MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2018

The Airport Board met in the GA Terminal Building Classroom at the Joplin Regional Airport General Aviation Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:02 A.M.

Item 1: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Maurice Clark, Richard Russell, Kelli Norris, Mel Walbridge and Tim Forker. Mike Bentley was absent.
Guests in attendance were Josh Crooker of Alpha Air Center and Michael Mead of Midwest Air Traffic Control.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Harding suggested a change to the minutes from February and the change was made. Mr. Russell moved to approve the minutes from February's meeting. Mr. Clark seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam gave an update to the board about the recent ACIP submission. He listed a few items on the ACIP for next year. The firetruck program at a cost of $550,000 which has not been approved in Washington yet. A pavement update at a cost of $100,000 which we expect to have the RFQ's out for this in the next 30-60 days. Phase one of the design and overlay project at a cost of $350,000. We expect this phase one project to be available during the end of summer. Mr. Stockam added that President Trump is expected to put out an infrastructure package and we plan to be 'project ready' with the design phase. Additionally, at the end of the Federal budget year there may be funding left over that other airports didn't spend. We want to have the ability to act if the funds are available. We are looking at 2019, 2020 and 2021 to be each of three phases of the actual construction project. Also in the ACIP is the 36 localizers to get a southern approach and a new ARFF facility to house the new firetruck. The ARFF facility could be accelerated if we get a new firetruck early. Additionally, on the ACIP is a generator for the main terminal building. It would generate power for emergency lighting and the jet bridges. The generator wasn't ACIP eligible when the main terminal was built, but things have changed since then. That will be a cost of $225,000 and we have the building ready for it. Mr. Harding asked if we could move the generator over from Memorial Hall. Mr. Stockam replied that the city has taken a lot of consideration into Memorial Hall. We have the opportunity for federal funding where other city buildings don't. However, if it is offered to us, we will take it. Mr. Forker asked if the tower had a generator. Mr. Stockam replied that it does however, during a recent power outage it didn't function properly and we are still considering the cause of the malfunction. He added that both the tower and the airfield have generators.

Next, Mr. Stockam addressed the board concerning the upcoming Freedom Flight Museum 5K on the Runway. This year the museum is adding a By-Athlon option along with a 5K. There may be up to 70 bike riders going through the airport, to 43 HWY, Oronogo, Airport

Drive, back to the observation entrance, then run another 2 miles. Mr. Stockam had a meeting yesterday with the 5K organizers and the police to approve the race route. The CVB is heavily involved in the bike portion. Next year there is a Route 66 bike-a-thon and they are anticipating 600-700 riders to come through the area. There is a 70-person cap on the bike participants for this race and there is also a time limit. The normal 5K had a 1 hour and 30-minute limit. Mr. Stockam added that this should not have an impact on regular aviation activities. Bobby Ballard has already began advertising for the run, and there will be no night run this year. Mr. Clark asked if we needed more security on the airport during the 5K. Mr. Stockam answered that there will be a lead car, trail car and tail car to pick up signs. There will be a count as everyone leaves the airport, and a count when everyone arrives back at the airport. He added that the local bike shops are involved in assisting to organize the bicyclists.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam spoke about his recent meeting with the City of Joplin regarding the **parking lot overlay**. During the meeting they discussed the paving of two parking lots at the main terminal and they are getting ready to start next week. The city had to shove a street overlay project back since they weren't ready yet. Mr. Stockam stated that our target paving date is the first of April, after spring break. We plan to restrict parking on March 26th. He added that the paving should only take three days to complete if the weather cooperates. In last year's budget we purchased a paint striper which arrived earlier this week. As soon as the asphalt is laid, we plan on striping the lot before we open it for parking. It should be operational within one week, weather permitting. We will need the space. Mr. Stockam stated that there are currently about 40 vehicles parked on the gravel lot, but last week there was 160 because of the charter flight. Ms. Norris asked how many spaces this would add to our parking lot. Mr. Stockam stated that it would change from 315 spaces to 700. Ms. Norris asked if we would be adding additional handicapped spaces. Mr. Stockam said not initially, but eventually we would have to re-configure the handicapped parking and it would get done. Also, in our budget was funding to purchase a trailer to haul our large equipment. We are in the process of getting a vendor set up to make that purchase. Additionally, in the budget was funding for new hold room seating. We are in the process of purchasing more narrow hold room seating so we will have the ability to seat 100 in the hold room where it is currently 70. Mr. Russell asked what we would do with the old seating. Mr. Stockam replied that it would be moved to the meet and greet area where we also need more seating. He added that with the original plan of the terminal building there was to be more narrow seating in the hold room. At that time, we didn't have the need for all the extra seats.

