MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2016

The Airport Board met on the Second Floor in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:05 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Maurice Clark, Mel Walbridge, Bob Loudermilk, Randy Moore and Ryan Jackson. Tim Forker was absent.
Guests in attendance were Josh Crooker and Shannon Hoffman of Alpha Air Center, Dorothy Alsenz, Kelly Norris, Matt Gibson and Carrie Williams of Leadership Joplin.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the minutes from January's meeting. Mr. Harding seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

1. Construction Projects Update

A **GA ramp rehab** project update was given by Mr. Stockam. The south end ramp fixtures are installed along with the big poles by the fire barn. There are three more fixtures to finish before the paving project begins. The paving won't begin until the first of March or April when the weather warms up. There will be asphalt, micro surface then striping. The hang up with the electrical fixtures is because we have had to wait for some poles and fixtures to be delivered.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the **Environmental Assessment**. The archeological dig in the old school house area was cancelled since we will only be digging the surface down 4". This saves the airport $15,000.

The **B & N Taxiway** 90% construction drawings are being approved according to Mr. Stockam. He stated that we would like for bids to go out March 1st to stay competitive. We received notification from FAA that will be 95%-5% grant rather than 90%-10% which saves the airport $300,000.

Next Mr. Stockam informed the board about the **parking lot extension** currently under way. In anticipation of American Airlines service extension, the Public Works director found money in the street maintenance fund to help expand the parking lot. The city crews will do the work. When the pavers come for construction projects this spring we will have them pave the parking area as well. This saved the airport money by bidding through the city. It will change our parking from 285 spaces to 525 parking spaces. Mr. Clark asked if we would now need to add lighting in the new parking areas. Mr. Stockam stated that the lighting and drain inlets are already in place.

Mr. Stockam also spoke about the **entrance road lighting**. We are looking into purchasing LED lights but the switch will cost $1000 per bulb/fixture and we have 96 lights. However, that would save on electric bills and provide better light.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the new hangar lease agreements. He stated that there were several items added or changed on the lease per the boards recommendations last month. They are as follows:

- Item 7 there were changes regarding certificate of airworthiness to justify working aircraft.
- Changed wording restricting the renter's ability to make changes to the hangars without the airport manager's permission.
- Included wording regarding keys for hangars
- Changed wording regarding businesses allowed in the hangars themselves to be designated by the FAA.
- Wording was added regarding termination of the lease with a 30 day written notice.
- The finance director requested a change regarding late payment penalty. We took off 'discretion of the airport manager' and changed it to a flat 15% penalty.

Mr. Stockam stated that he would like for the new leases to be ready to mail by Friday, February, 19, 2016.

Shannon Hoffman of the Alpha Air Center and Freedom Flight Museum spoke to the board regarding the 5K in May. The event will begin by the Wyandotte Hangar rather than the GA ramp and run in the opposite direction from last year. This way we won't have to block the fire barn. She stated that there would be two sign up Saturdays on March 12th and April 19th. The first 25 people to sign up on each day will receive a gift. Erick Barlett has been helping out a lot according to Shannon. Their goal is 500 runners this year as compared to 342 runners and 50 fun runners last year. Shannon stated that they are using a different website this year after complaints about the website last year. They have teamed up with localraces.com which is a free service and it has been very helpful. She provided the board with registration forms and an aerial map of the race. Shannon stated that Daryl Coit of the Freedom Flight Museum has been working diligently on getting the tower in shape to show the progress and accomplishments achieved since last year's run. Mr. Stockam added that the Delta taxiway will need to be closed for 1 hour and 30 mins for the race. Having moved it to a different path this year will prevent interference with Alpha Air and Mizzou business. He also mentioned that there were discussions of adding a 10K and bike race as well as a walkers group.

Mr. Stockam updated the board regarding the burst waterline in the top of the old flight control tower. Some of the Freedom Flight Museum displays were ruined. The airport has provided supplies to the Civil Air Patrol to replace some of the lost items. He added that the tower is a great addition to our tours.

The vault fire was also discussed by Mr. Stockam. He stated that the through the wall air conditioner caught fire causing $100,000 in damages to inventory and equipment stored in the vault. The Ford New Holland mower is being repaired rather than replaced. The Lift-A-Loft needs to be recertified before it can be used. We are having trouble finding a company willing to recertify it. It will cost $85,000 for a new lift. There are a lot of hydraulic lines which can be damaged by heat causing them to break away posing risk to anyone on board.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam brought to the attention of the board our new vending machines installed a few weeks ago. They are from a small company out of Grove, OK providing excellent service. The machines are wrapped in airport graphics. The airport will no longer need to provide stock and the company will pay the airport a percentage of revenue.

American Airlines had a Table Top exercise yesterday according to Mr. Stockam. Mr. Stockam will be following up with American Airlines every few weeks regarding the additional flight to Chicago. He is hoping that will happen by July or October of this year. There is still a pilot shortage. Mr. Stockam set in on a national telecom as the Chairman of the State Aviation Committee. The committee sent a letter to Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill about the pilot shortage. There is a big push to roll back some of the new requirements as far as hours required. The rule was changed after a NY crash, even though the crash was determined to have nothing to do with pilot hours according to Mr. Stockam. The committee has also requested a meeting with the family affected by the NY crash. They seem to be the ones fighting for the pilot hour restrictions. Mr. Stockam claims that it is the quality of training not the hours of training and safety is our number 1 priority. American Airlines has stated that there is a pilot shortage and until there are more pilots in the system, we will have to wait for our extra flight. Mr. Stockam plans on continuing to work on that front.

Mr. Stockam stated that Senator Ron Richards has been helpful with new hangar funding. Mr. Stockam added that he doesn't plan to go to Washington DC this year.

Mr. Stockam added that RSTAT is coming up in March. We plan to roll out summer construction projects to tenants at that time. There will be an emphasis on a closure of Bravo 523 with the developing construction timeline.

Mr. Stockam stated that we would discuss finances in the next month's meeting.

Mr. Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Walbridge seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10AM.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board