MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2017

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 7:00 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Tim Forker, Mel Walbridge, Maurice Clark, Bob Loudermilk and Kelli Norris. Randy Moore attended via phone.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.
Guests in attendance were Anthony Miller from the Alpha Air Center, Nicolas Heatherly the Public Works Director and Lynden Lawson the Assistant Director of Public Works Operations.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding projects updates. He told the board that the C & F project will fire up next month. The pre-construction meeting will be held on March 23rd with the contractor. The LRSAT meeting will be held later that evening and a meeting with the FAA will be held during the day. There will be an evening public meeting as well as a night inspection. They will be discussing phasing for the C & F project and what the airfield will look like on different dates. Mr. Stockam stated that the first phase will close 523 and start demo on that side. Also, the drainage on the east and west sides will begin. The 1836 threshold will be displaced to the north. Next month Mr. Stockam will go over the phasing with the board again. It will also be posted on the airport website and on posters placed in each FBO. Mr. Stockam added that he wanted everyone to be informed. The bulk of the work will be done this year. We will have a new Charlie and Foxtrot.

Mr. Stockam updated the board about the construction of the PSTF building wrapping up. The scheduled walkthrough is next week. Nick Heatherly, the Public Works Director is meeting with the police and fire chiefs this afternoon. March 23rd is the end of contract time but, Mr. Heatherly is thinking they may require more time to finish. Our concern is with the outside of the building and grounds. We have no responsibility around the building, but areas used for construction are our concern. We need to make sure things get cleaned up. Mr. Stockam added that it is a beautiful building with great frontage and an asset. It is our opportunity to build synergy around the building. Our lease space in the old GA terminal will be available. The board needs to approach how we want to use it. Bids will be put out for space to lease and we will have a plan in place for the next board meeting. The Civil Air Patrol folks will make a strong push for free space as well.

Next Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the GA terminal roof. The previous repairs were in phases. Phase 1 & 2 are complete and we are ready to begin the final phase.

Jeff Tennis will be working on this project. Additionally, this year the Mizzou hangar will receive a new coating like the one that was put on the A Hangar building. Next year we plan to paint that hangar white to match the other buildings on that side of the airport. Mr. Stockam added that it has been a number of years since anything was done to that building.

Mr. Clark asked if there was any news on the entrance road change. Mr. Stockam stated that he spoke with Senator Ron Richards a few weeks ago regarding the entrance road project. Senator Richards said that the funding that was available last year is now gone. State revenues are falling 3-4% behind. He didn't feel like it was appropriate to put the project back in the budget for this year. Senator Richards suggested we meet with MO Dot and get the design done for the project so we have better numbers. Mr. Stockam added that in August or September we hope to have a design grant from Mo Dot, then have a spring bid next year. He added that would put the project possibly in summer or early fall next year. Additionally he stated that some things may need to change as we look at estimates.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board concerning some ongoing maintenance issues in the parking area. He spoke about the overflow gravel parking area and the need for additional parking space as the new airplane is larger. The airport has been saving millings in order to save money and looking into the need to gravel an additional space. We will continue to monitor the situation as summer comes on. During spring break people will be gone longer and the lot will be much fuller. If expansion is needed, it will be gravel, no paving at this time according to Mr. Stockam.

Item 3: New Business

Next Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the ALP update. He spoke with the FAA about the runway extension. Since we are not moving the MALS rail we need to amend the Master Plan. Because the aircraft size was updated, it no longer justifies the runway extension. It is now no longer a high priority on the ALP. However, we did not anticipate the aircraft overloading our main runway. The new primary aircraft weighs 43,000 lbs. more than the previous aircraft. Mr. Stockam is calculating the runway to last two years. The FAA suggests looking into this. Mr. Stockam states that runway 1836 needs a 5 ½ inch overlay. Delta North of 1331 also needs a 5 ½ inch overlay. Within the guidelines of the FAA as a part of grant assurances we must do everything to prevent excessive wear and tear. The original plan for widening of the runway in the Master Plan will need to be moved up and an overlay put in rather than the extension. Mr. Stockam projects this as a 12 to 13 million dollar project which will need to be broken up into three years in order to provide proper facilities. The FAA is programming discretionary funds and we will need to work within the local match share. However, Mr. Stockam adds that any money is a lot of money when you don't have much from the city. The FAA suggests continuing to add to the ALP as we are 80% complete. Based on American Airlines projects we will need to look at runway capacity. The ALP should be ready to review in May. Mr. Stockam stated that the existing intersection is an issue. The FAA believes that section needs a full depth replacement from threshold to intersection. Then transition section up to 5 ½ inches. Originally it was 5000 plus 1500 on the North end. The North end has a different composition than the rest according to Mr. Stockam. There will need to be three phases to this project. The first phase will be to build transitions, the second to do a full overlay from end to end and the third to do the taxiway. The first phase will cost approximately 4 to 4

½ million dollars. The second phase will cost 2 to 3 million and the third, approximately 3 to 3 ½ million. The best case scenario to be put in the 2018 CIP. Mr. Harding asked why the heavier aircraft needs a shorter runway. Mr. Stockam answered that the FAA is putting an emphasis on pavement management and wanting to maintain what we have rather than add more. Mr. Stockam added that we have some concerns about financing. He discussed the Priority Based Budgeting program that the city is transitioning over to. Ultimately, someone has to set the priorities as to what gets funded. He added that the city has signed grant assurances to the FAA for 20 years to provide public air service. The city would need to pay back 65 million dollars if they decide not to maintain what is here.

