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CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Board met in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on June 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones at 7:00 am CT.

ROLL CALL

A. Board Members
   a. Brian Jones – Chairman
   b. Rob O'Brian
   c. Randy Moore
   d. Mike King

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Allison Zahner
   b. Operations Supervisor – James McBryde
   c. Assistant Public Works Director – Jeremy Hagerman

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

MINUTES

Mr. O'Brian moved to approve minutes from the May board meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Moore, and it was unanimously approved.

MEETING

Ms. Zahner recognized and welcomed the new Chairman of the Airport Board. Outgoing Chairman Rob O'Brian and board member Randy Moore were acknowledged and thanked for their dedicated service as their terms concluded.

Ms. Zahner informed the Airport Board about Mr. Stockam's recent receipt of a lifetime achievement award. The honor was presented to Mr. Stockam at the Missouri Airport Managers Association & Missouri State Aviation Council (MAMA-MoSAC) Conference in recognition of his 32 years of service as the Airport Manager for Joplin Regional Airport (JLN). This award highlights Mr. Stockam's significant contributions, dedication, and leadership within Missouri's aviation community,

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reflecting the highest level of respect and appreciation for his commitment to advancing the industry throughout the state.

Ms. Zahner informed the board that the rehabilitation project for Runway 13/31 and Taxiway E has commenced. The project, which consists of a mill and overlay, began following Memorial Day and is scheduled for completion by mid-October. Emery Sapp & Sons, along with their subcontractors, is performing the work. The total project cost is $11,389,111.54, with funding provided through a 95/5 federal-to-local cost share, supported by two federal grants: FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and FAA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grants. While no disruptions to the commercial flight schedule are anticipated at this time, any impacts on airport operations will be communicated directly with affected parties.

Mr. Coit provided an update on the Freedom of Flight Museum. He mentioned that the Museum is continuing to plan for their participation in the 2025 Heartland Patriots Festival starting September 6th, and that the museum will use the wings and wheels event as the opening event for the festival. A flier will be sent out with more details to follow.

The Board continued its discussion regarding the future of JLN. Although the survey results were reviewed at the previous meeting and a deadline had been communicated, the survey remained open and additional responses have since been received, resulting in a more robust data set. A final report, incorporating all responses, will be compiled and distributed to the Board for review. The Board discussed potential next steps for analyzing and utilizing the survey data. Additionally, the Board began preliminary discussions on the development of a strategic plan. Key themes and areas of focus were identified, and further planning will take place in upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. O'Brian and the motion carried unanimously at 7:45am.

Brian Jones, Chairman

Cristy Short, Admin. Assistant