Minutes of the open session of the Joplin Sports Authority Board of Directors held at 2:00p.m. at Joplin Sports Authority Conference Room, 3301 W 1st Street, Joplin, MO 64801 Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Jhan Hurn called the meeting to order at 2:06p.m.

Present: Jhan Hurn, Patty Vavra, Dave Compton, Patrick Tuttle, Darieus Adams, Hunter Perry, JT Weber, Rob Mallory

Absent: Paul Bloomberg, Mike Clark, Chuck Copple

Staff & Guests: Jared Bruggeman, Brittnie Earp, Steve Taylor, Lauren Johnson, Josh Shackles (CVB), Kerstin Landwer (CVB), KW Hale (MSSU Student Intern for JSA)

Review of previous meeting minutes

Darieus Adams made a motion to approve the March 11th, 2025, board minutes as presented, seconded by Patrick Tuttle. Motion carried on an 7-0 vote.

Reports

A) Executive Directors Report— Jared Bruggeman spoke about the Dover Hill Outdoor Recreation Area, also known as DORA, it is currently being built. The area should be completed in the fall of 2025. Sports Complex Design meeting will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers. The CVB has requested that JSA attend the meeting. Jared talked about Show Me Missouri Sports, they have a new book out from the state office of tourism. The next conference and plan of action on recruitment for the state of Missouri and JSA sponsorship package as a state consortium was discussed. Steve and Lauren have expressed having additional education on Excel training. Shaun will be starting on the Sports Tourism Strategist Degree. For community engagement Jared is the President Elect for Kiwanis, he serves on the SMC committee for Twin Hills, serves on the Elks Board along with the Corley Grant Program Selection committee. Brittnie and Steve volunteer to coach youth soccer with Joplin Parks and Recreation. Brittnie and Lauren worked a Fish Tournament fundraiser event with the Eagles lodge, and Shaun volunteers his time with the Joplin Outlaws, working in the press box. JSA took out 55K from the Line of Credit to host the NJCAA DII Women's Basketball. The upfront costs are considerable and that time of year is poor for reimbursement checks. Jared has been working with Nick Edwards about creating a "JSA Reserve Fund" that will be managed by JSA. The Missouri Department of Economic Development Amateur Sporting Tax Credit Program has passed with the increases in total amount $3M to $6M and outside STL/KC from $300K to $400K, it will also be utilized for ticket rates (from$5 to $6 per ticket).

B) Treasurers Report for March, April and May 2025 Financials (Presented by Steve Taylor)

A motion was made by Dave Compton to approve the March 2025 financials, seconded by Patrick Tuttle. Motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

A motion was made by Patty Vavra to approve the April 2025 financials, seconded by Hunter Perry. Motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

A motion was made by Darieus Adams to approve the May 2025 financials, seconded by Dave Compton. Motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

C) Employee Compensation Committee Report—No Report

D) Bylaws & Administration Policies Committee Report—No Report

E) Budget & Audit Committee Report—No Report

Event Report—

A) **KCAC Baseball and Golf**—JSA is working on the ROI. KCAC is looking to come back to Joplin.
B) **Region XVI Baseball**—JSA is working on the ROI
C) **MIAA Baseball**—Half of the games were played in Joplin, MO and the other half were played in Pittsburg, KS due to weather. This event was a 10, team single elimination tournament.

Old Business—No Report

New Business—

A) **Legislation Sports Tax Credit**—This legislation has passed.
B) **New Hotel Board Member**—JSA welcomed back a previous board member, JT Weber. In the future JSA plans to have a Hotel Member be a part of the Board, since Christopher Beyer has retired.
C) **Short Term Rentals**—The CVB is having a petition signed to change the definition of hotel in the city ordinance.

A motion was made by Hunter Perry to approve the cooperation with the CVB to change the definition of hotel in the city ordinance, seconded by Darieus Adams. Motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

A motion was made by Hunter Perry to adjourn the meeting at 3:01p.m., seconded by Dave Compton. Motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

Jared Bruggeman
Executive Director

Jhan Hurn
Board Chairman