

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

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

Minutes

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

Members Absent: Bob Muelle

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

Public Present: Bruce Finn and Greg Durand (EAA and MCFC)

Call to Order: 4:02pm

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Karen Alholm with support from Chris Sholander. All members were in agreement.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from October 27th, 2022 were moved for approval by Steve Rodgers with support from Karen Alholm. All members were in agreement.
3. **Action Items/Discussion:**
 - A. Airport Advisory Restructure: Sawyer staff will work with County Administration to inquire about a \$40 payment per meeting for committee members, plus mileage. Frank Rosado moved the by-law changes for approval as well that includes the addition of 4 new members, Vito Carello supported this with all other members in agreement.
4. **Informational items & Project Updates:**
 - A. ARFF Fire Gear Bid Approved: Sawyer staff shared that the County Board approved the purchase of 10 new sets of fire gear including helmets for all firefighters.
 - B. Rebranding Project: This community survey has completed and more results than expected were received. This will be analyzed by our consultant and results will be shared soon.
 - C. Santa Fly-In: This event is scheduled for December 3rd at Boreal Aviation.
 - D. Section 106 Analysis and Design for Buildings 608 and 662 Projects: This was approved by the Marquette County Board at the last meeting.
 - E. NOTAMs for Snow Storage: The annual snow storage NOTAMs have been posted closing the western portion of the north commercial ramp and the south commercial ramp.
 - F. Delta Flights Possible Upgrade: Sawyer staff shared that the Delta flights could possibly be upgraded in the coming months due to only one flight arriving/departing a day currently.
5. **Late Additions:**
 - A. Air Traffic Control Tower: Vito Carello requested an update on the ATC elevator, Sawyer stated they have submitted for federal funding to do this. Frank Rosado stated the proposal for TK elevator is not valid anymore for this.
6. **Public Comment:**
 - A. Bruce Finn and Greg Durand questioned when the cracks on the GA ramp will be filled. Sawyer staff shared that in 2025 the GA ramp will be resurfaced through FAA funding. Bruce and Greg also asked for the new by-laws to be added to the website once approved by the County Board. Bruce and Greg also shared that the new MCFC (Marquette County Flying Club) president is Matt Bloch, Marty Munger is the vice-president, Greg Durand is the secretary, and Bruce Finn is the Treasurer.
7. **Staff and Committee Member Comment:**

None.
8. **Adjournment:** 5:06pm; Karen Alholm made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Rodgers supported. All members were in favor.