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The Airport Board met in the board room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on June 15 2023, at 7:00 am. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 am. Mr. Osborne moved to approve, and Mr. O'brian seconded.

**ITEM 1: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting:**

Board members attending included Mr. O'Brian, Mr. Jones, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Moore. Mr. King joined remotely by telephone. Staff present included Bart Starkey, Airport Manager, and Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant. Mr. Kaufmann, Opertions Supervisor, Mr. Coit and Mr. Murray from the Freedom of Flight Museum, and Kris Zibert from the Joplin Flyers. Mr. Jones took a vote on the approval of May's minutes. It was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 2: New Business:**

Mr. Starkey mentioned new board member, Mr. Keizer who was not in attendance today. The new Administrative Assistant, Allison Zahner, was welcomed and introduced herself to the meeting attendees.

Mr. Coit spoke about the Freedom of Flight Museum History display. It includes the podium JFK used to speak at the airport, a video, over 110 years of history of the Joplin Airport, and the original JOPLIN letters from the back side of the old terminal. Mr. Coit said there were approximately 50-60 visitors during the first three days of the display opening. The older generation of visitors have given donations of trinkets from airline flights in years past, over 400 aviation magazines dated as far back as the 1940's, and other items that can be added to display. Mr. Coit stated that in the past 12 months, there have been over 100 visitors outside of the local area, primarily people taking a detour from route 66.

**ITEM 3: Old Business:**

Mr. Starkey spoke about updates with the airlines. Skywest has started a campaign to continue the option for the 30 seat Part 135 option. The last SkyWest flight to Decater, Illinois is scheduled for August 31, 2023 and will go back to a direct flight to Chicago after that date.

Mr. Starkey spoke about the new ARFF building. There was a bid opening for construction in May but the bid has not been officially awarded yet. It is currently estimated that ground breaking will occur in the fall and full construction will begin in the spring.

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Mr. Starkey mentioned that as of June 14, 2023, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed a bill to increase the mandatory retirement age for airline pilots from 65 to 67 to address the pilot shortage.

Mr. O'Brian called to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 am. Mr. Loudermilk seconded it, and all agreed.

Fred Osborn, Acting Chair

Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant