MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2018

The Airport Board met in the Second Floor Conference Room at the at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:03 A.M.

Item 1: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Maurice Clark, Kelli Norris, Mel Walbridge and Tim Forker. Mike Bentley and Richard Russell were absent.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam gave an update to the board about the recent **Freedom Flight Museum 5K on the Runway**. They had 37 athletes compete in the duathlon along with 200 registered runners for the 5K not including the kids' fun run participants. Bobby Ballard and Darryl Coit previously met with Mr. Stockam to give the airport a recap stating that they are still finalizing all the numbers. They will evaluate what they want to do as they move forward Mr. Stockam reported. There are 5K's scheduled everywhere and the folks from the Runaround said that the airport is an important place for serious runners to get a good time because it is so flat. The first 5K on the runway there were 300 runners according to Mr. Stockam. Ms. Norris stated that when she was running 5K's it was important to her to have a unique metal and t-shirt. She suggested making the metal a collectible, like Hallmark ornament collectibles. She suggested having a different antique plane each year and having a plane for people to tour through. That would be something that other 5K's don't have. She added that swag is important. Mr. Stockam stated that On the Boarder served dinner at the evening run last year since it was on Cinco De Mayo. Mr. Clark asked if every participant gets a metal. Mr. Stockam answered that they do.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the **Parking lot**. The parking lot expansion complete. We were very nervous the last few days of paving because we were running out of places to park cars Mr. Stockam stated. We were able to stripe the lot after it was paved with our new striper. A few weeks ago, the new part of the lot was half full according to Mr. Stockam. Monday mornings are the lowest with Wednesdays being the fullest. Mr. Stockam added that beginning yesterday, we switched back to CRJ700's for the month so that will affect traffic.

Next, Mr. Stockam discussed **capital budget** items. In this budget year we planned on purchasing new program controls for the lighting and AC in the commercial terminal building. That project is underway. We purchased 100 new seats for the hold room, a new paint striper, equipment trailer and we are up for replacement computers as well. We still must complete the new entrance road LED light conversion. We plan on replacing the lighting up to the

parking lot but not including the parking lot which will be 100 lights. This will save on electric bills and light bulb changing. We are also replacing a water line on the west side of the T-hangar as well as adding a few additional hydrants there as well.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam told the board about how the House and Senate passed out of conference last night **one million in funds for General Aviation improvements** for JLN. We are now waiting on the governor's signature then the funds will be available for use after July 1st. We will use the funds to get ready for additional hangars and an entrance road. It is earmarked for infrastructure work and moving utilities, we cannot use it for the hangar building.

Another piece of legislation is running out of time. It is the **abandon aircraft legislation**. Mr. Stockam stated that he hopes it gets tagged on with something else that gets passed. He added that it has not been such a big problem here. With the passing of this bill it would allow us to move an abandon aircraft like an abandon car. Mr. Harding asked what we would do with the aircraft if we had one. Mr. Stockam answered that it would get salvaged. Mr. Walbridge asked if the big airplane was still at Mizzou. Mr. Stockam said that it is, but it has been sold and is getting ready to leave. Mr. Clark asked if abandon aircrafts could be flown. Mr. Stockam stated that they would be out of annuals.

Item 4: Other Business

Next, Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the **flight schedule**. As of Monday, May 5th through June 6th we are back to two flights per day with a CRJ700 which is booking up to 66 passengers. Mr. Clark asked if we have plenty of parking now. Mr. Stockam stated that since the parking lot expansion we have approximately 700 spaces. Mr. Walbridge asked why they would decrease flights during the months of graduation. Mr. Stockam replied that they are shuffling flights around and we don't know why. He added that flights are being shuffled at Dallas, Chicago and Charlotte as well. American Airlines is ending contracts with several regional carriers and has backfilled with others. There will be a shuffle again in June. After July 5th we are supposed to be back to three flights per day through November. However, the June 7th flights are scheduled with the CRJ700 then back to the 145 for 30 days. In July we have the 175 back for three times each day. We just need to get through the next couple of months. Ms. Norris stated that every holiday they seem to take from us and they must be adding somewhere else that needs it more. Mr. Stockam agreed that we only see what we deal with, whereas American Airlines sees a more global picture. If they continue to make money in Joplin then that is good he added. In June, the third flight will be in the morning. Mr. Clark asked if our schedule matched up with something in Dallas. Mr. Stockam stated that he wanted morning flights, but later in the morning would be better. We will see how it goes he said. American Airlines ticket agents have been tracking the third flight through April. There were many more people on the inbound evening flight than the outbound. The first couple of flights had only 3 people. Mr. Forker added that it wasn't advertised. Mr. Stockam added that we didn't advertise either. We didn't want to confuse the public since it was temporary. In July, all the flights are moved back to noon and 4:20pm. Mr. Walbridge asked if we still have nothing to Chicago. Mr. Stockam said that was correct. We have added about 1000 additional people per month coming through the airport with the addition of the third flight. We are up almost 5000 passengers so far this year. The larger aircraft size with more seats available has been helpful as well according to Mr. Stockam.

