MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
March 10, 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 7:00 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Tim Forker, Maurice Clark, Mel Walbridge, Bob Loudermilk, and Ryan Jackson. Randy Moore attended by phone.
Guests in attendance were Shannon Hoffman of Alpha Air Center, Lynden Lawson City of Joplin Public Works Assistant and Jacob Lett a senior at Neosho High School.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item 2: Old Business

Construction Projects Update

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the **B & N Taxiway** project. Emery Sapp would like to go ahead and restart the project by milling and re-asphalting old Delta. Crack repair needs to be done before the micro surfacing. They would like to begin March 21st since the weather has been nicer than expected. Mr. Stockam plans on having a pre-construction meeting to re-start that project on Friday next week.

Mr. Stockam mentioned that all the **light poles** are up and it looks really nice and totally different in the GA area. Now that the new light poles are providing such great light, it is apparent there are still some areas that need filled as far as lights go. There is some darkness by Alpha Air. Mr. Stockam suggests that we may use some old fixtures to solve that problem. Additionally, there are some old barn style lights on B & C hangars that we would like to upgrade to be like the lights recently installed on the A hangar.

There is an LRSAT meeting on March 24th at 6:00pm at the Public Safety Training Facility according to Mr. Stockam. We will go over construction project schedules for the B & N Taxiway project.

Mr. Stockam spoke to the board about the **Environmental Assessment** that was done for the Master Plan. The FAA has decided that the extension needs to be re-evaluated. As far as Mauls R or Mauls F, some of the previous parameters are not 'hard fast parameters' according to Mr. Stockam. Previous parameters stated that the light towers must be accessible 24 hours a day which is not the current case during the flooding seasons. The FAA has asked us to split that portion out of the Environmental Assessment. The first part of the Environmental Assessment will cover the B & N project which will be ready to go in 30 days. The second portion will defer the North end for another year. The 18/36 design and environmental will be moved back one year. Mr. Clark asked if we received that information in writing. Mr. Stockam said that we did. Mr. Stockam added that we are still operating flights that are restricted

because of runway length. He expressed that the FAA understands how important it is for us to get that portion of the runway extended. We have already been through this sort of project before with the 13/31. Originally we had accelerated 18/36 up a year, so in reality, this doesn't put us that far behind our original schedule. In order for the FAA to change an approach it goes before a panel in Washington DC. According to Mr. Stockam, the panel has extreme reluctance to extend any runways. Additionally, the airport doesn't own the property on the other side of the creek and it was originally thought that we would do an easement. Now, the FAA has decided we need to purchase the property which poses a lot more problems.

Mr. Stockam told the board more information on what would be discussed at the LRSAT meeting. The meeting will cover subjects regarding construction closure project phase plans. Over the next 18 months 13/31 and 18/36 will each be closed at some point. We want users to understand what is going on. 13/31 will be getting crack seal while it is down. There is $135,000 in the budget to attach that part of the project. The FAA allows us to add that in as an in-eligible part of the project. That saves money because we can use an existing contractor. During the 18/36 closure we will service some bad lighting circuitry. We also hope to change that lighting to the new LED lighting in the future. The high intensity LED lighting needed hasn't yet been approved by the FAA for runway use at this time. Most of Delta as well as Bravo & November will all have brand new LED lighting with project.

Mr. Stockam mentioned that there will be $500,000 worth of entitlements funds to be used towards a few small projects that are needed in different areas of the airport. The generator to run the terminal building, perimeter fencing to satisfy some TSA requirements and some other lighting change overs will be included in that project. Mr. Stockam added that the next few years will be complicated as far as timelines, processes and keeping things moving.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam reminded the board about the LRSAT meeting to be held March 24th at 6:00 pm. CMT will be there. John Cooper will go over safety issues. We will roll out construction programs for this summer. The leases went out for the T-Hangars. Airport issued locks will be distributed that evening. Mr. Jackson asked if we had any push back regarding the leases. Mr. Stockam said the only issues were a few folks that had an un-operational aircraft. Mr. Stockam added that we tried to do a good job of explaining what was coming. There were a few people questioning the locks. Mr. Loudermilk added that the lease changes just seemed to make sense to him. Mr. Walbridge agreed.

