Joplin Regional Airport
602 S Main Street
Joplin, Missouri 64801
417-623-0262

CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Board met in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on April 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mr. O'Brian at 7:00 am CT.

ROLL CALL

A. Board Members
   a. Chairman - Rob O'Brian
   b. Fred Osborn
   c. Brian Jones – Joined Remotely Via Teams
   d. Bob Loudermilk
   e. Mike King
   f. Randy Moore
   g. Joshua Oathout

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Bart Starkey
   b. Administrative Assistant – Allison Zahner

C. Other
   a. Freedom of Flight Museum – Darryl Coit
   b. Freedom of Flight Museum – Stephen Murray
   c. Olsson – Steve Stockam

MINUTES

Mr. Osborn moved to approve minutes from the March meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Loudermilk, and it was unanimously approved.

MEETING

Mr. Joshua Oathout was formally introduced as the new member of the Airport Board. Mr. Bob Loudermilk's term expired, making April his last board meeting. In acknowledgement, the board expressed appreciation to Mr. Loudermilk for his many years of dedicated service.

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ARFF/SRE construction is underway. The contractors are documenting this process through a timelapse camera. Anticipated completion is scheduled for Spring of 2025.

Mr. Starkey provided an update on the 3-Year DOT/SkyWest EAS Contract, informing the board that it will be effective from May 2024 through April 2027.

Mr. Starkey stated that the Airport is utilizing the funds from the awarded Air Service Grant to promote and advertise its services. The primary objective is to raise awareness about the availability of flights at Joplin Airport.

Mr. Starkey mentioned to the board that the airport was contacted by the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). The CVB is conducting a year-long market research survey to gather information and get a better understanding of the local visitors and tourists. The airport agreed to have interviewers survey willing passengers before boarding their flight. The airport will be provided with quarterly reports from these surveys, at no cost.

Mr. O'Brian mentioned that he and Mr. Starkey are discussing potential dates to conduct a roundtable to give general aviation a chance to address concerns, share insights, and collaborate on improving airport operations. More details are forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O'Brian motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Loudermilk and unanimously agreed at 7:53 am.

Rob O'Brian, Chairman

Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant