

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Sawyer International Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday October 27th, 2022

Minutes

Members Present: Christopher Sholander, Frank Rosado, Steve Rodgers, Vito Carello, Bob Muelle,
Members Absent: Chris Sholander, Karen Alholm
Staff Present: Megan Murray, Assistant Airport Manager and Duane DuRay, Director of Operations
Public Present: Bruce Finn (EAA and MCFC)

Call to Order: 4:01pm

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Bob Muelle with support from Steve Rodgers. All members were in agreement.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from September 8th, 2022 were moved for approval by Steve Rodgers with support from Bob Muelle. All members were in agreement.
3. **Items of Discussion:**
 - A. Airport Advisory Restructure: Duane presented the by-law changes and the addition of four members from the following categories: Higher Education, Hospitality, Medical Manufacturing, and Mining. This item is tabled until the next meeting for possible approval.
 - B. 664 Fire Suppression: This project has been approved and will begin soon. This will include a new fire suppression system for Hangar 664, as well as, new doors and an access control alarm system. The selected contractor is Premeau Construction.
 - C. Taxiway Engineering Project: This will include taxiway improvements and the shifting of taxiway C to remove the straight connector from a ramp to runway per FAA requirements. The design portion of this project has been completed.
 - D. Rebranding Project: This project has begun and focus group discussions have been completed and the community survey will be posted soon.
 - E. Demo Project: This project is currently on hold due to SHPO delays.
 - F. Santa Fly-In: This will be held on December 3rd, 2022 in partnership with Boreal Aviation and the airport.
 - G. Hangar 662 and 608 IFE (Independent Fee Estimates) and Section 106 (SHPO): This portion for these projects was approved at the County Board Meeting. This relates to an investigation for adverse effects on historical aspects of the base.
4. **Late Additions:**
 - A. Air Traffic Control Tower: Frank stated there is an area near the tower that needs pavement work from being hit last winter, a pest issue in the tower (flies and small rodents), and there is a venting issue when the generator runs and the exhaust enters the tower cab. The airport will address all of these issues accordingly. Frank also requested an update on the upcoming air traffic control tower upgrades. Duane with the airport stated the airport has applied for ATP funding of \$3 million for a new elevator, radios, windows, shades, HVAC, and escape system.
5. **Public Comment:**
 - A. Bruce with the EAA and MCFC requested FOD removal on the GA ramp.
6. **Staff and Committee Member Comment:**
 - A. Frank Rosado stated he will not be renewing his position after the end of this year.
7. **Adjournment:** 5:22pm; Steve Rodgers made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Vito Carello supported. All members were in favor.