MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2017

The Airport Board met on the Second Floor in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Tim Forker, Mel Walbridge, Bob Loudermilk and Maurice Clark. Kelli Norris and Randy Moore were absent.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Harding moved to approve the minutes from April's meeting. Mr. Walbridge seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the capital projects schedule for the **C & F taxiways**. Mr. Stockam stated that the construction project was delayed due to the rain. They should start plaining possibly today though. They have skimmed the top of the ground for the perimeter road and began draining the pond. They are stock piling millings until the skimmed road dries out. He added that this is a complex project with multiple phases and we want to minimize the impact on aircraft. All is going well so far according to Mr. Stockam. There are some adjustments as we move along. We can't get into the ILS of 13 until we open 18. Mr. Stockam stated that it may look odd but there is a reason why we are doing the project in this order. We plan on cutting 25 days off the shutdown from phase four. We have to coordinate instrumentation on the field with FAA.

Next Mr. Stockam addressed the parking lot issue. The parking lot is full even with regular air traffic. We need to get more parking lot graveled. David Hertzburg, the Public Works Director has discussed with Mr. Stockam doing a chip seal. That way we can paint lines and put in bumper blocks to control the way people park. Mr. Stockam stated that would build the lot out to the north, chip seal and stripe. Mr. Loudermilk commented that the traffic report has almost 2000 more travelers in April this year as compared to April last year.

Mr. Stockam told the board about the new body scanner recently installed in the TSA secure area. It has proved to be beneficial by reducing the pat downs needed. He added that people incorrectly believe it to be an x-ray machine. Actually is a generic totally non descriptive silhouette image. Mr. Walbridge asked what kind of images it shows. Mr. Stockam answered that it shows a light where something may be, such as an artificial knee or a cell phone. Mr. Stockam stated that TSA has added more staff due to more passengers which is making the employee parking lot full. American Airlines had added additional employees as well. Mr. Clark asked if there was enough seating in the holding area. Mr. Stockam stated that we had to add more seating and there is just enough. If a passenger puts a bag in a seat it makes less room. We would like to move some things around though.

Mr. Stockam updated the board members about the empty GA terminal space. He stated that he has spoken with some of the interested entities. This Saturday is the Rusty Pilots meeting to be held at the GA terminal. Mr. Stockam spoke with the Missouri Pilots Association state chapter president of the Southwest Chapter. Apparently there are only eight members at this time. Mr. Stockam stated that he would like to reach out to the current chapter president about building up membership. We would like for that organization to become more active he said. We are hoping to have bids out for the space soon and there will be wording in the bid regarding the airport keeping part of the space.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam informed the board about the recent TSA inspection. He said it went as well as we could ask for. We do continue to have issues with the airport perimeter fencing as there can be nothing within four feet on either side of the fence. A good portion of fence is right on the property line and we have neighbors who stack stuff against the fence. We have one individual who won't cooperate with moving the stuff. TSA wants us to move the fence inward which is expensive. We want to put razor wire up but we have to get the final determination from TSA. Mr. Stockam added that the badge paperwork looked good as Mrs. Hunter has kept up with all the background checks. We are also looking to moving fingerprinting in house since the supplies are inexpensive. TSA is encouraging us to get our perimeter road done.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam gave an update about the recent 5K on the Runway. Everything went well and there were no issues with the night race which was sold out. Everyone finished with plenty of time. The first place winner was a 15 year old running it in 19 minutes and 15 seconds. Mr. Clark asked if we had an abundance of aircraft on Saturday. Mr. Stockam answered that Kyle Franklin did a fly by with smoke during the national anthem. He added that the fun run was very popular with over 100 kids. First place for the fun run was an 11 year old running it in 11 minutes.

There is a Rusty Pilots seminar being held in the GA Terminal on Saturday morning at 9:00am.

Mr. Stockam added that the Airshow is being planned for September and they are working on getting a permit. He doesn't foresee any issues.

CD Aviation and Alpha Air Center are hosting an MSSU Alumni dinner which is a private event.

Monday night at a council meeting, CAPS asked to speak to the council. They described the city giving them free space on the first floor of the GA building. Mr. Stockam added that we do make sure they do have space for their weekly meetings. However, we would like to generate revenue to help with utilities etc.

Mr. Walbridge moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Forker seconded, all were in favor.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Kelli Norris, Chairman of the Board