MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2016

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 7:03 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Mel Walbridge, Bob Loudermilk, Kelli Norris, Maurice Clark and Randy Moore. Tim Forker was absent.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.
Guests in attendance were Shannon Hoffman from Alpha Air Center, Wayne Adolphsen from Mizzou Aviation, and several guests from Leadership Joplin being, Bob Higginbotham, Sloan Roland, Drew Kimball and Jennifer Doshier.

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

Construction Projects Update

Mr. Stockam addressed the board with information regarding the **Micro surfacing** project. He stated that the micro surfacing crews are backed up in Texas due to rain. That has moved our schedule back one week. Monday we hope to begin mobilization, cleaning and closing of discussed areas. Hopefully by mid-week we can begin micro surfacing at least. Mr. Stockam stated that we don't want to have sections of the runway closed over the weekend if it can be avoided.

Mr. Stockam gave an update to the board regarding the **Taxiway project**. He stated that we are waiting on a letter on the environmental. Then, maybe two more days for the FAA to sign off on the plans. This will be a six million dollar project that will be 'on the street' for 30 days for bids. The grant money will be available on July first. We must have our bid in hand to get grant money at that time. We don't have any environmental issues. We are just awaiting the paperwork Mr. Stockam says. As part of this project we will be renaming some taxiways as suggested in the LRSAT meeting. Gulf and Hotel will changed to Alpha and Bravo, and Delta will remain the same. The old Bravo will become Charlie, Foxtrot on Echo will be Echo One. The new taxiway to the terminal ramp will become Foxtrot. Mr. Stockam added that we will not be renaming Kilo and Lima. Gulf and Hotel will become unused names at that time. Mr. Stockam stated that we are working on financials for putting wig-wags at all hot spot locations. Also as part of this project there will be some signage changes to prevent taxiing onto grass islands. Mr. Stockam stated that he is excited about the runway 18 extension project. We have received a confirmation letter from the FAA of acceptance of the plan discussed in last month's meeting. We will not be moving the NAV AIDS, but we will be changing the in pavement lights and some adjustments will need to be done to the light towers as well Mr. Stockam says. We will no longer need to move the entire light lane system. Mr. Stockam informs the board about

new runway lengths. There will be 6500 feet of landing space so we don't lose any of our minimums. However, there will be 7100 feet of take-off space. The 36 approach and landing will also be 7100 feet. Mr. Stockam told the board about a recent visit from the Director of Airports Division where this project was discussed. Mr. Stockam added that it is unusual for the FAA to approve a non-standard configuration such as this. An Environmental Assessment will need to be done based on this new plan. Mr. Stockam stated that he doesn't anticipate any major issues and it may only cost around $15,000 for the assessment. We hope to get a grant after July first for the design of this project. If so, the design can be done over the winter season and we could begin in the next construction season. We are looking at upgrading the light lane and ILS as it is 21 years old. Mr. Moore asked if the PAPI would be moving. Mr. Stockam answered that it would not. He added that 18 landing would stay exactly the same. There will be three sets of light bars in the pavement.

Next Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the addition of new hangars. He stated that Senator Ron Richards is working on getting funding passed for one million dollars for hangar construction. MO Dot would provide additional funding for site work and road access. We are awaiting Senator Ron Richards to make the formal announcement but it has been passed by the budget bill and funds will be available July first if everything goes well. Mr. Stockam added that CMT has already been working on this project and it has already been cleared environmentally. As part of this project we will build 16 new hangars, close and re-align the entrance road and put a signal in at the entrance road. Mr. Stockam stated that the roundabout has made it difficult to go east bound from the entrance road since there is no break in traffic now. Mr. Moore asked when the hangars would likely be available. Mr. Stockam believes it will be a 12 month turnaround from July first. We are hoping to get site work ready for the building this fall, put the hangars up this winter and paving in the spring. Mr. Stockam stated that it will be one million dollars for the building with no local match share. He would like to have a few hangars available to market availability. Several folks have their planes currently stored at Miami, Neosho and Pittsburg that would like a space in Joplin instead. Mr. Clark asked how many hangars we will gain from renters whom are no longer flying an operable plane. Mr. Stockam answered that there will end up being two hangars made available due to renters not meeting medical requirements.

Item 3: New Business

Next Mr. Stockam spoke to the board about the recent 5K on the Runway that took place on Saturday, May 7th. He informed the board that the 5K went well and ran smoothly. Mr. Stockam stated that he and his wife walked the 5K so they were at the back of the pack. He picked up a lot of FOD along the way. That would need to be addressed in future races. Mrs. Hoffman stated that the 5K number of runners was down a bit over the previous year. However, the fun runners' numbers were up. She added that there were several people who registered for the run but weren't able to make it. There were 222 5K finishers and 70 fun runners. Mrs. Hoffman also stated that there was a running club from Kelsey Norman School that joined and several kids placed in the 5K. She also stated that there was a lot of competition that weekend with Mother's Day, area Graduations, and city wide yard sales. Mr. Loudermilk stated that he heard several complaints about the wind. Mr. Moore added that he finished one minute later than his target time. Mr. Stockam agreed that when you turned south you could feel the wind. Mr. Loudermilk stated that several signs had to be weighed

down due to the wind towards the end of the race. He also added that he liked the bounce house the best out of the attractions.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam informed the board that he is still discussing the addition of a flight to Chicago with American Airlines. There have been some movement of flights at other airports, but they are not adding capacity. American Airlines told Mr. Stockam that they are currently putting 126 pilots through the pilots program and they should be able to start working in August. Mr. Stockam stated that our best chance at an additional flight will be October. He added that American Airlines seems committed and apologized that they simply don't have the man power to add flights. We are still at the top of the list. Our boarding's are still full. Mother's Day weekend is the first time in years that the Charter flight wasn't full. Mr. Stockam stated that it probably wasn't the best weekend with Mother's Day and Graduations. Mr. Loudermilk added that our year to day passenger count is 2000 more than the years previous. That is a big positive.

Mr. Stockam gave some additional information regarding the 13/31 crack seal project. He stated that it will be bid as part of the taxiway project.

Mr. Stockam stated that we are in the process of converting some lighting to LED's. We are done with the A Hangar, and have purchased the fixtures for the B & C Hangars. This will be a cost savings in electricity and maintenance as well according to Mr. Stockam. The lighting on the ramp side and airfield side is a safety issue and we need to stay on top of it he added. Mr. Stockam also mentioned that Tom Frakes, an airfield safety person, is touring our airport this evening at 7:00pm. The ATC has reported that the new LED lighting is too bright. Mr. Frakes is going to check the issue in case some fixtures need to be re-aimed and he may have other recommendations as well. Mr. Stockam added that we would like to convert the 1/8 runway lights to LED as well, however that type of lighting is not approved the FAA at this time. Mr. Loudermilk commented that there was a picture shown at the LRSAT meeting of the lighting view at night of the GA area from the ATC. He noted that it was a significantly brighter. Mr. Stockam commented that there are residual effects of making the GA are brighter and we may need to make further adjustments to meet everyone's needs.

Mr. Stockam provided some information regarding the parking lot progress. He stated that the city crews were pulled into other projects. As soon as they become available, they will commence putting down more base rock. We will not be asphalting at this time.

Mr. Harding moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Clark seconded. All were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42AM.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board