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Minutes of the open session of the Joplin Sports Authority Board of Directors held Wednesday March 11th, 2026, at 2:00p.m. at Joplin Sports Authority Conference Room, 3301 W 1st Street, Joplin, MO 64801

CALL TO ORDER

Jhan Hurn called the meeting to order at 2:08p.m.
Present: Jhan Hurn, Chuck Copple, Dave Compton, Matt Hiatt, Mike Clark, Rob Mallory, Paul Bloomberg, JT Weber
Absent: Patty Vavra, Darieus Adams, Patrick Tuttle, Hunter Perry
Staff & Guests: Jared Bruggeman, Lauren Johnson, Brittnie Earp, Shaun Buck, Steve Taylor

Review of previous meeting minutes

Dave Compton made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2026, board minutes as presented, seconded by Matt Hiatt. Motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Reports

A) **Executive Directors Report**— Jared discussed that the plans for the Indoor Sports Venue are progressing. Construction will begin in 2027. Jared attended the Show Me Missouri Sports Travel Exchange, there was discussion with the Department of Revenue and Department of Economic Development. The Sports ETA Chief Executive Summit was cancelled due to weather. Jared and Shaun will be attending the Sports ETA Symposium with the SMMS group. JSA line of credit still exists and is a line item on the agenda. All bills have been paid, JSA will start to replenish the Reserve Fund. The Missouri Department of Economic Development Amateur Sporting Tax Credit Program is still being modified, as far as changed being approved. JSA filed some reports with the program and received a check for $22k. The new apparel company JSA uses for events, generated almost $5k from the Missouri Christian Schools Winter State Championship. That number is larger than JSA would generate per year, under the previous company. Jared was unable to attend the last City Council meeting, due to being away at The Missouri Sports Travel Exchange, so after discussion with the city, it was decided to combine the 1st and 2nd quarter presentation in June. The JSA Employee compensation meeting was postponed based on waiting on results from City Tax checks. The election of officers will be discussed in the next few months. Jared Continues to meet with the City Manager for decision making. There have been good articles in the Joplin Globe about JSA, that has helped with PR and good for the community. JSA is continuing to grow the FY 2026 schedule and beyond. JSA is working with the CVB and Parks and Recreation on an international bike competition, there is also a new lead on a Regional and National Dart Tournament.

B) **Treasurers Report for January and February 2026 Financials (Presented by Steve Taylor)**— Jhan Hurn directs to file reports for 2026 Audit.

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) **MCSAA**— 28 boys' teams, and 28 girls' teams. 32 games per day
B) **MSHSAA**—No Report

Old Business—

A) Turf Projects—Paul Bloomberg spoke on the turf projects. Rain has caused delay. Th concrete curbing for fields 3 and 4 are complete and ready for turf. Fields 1 and 2, the curbing is done they just have to put the base rock down, then the turf. Once the softball fields are complete, they will begin work on Joe Becker Stadium and Wendell Redden.

New Business—

A) Line of Credit Renewal—The renewal of the line of credit has a one-time $100 renewal fee. The board discussed that it would be beneficial to have this line of credit in the event of an emergency.

A motion was made by Chuck Copple to approve renewing the Line of Credit account, seconded by Paul Bloomberg. Motion carried on a 7-0 vote

B) Facilities update—Paul Bloomberg spoke on the turf projects at Gene Bassman; Wendell Redden and Joe Becker Stadium. The turf is coming along. Paul also mentioned the upcoming event at the new Momentum Bike Park. The event will be held Saturday, May 2nd, there will be vendors, food trucks and stunt shows. Jared and several JSA Board members attended a meeting the CID for the Sports Complex.

C) Update Board meeting date for May 2026; due to busy event schedule—

A motion was made by Dave Compton to move the May 2026 Board meeting to May 27th, seconded by Chuck Copple. Motion carried on a 7-0 vote.

D) Proposition Police & Fire—Jhan Hurn spoke on the Proposition Police and Fire. It is for a 1/2 – cent Public Safety Sales Tax, replacing the current ½ cent "Prop B" Pension Sales Tax, there will be no tax increase to citizens and visitors to the community. If passed this will allow for 9 additional Police Officers, and 6 additional Fire Fighters. There will be improved pay for both Police and Fire, facility improvements and better equipment.

A motion was made by Dave Compton to adjourn the meeting at 3:00p.m., seconded by Matt Hiatt. Motion carried on a 7-0 vote.

Jared Bruggeman
Executive Director

Jhan Hurn
Board Chairman