for this.
6. **Public Comment:**
 - A. Marty Munger noted that an incident took place where CAP members were found south of Hangar 402 unescorted and stated that airport staff responded to the issue rashly. Airport staff stated this is of large concern for the security of the airport and after discussion both parties agreed more communication would be helpful for the MCFC and CAP in regard to airport security.

B. Ted Kirkpatrick requested an update on the Commemorative Air Force Tour Visit come August. Megan will coordinate a meeting soon for this.

7. Staff and Committee Member Comment: None.

8. Adjournment: 5:23pm; Vito Carello made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Karen Alholm supported. All members were in favor.