MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
July 12, 2018

The Airport Board met in the Second Floor Conference Room at the at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:04 A.M.

Item 1: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Bob Loudermilk, Mel Walbridge, Mike Bentley and Kelli Norris attended via phone. Richard Russell and Tim Forker were absent. Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.
Visitors in attendance included Shannon Hoffman from Alpha Air Center.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Loudermilk moved to approve the minutes from June's meeting. Mr. Walbridge seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam brought the board up to date with the newest **Federal Aviation Administration information**. There was a new release in the federal register on Monday concerning the supplemental funding Mr. Stockam referred to as the Trump billion. We thought there would be a three-phase release of funds over 2018, 2019 and 2020. With the new information, it is said there will be two rounds of funds release, 2018 and 2019 but we will not need to have bids in hand next fall for the second round. This will change our long-range plans over the next three years according to Mr. Stockam. If successful on the taxiway funding, we will turn around and try for runway funding. He added that Joplin is the poster child for needing the money and we will be a priority. The program is for infrastructure, not capacity which is what we need. Mr. Stockam said he will take the design contract with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly to council on Monday. CMT has already done some preliminary work towards this project at their own risk. We are planning on advertising the first week of August and opening bids the last week of August. If successful, we will not start work until this spring however, there may be some portions we could do this fall. Mr. Stockam stated that there will be three phases. The taxiway intersecting at 13-31, 13-31 North and all three connectors. 1-8 will need to be shut down for 45 days for this project and we want that to be closed during the summer months. Additionally, 13-31 will need to be closed for 30 days which will affect the flow of everything. We will have to back taxi on 36 to Delta. That is the most intrusive intersection of the airport. Mr. Loudermilk commented that he is thankful we have Foxtrot. He added that when you remove back to base rock, it is a big job. Mr. Stockam agreed stating that we will be removing 24" of material. He added that he wanted to present the board with the final Pavement Management Plan report, but it isn't ready yet. It is amazing what one year of heavy aircraft has done to our asphalt he said. The wheels are making ruts on the taxiway and the runway has gone south as well. Mr. Harding asked how long the runway will hold up. Mr. Stockam answered that it was supposed to last for 20 years and that was up last year. The bigger aircraft have made a huge difference. Mr. Walbridge asked how much more the larger

aircraft weigh. Mr. Stockam stated that the weight is around 100,000 pounds, depending on which aircraft. He added that the profile of the landing gear matters as well. Mr. Bentley commented that even the Tamko plane will leave an indent on the pavement on a very hot day. Mr. Stockam stated that is why it is important to have concrete ramps rather than asphalt.

Next, Mr. Stockam gave an **update regarding the fire truck**. We will take the agreement to council on Monday. We have received a go letter from the FAA but the grant will not be released until everything else is done according to Mr. Stockam. We anticipate having two grants ready for approval in August. Oshkosh was the lowest bidder and it will take 300 days for the truck to be built. We should have the new truck in around spring of next year.

Mr. Stockam told the board about how the FAA is changing its national policy on **snow removal reporting**. Peter Kaufmann, the Airport Operations Supervisor will be attending a snow symposium in August to learn about the newest Part 139 regulations. Mr. Stockam stated that he doesn't think there will be any surprises. We have been staying on top of the new information as it is released. Most of it will be regarding record keeping regulations such as generator maintenance. We are trying to move to electronic reporting to make it easier to keep up with the new regulations in increased reporting regulations.

Mr. Stockam spoke of a couple of trees that have needed trimming on the approach end of 13/31. They were finally trimmed yesterday and the FAA was notified. There was a NOTAM issued this morning that changed from 200 to 250 feet. Mr. Stockam stated that as soon as the paperwork was filed, that NOTAM will be cleared as well.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam addressed the board concerning the **TSA and FAA lease agreements**. He stated that they are coming due at the end of September. The biggest issue is the need for janitorial work and we simply don't have the staff. The FAA is considering getting a third-party cleaning service. Once the agreements are completed, they will go to council for approval. Manpower is our biggest issue. If we continue to get more flights and additional services it will be even more demanding on our airport operations personnel. The TSA folks would like for the janitorial services to be included with the lease. Mr. Stockam added that if we must provide their cleaning service, we may need to consider hiring a third party, then have TSA pay for it through their lease agreement.

Item 4: Other Business

Next, Mr. Stockam referred to **the airport traffic report**. He stated that with the 3rd flight last month we jumped an additional 1,600 passengers over last year. Also, he referred to the new flight schedule which is changing back to 2 flights on August 20th. Ms. Hoffman also noted the changes happening between Express Jet and Envoy aircrafts. Mr. Stockam stated that we are on course to have 80,000 passengers this year. Additionally, we started the leakage study for the airline which is an ongoing program. The EAS contract comes due this fall. We are pairing ourselves for any position. Mr. Loudermilk and Mr. Bentley agreed that another airline may be interested in considering Joplin since we have had good numbers. Mr. Stockam agreed that the EAS was being used to control the market. He doesn't see how American Airlines can make the argument for EAS now. It would be good for us to get out from under that according to Mr. Stockam.

Mr. Stockam told the board about an upcoming event being held at the Alpha Air Center. The **Air Museum** will be traveling through on September 24 through 26th. They will

have a B29, B24, C45, T6 and a Stearman. Mr. Stockam will send out an e-mail to let folks know it's coming.

Mr. Bentley asked about the **water line work** going on by the hangar building. He wondered if that was a part of the new bathroom installation. Mr. Stockam stated that we are working on installing new hydrants to wash planes. We started digging and hit electrical conduit. The digging was halted so we could figure out what goes through there. It turns out to be an old abandon conduit line. The digging will resume soon and we plan on installing 3 hydrants.

Mr. Stockam stated that on July 1st the governor signed a bill for one million dollars of state money to **relocate Dennis Weaver Drive**, move utilities and install a traffic signal. Going left from Dennis Weaver drive has been a struggle he added. There is no break in traffic since the installation of the roundabout. Mr. Loudermilk asked if the name would remain Dennis Weaver of if the new section would be named Gene Ingram. Mr. Stockam stated that it would continue to be named Dennis Weaver Drive. Additionally, Mr. Stockam has requested $100,000 in air service grant funds which will be used to advertise new service if it happens.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 am.
Motioned by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Bentley.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

For Kelli Norris

Kelli Norris, Chairman of the Board