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CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Board met in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on May 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mr. O'Brian at 7:00 am CT.

ROLL CALL

A. Board Members
   a. Rob O'Brian - Chairman
   b. Brian Jones
   c. Kris Zibert
   d. Mike King
   e. Brett LaForest

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Allison Zahner
   b. Assistant Public Works Director – Jeremy Hagerman

C. Other
   a. Freedom of Flight Museum – Darryl Coit
   b. Olsson – Steve Stockam
   c. Olsson – Brian Coomes
   d. Monett Airport – Jaden Cooper

MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved to approve minutes from the March board meeting. This was seconded by Mr. King, and it was unanimously approved.

MEETING

Mr. O'Brian requested that the agenda be amended to include the election of a new Chairman of the Airport Board, noting that both he and Mr. Moore have reached the end of their appointed terms. Although Mr. O'Brian and Mr. Moore will continue to serve on the Board until their successors are duly appointed, Mr. O'Brian expressed the importance of ensuring leadership continuity during the transition. Mr. King moved to amend the agenda to include a new Item 5: "Election of Chairman of the Airport Board." The motion was seconded by Mr. Zibert. The motion carried unanimously.

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Ms. Zahner provided an update on the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) / Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility construction. She reported that the project has been completed and noted that the ribbon-cutting ceremony was successful.

Ms. Zahner presented the flight reports for March and April, including a comparison of passenger load factors and enplanement numbers to those from the same period in the previous year. She also reported on a discussion with the air service consultant regarding the initiation of a new leakage study. The Board reviewed the geographic areas and zip codes included in the previous study and discussed additional zip codes to be included in the upcoming analysis. Ms. Zahner will provide the updated information to the consultant to proceed with the new leakage study.

Ms. Zahner provided an update on the ongoing hangar lease audit. She noted that internal discussions are underway regarding potential updates to the standard lease agreement. No final decisions have been made, and any proposed changes will be communicated to all hangar tenants in advance. A draft notification is being prepared for tenants who may not be in compliance with their current lease terms. In accordance with the lease agreements, affected tenants will be provided with formal notice and a defined period to either achieve compliance, vacate the hangar, or coordinate alternative arrangements with airport management.

Ms. Zahner announced plans to initiate an internship program at the airport. While specific details are still being finalized, she noted that the program is intended to benefit both the airport and the broader community by creating opportunities for local engagement and workforce development.

Ms. Zahner provided an update on upcoming airport projects as outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), reviewing timelines and project details. For the current year, work is scheduled to begin on the Runway 13/31 mill and overlay project, as well as on the replacement of the passenger boarding bridges.

Mr. O'Brian continued the discussion on the future of JLN by presenting the results of the Airport survey. The Airport Board reviewed the insights gathered from the data and discussed potential next steps and opportunities for utilizing the information moving forward.

Mr. Coit provided an update on the Freedom of Flight Museum. He noted that the museum has seen a strong turnout for field trips this season. He also addressed the museum's previous "Family Day" event, explaining that it has not been as successful in recent years. In response, the museum's curator has opted to replace

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it with a new initiative. On May 17th, the museum will host a guided tour and informal roundtable discussion for airport managers from the surrounding region.

ELECTION OF AIRPORT BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr. King nominated Mr. Brian Jones for Chairman of the Airport Board. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Zibert. There being no further nominations, the vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Brian Jones was elected Chairman of the Airport Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. King and the motion carried unanimously at 8:15 am.

Brian Jones, Chairman

Allison Zahner, Airport Manager