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Minutes of the open session of the Joplin Sports Authority Board of Directors held at 2:00p.m. at Joplin Sports Authority Conference Room, 3301 W 1st Street, Joplin, MO 64801 Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Jhan Hurn called the meeting to order at 2:08p.m.

Present: Jhan Hurn, Patty Vavra, Chuck Copple, Dave Compton, Mike Clark, Matt Hiatt, Paul Bloomberg, Patrick Tuttle

Absent: Darieus Adams, Rob Mallory, Christopher Beyer, Hunter Perry

Staff & Guests: Jared Bruggeman, Brittnie Earp, Steve Taylor, Lauren Johnson

Review of previous meeting minutes

Matt Hiatt made a motion to approve the January 8th, 2025, board minutes as presented, seconded by Paul Bloomberg. Motion carried on an 6-0 vote.

Reports

A) Executive Directors Report— Jared Bruggeman spoke about the Dover Hill Outdoor Recreation Area, also known as DORA, they had their ribbon cutting a couple of weeks ago. The area should be completed in the fall of 2025. There was a public hearing for the CID funding for the Prospect Village and the Sports Complex on January 21st, 2025. A couple of weeks later it was approved on the second and third reading to move ahead with the CID and TIF. Jared talked about Show Me Missouri Sports, they have a new book out from the state office of tourism. There are no new updates on the legislation, other than we are testifying in Jefferson City March 12th, 2025. Jared attended the Missouri Sports Travel Exchange recently at the Lake of the Ozarks. All the Missouri Sports Commissions and 40 or so regional and national vendors attended. Steve and Lauren have expressed having additional education on Excel training. Shaun will be starting on the Sports Tourism Strategist Degree. Jared is serving as President Elect for Kiwanis, he worked with Joplin Schools Chair and Joplin Outlaws to coordinate events for Kiwanis. During the NJCAA, Kiwanis and four local charities will be recognized at different times. JSA took out a $25k line of credit to host the NJCAA. Jared continues to work with Nick Edwards about creating a "JSA Reserve Fund" managed by JSA. This would help JSA get through slower parts of the year. The Missouri Department of Economic Development Amateur Sporting Tax Credit Program has been put forth again in the House and the Senate with bi-partisan support. JSA is working with local universities to enhance relationships by hosting a lunch for coaches and staff to remind them we are here to help bring tournaments to the community. JSA is growing the FY 2023 event schedule.

B) Treasurers Report for January and February 2025 Financials (Presented by Steve Taylor)

A motion was made by Patrick Tuttle to approve the January 2025 Financials, seconded by Paul Bloomberg. Motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

A motion was made by Paul Bloomberg to approve the February 2025 Financials, seconded by Dave Compton. Motion carried on a 6- vote.

C) Employee Compensation Committee Report—No Report

D) Bylaws & Administration Policies Committee Report—No Report

E) Budget & Audit Committee Report—No Report

Event Report—

A) **NJCAA**—Board Recognition Day March 19th 12:00-1:00 at Legget and Platt Athletic Center
B) **JASHOF**—The event will be held October 9th, 2025, at the Roxy Event Center.

Old Business—No Report

New Business—

A) **Year in Review Numbers**—JSA is waiting on MCSAA numbers
B) **Evaluations**—All staff evaluations will be completed by the second week of April.

A motion was made by Paul Bloomberg to adjourn the meeting at 2:44p.m., seconded by Dave Compton. Motion carried on an 6-0 vote.

Jared Bruggeman
Executive Director

Jhan Hurn
Board Chairman