Mr. Stockam informed the board that he had intended on presenting a year-end financial report however, he we unable to collect the complete numbers. He added that Monday the state auditor comes to address city issues like the hangar lease update. We have been able to secure additional access to revenue accounts from finance. It has been a good opportunity to find some oversites.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam talked to the board about how he has been working with Senator Ron Richardson to secure funding to build another hangar building at the airport. This is not a completed deal, but it would provide additional funding to the airport.

Mr. Loudermilk asked for an update on the restroom installation at the A hangar. Mr. Stockam stated that after some investigation, we don't have utilities that we thought we had and the vault fire set that project back.

Mr. Harding asked Steve which building was the 'vault'. Mr. Stockam answered that it is a garage located off the employee parking area that houses all the electrical for the north half of the airfield and storage for our large machinery such as the lift-a-loft.

Mr. Harding asked Mr. Stockam if the lift-a-loft had been repaired. Mr. Stockam answered that we were able to get it certified as safe and most of the repairs needed ended up being cosmetic. He added that we hope to have the electrical vault back into full operation in the next few weeks since the fire in January.

Mr. Jackson asked about the parking lot paving project funding. Mr. Lawson answered that when we get MO Dot funding we may overlay or chip seal the parking lot extension or the city may be getting an asphalt machine. He added that he has no doubt that the extension is needed. Mr. Jackson agreed that there would be nowhere to park if the third flight gets approved. Mr. Stockam said that the gravel lot will work fine for now. We are looking to bring the other sections up to level with base rock. As long as we have the ability to park vehicles it will work.

Shannon Hoffman gave an update concerning the 5K and the Freedom Flight Museum. Mr. Stockam added that the paperwork has been approved by the FAA and TSA for the 5K and there is a group of airport managers from the surrounding area that plan on attending the 5K. Ms. Hoffman stated that everything is on track for the sign-up Saturday at the Runaround. She is expecting the sign-up to be huge. There are now two elementary clubs planning on attending. Mr. Jackson suggested they look into setting up a beer tent for after race times. He suggested they might be able to get a donation of giveaways by signing up an exclusive beer company. Mr. Lawson added that a permit would be needed. Ms. Hoffman added that they are having a hard time securing sponsors. The air boss from the last airshow donated and that was extremely helpful. Mr. Moore asked about the sign-up prices listed on the website for the 5K appeared to have an error. Ms. Hoffman said she would fix the issue.

Mr. Clark asked if the American Airlines counter was ever updated. Mr. Stockam stated that it had been changed out and it looks seamless so you don't notice the change.

Mr. Stockam mentioned that we are looking into replacing carpet in some areas where we had some water leaks with a solid color carpet tile. In the next couple of years we will be looking to replace all of the terminal carpet downstairs.

Mr. Clark asked if there would be a speaker system update. Mr. Stockam answered that he recently spoke with the phone system people about changing the speakers out.

Mr. Harding asked about the progress with the murals form Missouri Southern. Mr. Stockam answered that the art class is finishing up another project this semester so they haven't worked much on the airport project. We are waiting on them to provide a conceptual after the changes we suggested a few months ago. Mr. Harding agreed that we need to make sure it is done right.

Mr. Stockam informed the board about some new billboards that will be going up in the next 30 days from the air service grant. Nine boards will be used over the next ten months with standard advertising. When the additional flight comes in we can easily make changes.

Mr. Loudermilk stated that he is pleased with our increase in passenger count over last year. Once Chicago hits it will be greater.

Mr. Stockam added that March is usually a hard time with parking at the airport due to more traveling over spring break. We are usually maxed out as far as parking goes. Our numbers continue to be very strong. Mr. Stockam still believes that the Chicago flight will happen late summer.

Mr. Clark expressed concern for parking for the 5K. Mr. Stockam stated that the parking should not be an issue since they will be using the GA terminal parking area. Alpha and Mizzou should still be able to operate that day as well.

Ms. Hoffman added that the Freedom Flight Museum is working on installing panel displays in the old terminal building as well as work being done in the old flight control tower. Hopefully these renovations will be ready for tours this spring. Ms. Hoffman added that the panels will include memorials for Jimmy, Bobby and Amanda. Mr. Stockam added that the tour program costs around $1.65 per student for about 1500 students per tour season. It is a great educational program and revamping the tower is an investment well spent. Mr. Loudermilk added that he can't believe that some people still don't know where the new terminal is.

Mr. Stockam thanked Mr. Jackson for his service on the board as this is his last meeting.

Mr. Walbridge moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Jackson seconded. All were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00AM.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board