

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport Airport Advisory Committee Thursday, August 8, 2024

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Muelle, Karen Alholm, Christopher Sholander, Scott Bolster, Michael Roe
Staff Present: Duane DuRay, Airport Manager
Public Present: Kubick representative

Call to Order: 4:03 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was moved for approval by Scott Bolster with support from Michael Roe. All members were in agreement.
2. **Public Comment:**
 - A. Public proposed the airport supplying a fire extinguisher for hangar tenants that the tenant would maintain. At present the tenant is responsible to provide and maintain the hangar extinguisher.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from July were moved for approval by Michael Roe with support from Scott Bolster. All members were in agreement.
4. **Items of Discussion:**
 - A. There was a short discussion of the results of the Steven Baldwin Study. This is a study that the County and InvestUP funded to gain insight on creating a “best in class” facility.
5. **Informational Items & Project Updates:**
 - A. Air Traffic Control Tower Radio – ATP Application: The airport submitted an application for discretionary funds from the FAA. The application requested funds to replace many aging tower systems such as HVAC, emergency egress, elevator, radio, generator, windows, cab interior finishes, etc. The funding decision should be announced in the first quarter of 2025.
 - B. Terminal Reconfiguration Project: As stated in previous meetings, the lead times of materials and contractor scheduling has shifted the timeline. The anticipated construction start date will be mid-late September. A meeting for the final phasing plan with all parties will take place to ensure that this project will have minimal impacts on airport operations. This project will be funded through airport reserves.
 - C. Taxiway Rehabilitation Project: The project is ongoing. Currently work is taking place on Phase 3. This includes resurfacing Taxiway A between Taxiway Charlie and Echo. Payne & Dolan is the contractor for the project and they are on schedule, despite some weather delays.
 - D. Selfridge ANGB Refueling Wing Relocation: The first month of the operation has run smoothly. All parties are excited for the operation ramping up. Flight operations will take place throughout the week and there will be a shuttle for personnel to go downstate for the weekends. There will be security on site 24 hours for the KC-135 aircraft.
 - E. 2023 FAA Supplementary Discretionary Funding ZEV Application: The airport applied for grant funding under the FY 2023 Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grant program. The funding is in pursuit of purchasing an electric SUV and electric UTV. These vehicles would assist in bolstering the airport’s vehicle fleet, while also assisting the airport to take the first step in a green initiative. The application is for two vehicles and the necessary charging stations. Total project costs if awarded are not to exceed \$223,438. The airport hasn’t heard a result yet and is hoping to have another update in Early-September.
 - F. Flying Club | EAA Chapter 850 | Civil Air Patrol: The airport would like to start a new dialogue with these entities to find a solution to the lack of a centralized home. Airport staff thought that a common home for these three organizations, which share the same membership pools, may be well suited to have a joint space. The initial thoughts are the possibility of moving out of some T-hangars and into the open bay in Hangar 400. Airport staff would like to meet with leadership of these three organizations in the coming weeks and months to find a solution. A discussion amongst the committee members and general aviation public members ensued and all parties were receptive to new ideas.

G. Hangar Occupancy Update: The monthly update of the available hangar space at the Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport.

- a) T-Hangars: Full Capacity
- b) 661: Available
- c) 663: USAF starting until mid-October
- d) 400 series: 1 bay available
- e) Kubick (423 E/W, 424, 425): Space available, contact FBO staff for details.

6. Late Addition:

A. None

7. Public Comment:

A. None

8. Staff and Committee Member Comment:

A. None

9. Adjournment: Motion by Karen Alholm with support by Scott Bolster. All members were in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.