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The Airport Board met in the board room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on March 9, 2023, at 7:00 am. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 am. Mr. Osborne moved to approve, and Mr. Loudermilk seconded.

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

Board members attending included Mr. O'Brian, Mr. King, Mr. Jones, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Moore. Staff present included Bart Starkey, Airport Manager, Mr. Lawson, Deputy Director of Public Works, and Dorothy Weber, Admin Assistant. Mr. Coit and Mr. Murray from the Freedom of Flight Museum, A Representative from Olsson Consulting, and Kris Ziebert from the Joplin Flyers

ITEM 2: Old Business:

Mr. O'Brian took a vote on the approval of February's minutes. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coit gave an update on the Freedom of Flight field trips. He stated that they were going well. He also stated that they have started charging more. The price has changed from one dollar per person to two dollars per person. Mr. Coit then outlined new community involvement. The Freedom of Flight Museum has reached out to community businesses for possible family days. They have also invited Neosho Missouri's ROTC to get involved with the museum. Mr. Coit stated that the new Museum sign has been approved. Mr. Coit also briefly touched on the museum being featured in the Show Me the Ozarks magazine and that they've started planning for the 2023 Wings and Wheels weekend and the Joplin 150th celebration.

Mr. O'Brian asked Mr. Lawson about any updates from downtown. Mr. Lawson spoke briefly about airline updates.

Mr. Osborn gave an update on the hangar project. The board members then discussed different investor options for that project.

Mr. O'Brian spoke about the Joplin use tax and the ways it may be implemented starting in Nov. 2023.

ITEM 3: New Business:

Mr. O'Brian started the meeting by welcoming the new board member, Mike King. Mr. O'Brian then asked Mr. King to speak about his background and for everyone to introduce themselves.

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Mr. Starkey spoke about Mike Gayman's plaque dedication at the airport.

Mr. Starkey gave an update on the airlines. He stated that starting in May there will no longer be a layover in Decatur. The Chicago flight will go back to being a direct flight.

Mr. Starkey updated the board members on the ARFF project. Mr. Starkey briefly spoke about the FAA funding for that project and gave an estimate on the construction start time. Mr. Osborn talked about possible material shortages and the impact that may have on the project.

Mr. Starkey stated that the 13-31 runway project has been pushed back a full year. Mr. Jones asked about the 13-31 project and Mr. Starkey stated that it will be a full mill and overlay, not a complete reconstruction so as to save the runway space and lighting. Mr. O'Brian asked about the deep fissures and Mr. Starkey stated that the contractors were looking into the best way to fix them.

Mr. O'Brian called to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 am. Mr. Osborn seconded it, and all agreed.

Rob O'Brian, Chairman of the Board

Dorothy Weber, Admin Assistant