Next, Mr. Stockam spoke about the recent 16 days with **a third flight**. He noted the traffic report given to each board member. The new evening flight boarded 26 to 32 passengers with lower loads on the weekends and that was without any advertising. Mr. Stockam stated that he had spoken with a few passengers who didn't like the equipment, being the smaller plane, but they liked the time. He added that there were a lot of positives. There are going to be some schedule changes in the upcoming months Mr. Stockam added. In the month of May, we will still have an evening flight moving the last flight to midnight. We are not sure if this will be a bigger plane or not. We are hoping for a 175. Beginning July 5th, according to the schedule American Airlines released, there are three flights scheduled through November and they are listed as 700's and 900's. Mr. Stockam spoke with American Airlines

representatives who stated that the plane size is simply listed as such to retain the flight and it will probably be a larger 175 when the time comes. Mr. Stockam added, one of our airport operations employees happened upon some new flight information in June that is not on our given schedule. Beginning June 7th to July 5th there is a morning flight on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. It is scheduled to depart DFW at 8:25am arriving in Joplin and turning. American Airlines seems to know what they are doing according to Mr. Stockam. We will see how it goes. We are attempting to track these flights and our American Airlines station managers are collecting information for us to provide to our consultants. The traffic was interesting on the 16 initial additional flights Mr. Stockam said. We had some east coast travelers we were not expecting. It looks like American Airlines has locked onto three flights through November and the service will probably downgrade for the holidays like it did the previous year. Mr. Clark asked if our normal weekly flights were short on passengers. Mr. Stockam stated that they were not, we had good load numbers across the board. He added that he is hesitant to promote because the only solid information we have is for July. Mr. Clark asked if we received any new news on Chicago. Mr. Stockam stated that we had not and it was aggravating but our consultant says it is positive because it seems like American is testing the market to see how it reacts. Mr. Stockam spoke about an article released earlier this week regarding a 1.9-billion-dollar upgrade to the Chicago O'Hare Airport. The plan is to add 9 additional hubs, but United Airlines is to receive 6 of them and American Airlines is to only receive 3. Historically, gate space at O'Hare has been an issue. Right now, American Airlines is pushing more flights through gates than United therefore, American has a greater demand. We are hoping in 2019 that American will look to begin a Chicago flight. In late October and November when the bids go out for the EAS it will be interesting according to Mr. Stockam. In the past, we have encouraged American to go for a dual hub bid to Chicago and hopefully they will this time. Mr. Stockam added that the last charter flight and the next charter flight were booked full.

Mr. Forker asked how the midnight flight will affect our **airport staff**. Mr. Stockam stated that we have already split staff during the last 16 days and moved them to later in the evening. Normally we could have kept them until 11:00pm and asked them to return in the morning, but with the later flight, we cannot do that. He added that we are having a hard time hiring people because we don't pay enough. Mr. Stockam told the board about our recent 7 interviews for an airport operations person. Of the three-people offered the position, one accepted and he couldn't pass the background check. We had to go back for another round of interviews. Mr. Stockam stated that the city is having similar issues with heavy equipment operators and laborers and it is a real problem. He stated the easiest solution is to purchase an Index B truck that would be a one-man operation. But, where do we get the $250,000.00 he said. Mr. Clark asked if we pay for TSA's wages. Mr. Stockam stated that we do not but, we have a grant that pays for the police officer and police dog. Mr. Russell asked if we could use a temp agency for hiring. Mr. Stockam stated that we could do that for certain positions but there is such a large investment of $2500.00 going into training and equipment for our airport operations, we would not have an opportunity to do that. Mr. Stockam stated that all city departments are having this problem not only the police and fire. Mr. Russell stated that Joplin does offer more competitive benefits. Steve agreed and said it is a genuine problem. He added that currently 50% of the fire staff qualifies for federal aid based on their salary. The city needs

to step up according to Mr. Stockam. He mentioned that Leslie Haase, the City Finance Director was blatant with the council saying that there is only so much money and they need to decide where it will come from. There is only a certain amount of money available so something must be cut. He added that revenues are only growing at about 1% which is not much. Mr. Clark asked about Mizzou Aviation's continued ad for hiring a fueler. He wondered if Wayne Adolphson was suffering from the same pay issues. Mr. Crooker from the Alpha Air Center stated that finding someone who qualifies is difficult. Mr. Stockam added that two of our staff members have other jobs as well. However, the cities benefit package has a good retirement program. He added that when he leaves the city, his health and life insurance will cost him $18,000 per year to continue. Mr. Forker stated that if we can't find someone to hire we will have to pull people around and that will make staff unhappy. Mr. Stockam agreed and stated that we already have some staff that are unhappy with some new hours.

Item 4: Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 am.
Motioned by Mr. Walbridge, seconded by Mr. Russell.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Kelli Norris, Chairman of the Board