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 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mr. O'Brian at 7:00 am CT.

ROLL CALL

A. Board Members
   a. Chairman - Rob O'Brian
   b. Fred Osborn
   c. Brian Jones
   d. Mike King
   e. Joshua Oathout

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Bart Starkey
   b. Administrative Assistant – Allison Zahner
   c. Operations Supervisor - Peter Kaufmann

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

MINUTES

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

MEETING

Mr. Starkey reported that the ARFF/SRE construction project is ahead of schedule. A timelapse of the construction progress is being created and will be presented at the next meeting.

As of June 2nd, 2024, the stop in Decatur has been removed, making the flight to Chicago (ORD) nonstop. Mr. Starkey stated that the load factor has shown an increase since this change was made.

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Mr. Starkey explained that the airport has been using funds from the MODOT Air Service Grant to pay for marketing and promotions which may have also played a role in the increased load factors. The airport has begun to offer a free coffee service to passengers to provide a more pleasant airport experience.

Mr. Starkey outlined key items requested for budget year 2025, including a new high intensity LED beacon and passenger boarding bridges, if approved.

Mr. Starkey mentioned that Bubba, the explosives detection dog, passed the National Odor Recognition Test (NORT) and was fully certified by the ATF National Canine Division. In the past few weeks, Airport Police Officer Williams, along with Bubba, responded to requests for a bomb dog from two local law enforcement agencies.

Mr. O'Brian stated that the next step in the future of JLN discussion is to develop a list of community members to involve. Ms. Zahner will keep a comprehensive list of individuals recommended to involve in the discussion.

Mr. Coit provided an update on the Freedom of Flight Museum. There are currently 14 part time individuals working on the T-33 project. School tours have slowed down, though there has been an increase in museum tours for adult groups. Mr. Coit also mentioned that the American Legion Legacy Ride held on June 27th, 2024, was a success, with approximately 53 motorcycles and 78 people in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oathout motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously agreed at 8:02 am.

Fred Osborn, Acting Chairman

Allison Zahner

Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant