Joplin Regional Airport
602 S Main Street
Joplin, Missouri 64801
417-623-0262

CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Board met in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on July 10, 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. Mike King
   c. Josh Oathout
   d. Kris Zibert
   e. Brett LaForest
   f. Tom Christensen
   g. Tom Robertson

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Allison Zahner
   b. Administrative Assistant – Cristy Short
   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 – Jack Schaller
   d. AEsir Technologies - Randy Moore
   e. Brian Jones

MINUTES

Mr. King moved to approve minutes from the June board meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Zibert, and it was unanimously approved.

MEETING

New board members Tom Christensen and Tom Robertson, along with the newly appointed Airport Administrative Assistant Cristy Short, were formally introduced to the Airport Board. Board members and staff proceeded with individual introductions to welcome them to the team.

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Ms. Zahner provided a progress update on the Runway 13/31 and Taxiway E rehabilitation project. She noted that the work is progressing well, with trenching activities currently underway to support electrical installations. The project involves a mill and overlay and remains on schedule for completion by October 14th. Emery Sapp & Sons, along with their subcontractors, continues to carry out the work. The total cost of the project is $11,389,111.54, funded through a 95/5 federal-to-local cost share, supported by two federal grants. At this stage, there are no expected disruptions to the commercial flight schedule, and any operational impacts will be communicated to relevant stakeholders as needed.

Ms. Zahner provided an update on the Passenger Boarding Bridge project. The bid opening was held on July 9th. Bid results were shared with the Board. The project is currently pending final review and confirmation of the bid before proceeding to the next steps.

Ms. Zahner noted that the City's Citizen e-newsletter, which serves as a tool for keeping residents informed about important City news, featured a segment on the airport in its most recent issue. Board members were encouraged to subscribe to the e-newsletter, and a follow-up message will be sent with a link to the segment and subscription information.

Mr. Coit provided an update on the planning process for the Wings and Wheels event. The event will be held at the general aviation terminal on September 6th, 2025, and will consist of a static aircraft display, car show, and additional family friendly activities.

The Airport Board continued its ongoing discussion regarding the future of the airport by exploring options for strategic planning. Board members expressed interest in addressing long-term growth related to air transportation, air traffic, and overall airport development. The discussion reflected a continued effort to identify a structured approach for guiding future priorities and improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Oathout and the motion carried unanimously at 8:03 am.

Brian Jones, Chairman

Cristy Short, Admin. Assistant