Mr. Stockam told the board about **meeting with the FAA for future programs** and the funding over the next few years. He stated that President Trump finally released information on the Trump billion-dollar infrastructure package. It is very specifically going to non-hub and small GA airports. They put out a list of priority airports and Joplin is one of them. Columbia Missouri is building a new terminal building and they are looking for 25 million. We need to reconstruct 136 to Delta. We have a go letter for the pavement program. We hope to get a better understanding of pavement issues. We also have the go letter for the new ARFF truck Mr. Stockam stated. We are looking to purchase a $522,500.00 index B ARFF truck. We are concerned with the timing, we just finished the bid package and sent it out for review. We hope to advertise in the paper on Monday. This truck will take 365 days to build so it would be available August 2019 at the earliest according to Mr. Stockam. Next spring, if American Airlines puts two Chicago and three Dallas flights, we would be an index B airport all the time. Right now, we just bring an additional staff in during the flight time to meet index B requirements. We need to make sure we can make the change quickly if the additional flights come in. Mr. Stockam added that we can lease an index B firetruck in about 7 days for $6000.00 per month if needed. Mr. Stockam told the board that with the new Airwolf and the old P19, we could make a package trade and buy a new used index B truck now. Normally, you can't get rid of new trucks for 10 years but we have permission to trade the new one. Mr. Stockam added that when the new index B comes in, we would have a full backup. We are excited to grow, but we must foresee the requirements to be ready. We are working through the process.

Mr. Stockam spoke about the **new runway**. He stated as we compete for funds we think we will be a high priority for the FAA. It will be difficult to make it a 3-year project however. Everything must be complete in a 3-year time period, but he clock is already ticking. We will become a one runway airport during the project. We need to make sure the General Aviation and Commercial aviation continue to grow and for this, we will need to do something with the runway. Mr. Forker asked how much acceleration we can put on the program. Mr. Stockam said we can shorten it to 20 months. It would shorten he overall impact and reduce cost. Mr. Forker asked if we are still 10 months out. Mr. Stockam stated that in a perfect world we would be sitting here with bids in hand this time next year. He added that this would be 100% funding and there would be no 5% local share. Mr. Clark asked if we would need to enlarge the fire barn. Mr. Stockam stated that we would. In the interim, we could take off the racks in the back and add a drive thru door. He added that it is in the master plan to add a new maintenance building. We would need to accelerate that plan. We will need to get the reconstruction done before the new fire barn project. Mr. Clark asked which area we would do first and Mr. Stockam showed the board on an aerial map.

Mr. Stockam explained that we had a **new aerial** taken in February. We are getting a new map to display in the board room. It shows taxiways C & F already constructed and 523 removed. Mr. Clark asked why we can't put new hangars at the end of 523. Mr. Stockam stated that all the fueling is done on the other side of the airport and the entrance would be through a residential area which would create complications. Mr. Clark asked how much money the hangars generate. Mr. Stockam stated that they produce a lot of funding but the cost is long in return. We can only charge fair market value and to build one million dollars in hangars would take 30 years to recoup. Mr. Clark asked how the hangar improvements are

working out. Mr. Stockam answered that they are doing very well. We have had other airports interested in using our model for the rehab of their airports. Ms. Norris asked how many flights we needed to be an index B airport. Mr. Stockam answered that we would need 5 flights per day. Ms. Norris responded that we would be lucky to get one Chicago flight much less two. It would be a longshot to have a total of five in her opinion. Mr. Stockam stated that we continue to talk with United, and they would do two flights, not one. The have been asked to evaluate the Denver market as well he added. Mr. Norris said that would be a good problem to have. Mr. Stockam stated that according to the information we could gather, the EAS is the huge barrier for us and it will no longer be an issue. Mr. Forker asked when American Airlines would need to submit for the EAS. Mr. Stockam replied October 5th is the date. We should know by the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 am.
Motioned by Ms. Norris, seconded by Mr. Clark.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Kelli Norris, Chairman of the Board