Mr. Heatherly, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Stockam had a discussion about how things work at the airport. They said often times it is hard for the lay person to understand. We have responsibilities moving forward with how we are going to finance things. Mr. Heatherly stated that Mr. Stockam was on target. He addressed the board stating that the City Manager is going through priority based budgeting. It is a methodology to get community involvement. What is a higher priority to the community? Are we providing a needed level of service to the community? What is the city government's responsibility? We are hooked on the public transit system. Once you take it you must pay the local share. The city's budget consists of pots of money. You can't borrow from one and put in another. Transportation sales tax is where we get the airports funding. Also from that pot is all the funding for streets, signs, and traffic signals etc. When we take from the Transportation sales tax it comes from that fund. The budget for streets is 800 miles of lanes. Enough to maintain 200 miles on an annual basis. We actually do 15 to 20 miles annually. All of the residential and secondary road systems have no money to maintain. It is a 10 to 20 year cycle to mill and overlay streets. Mr. Heather asks, is it more important to the community to have 100,000 for an airport project or public street system. That is the issue. He adds, why should the airport be the priority? He answers that the FAA says we need to. Can we say no? What's the domino of that? We don't have much choice if you intend to run a commercial airport. Mr. Stockam added that given our discussion he intends to reach out to the city manager to educate. Possibly have a joint meeting with the city manager, the board and council. This should be a presentation of how and what we do. We need to make sure he is aware of the issues. We don't know the process the city budget is going to go through. Ms. Norris stated that Vision Joplin is presenting a council workshop. She suggested maybe we could present at a council workshop. Mr. Stockam added that there has been no mention of the airport from the committee. We don't want to get left out of the process. Mr. Heatherly stated that having community input is vital. As a 30 year municipal government guru, when you ask an uninformed person about an issue, without background knowledge, you get the domino effect. If you do one thing, something else isn't going to get done. What level of service does the community want? Public safety is the #1 priority with the police and fire being our core responsibilities. As for street signs, pot holes, stop lights with the revenues of the community, things are going to have to change. We can't afford the level of service we want. Another thing to consider is how do you maintain what you have forever? The city has billions of infra structure with no revenue source to maintain. Mr. Lawson encouraged all the board members to go out in the community and inform people about all that the airport does for the community. He expressed his appreciation to the board members for being a part of the airport board. The airport is a great place with free parking and it is a

vital part of the community. Mr. Forker asked Ms. Norris if Vision Joplin meetings are public. Ms. Norris replied that Monday is the preliminary, then the formal presentation will be in April or May. She added that Vision Joplin meetings are open to the public and posted on the cities website. They have a meeting every other week, then a core meeting once monthly.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam invited the board members to attend the LRSAT meeting held on March 23rd. Mrs. Hunter is to send out reminders to the board via e-mail.

Mr. Stockam reminded the board about the 5K on the Runway happening on May 5th and 6th. The airport will have a night run on Friday which is by qualification only, and at a premium price. Mr. Forker asked if that would involve CD Aviation's taxiway. Mr. Stockam answered that it would, but it would only be for 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Next, Mr. Stockam reminded the board about the upcoming scheduled airshow on September 9th and 10th.

Additionally there are no confirmed dates at this time, but the Joplin Flyers has petitioned the AOPA to do a rusty pilot seminar. This is to get the pilots that are no longer current to get recertified. Mr. Stockam added this will probably be in July or August and it may bring in 100-150 pilots to the airport.

There will also be a Civil Air Patrol Regional Emergency Management Seminar held sometime in August.

Mr. Stockam stated that we are still trying to get accurate fuel numbers from the FBO's. Last year we provided charts that went through April since that is when Alpha started. We will take a five year look at those numbers next month.

Mr. Clark advised there was a stop sign out of place on the entrance road to the control tower on Colonial Drive. It must have twisted out of position. Mr. Stockam stated that we would take a look at it.

Mr. Stockam informed the board that he was invited to participate with the Missouri Statewide aviation plan. He added that he is honored to be asked to participate as an opportunity to help formulate resolutions to educational issues. If the city provides $500,000 in funding you must look at the financial impact on the community. It provides jobs, economic impact etc. The numbers can be very overwhelming and even more so when you discuss it on a state level. He is looking forward to bringing that information back to the board.

Mr. Clark asked if the number of passengers is good. Mr. Stockam replied that we had 400 more passengers than normal in the first 12 days. All the first class has been fully booked. Mr. Stockam added that the 900 is 27 feet longer which will be a larger wing span and require more fuel.

Mr. Clark asked if the airplane was so heavy it moves the asphalt on the runway. Mr. Stockam stated that it could so we would need to keep an eye on it. It can hold most aircraft but, when you start running 500+ operations per year it will deteriorate. It is in good shape now but that can change quickly.

Mr. Walbridge asked how the weekend flights were holding up. Mr. Stockam replied that they are moving to one Saturday flight in May. Mr. Clark asked if we are still turning people away. Mr. Stockam answered that in the first week we had to turn some people away but on April 9th we will get a larger, quieter and more comfortable plane.

Mr. Forker asked if Mr. Stockam spoke with American Airlines regarding the customer service issues discussed in the last meeting. Mr. Stockam replied that they investigated and decided it was someone that was doing corporate booking. It is hard to trace that back to a particular person. They did look into it however.

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Forker seconded, all were in favor.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board