MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2016

The Airport Board met on the Second Floor in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:06 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Mel Walbridge, Bob Loudermilk, Kelli Norris, Tim Forker and Randy Moore. Maurice Clark was absent.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.
Guests in attendance were Josh Crooker from Alpha Air Center.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Harding moved to approve the minutes from May's meeting. Ms. Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

Construction Projects Update

Mr. Stockam addressed the board with information regarding the **T-Hangar Rehab project.** He stated that the new locking mechanisms on the T-hangars have been installed. The airport provided new locks and swapped out old locks during the installation. He added that this allows us access to the hangar in case of emergencies or problems. The tenants seem to be happy with the changes since the new hasps are easier to operate, will be more protected from the weather since they are under the eve, and they won't ice over in the winter since they are higher off the ground. Mr. Stockam stated that some tenants were nervous about why the airport was taking over accessibility, but after an explanation of maintenance and security it was better understood and accepted. He added that there are still a few folks that need to make some adjustments on their operations in their hangars per the new lease agreement. Some are conducting 'shade tree' maintenance operations. Otherwise, the hangar rehab project is closed.

Mr. Stockam gave an update to the board regarding the **GA Ramp project.** He did a walkthrough Tuesday and the project clean-up is happening. There is some residual aggregate coming up. After the micro-surface sets for a month to cure, we plan on bringing in the city street sweeper to clean-up sand. Mr. Stockam added that the concrete was found to be so old, it was more porous. This has caused the surface temperature to jump dramatically. It is drawing moisture up causing bubbling. Mr. Stockam stated that we asked the contractor and manufacture to come out. They think the surface will be fine after it cures. They have, however, extended our warranty from 1 year to 5 years. Mr. Stockam added that otherwise, the GA ramp is aesthetically very nice. He added that we installed new tie downs and stripes as well. It is a lot warmer since the new micro-surfacing, but that will change a bit over time as it bleaches out. However, it should hold color a lot longer than other products. We need to be careful with fuel trucks driving on the micro-surface until it is cured. Otherwise this project is complete.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the Taxiway B&N which is now the **Taxiway C&F project.** He stated that the bids came in under engineers estimates by $300,000. We have turned the numbers in and are awaiting the grant. We expect the grant offer between July 15th and 30th then we will take it to council. Mr. Stockam added that the costs will be about 6.2 to 6.3 million for construction and 5.5 million for engineering and design services. We will try to have all grant paperwork back to the FAA by mid-August. We will be looking for a letter to proceed around Labor Day. Mr. Stockam added that we will break the project up into phases to get subgrade and utility work done this fall. There will be no runway closures this fall from this project. We would like to begin milling up the old taxiway and begin putting in the new perimeter road. We will convey this information to the tenants so they know where construction will be happening.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the new hangar project. He stated that Governor Jay Nixon has withheld $115 million in funds which included the airport hangar funds. Governor Nixon announced the reason was that revenues are down across the state. Mr. Stockam added that we would continue to work with local folks to secure funding. He included that generally speaking, if the funds are not released by January 1, 2017, that it probably won't happen in this budget year. We have done work on the preliminary environmental, Mo-Dot and utilities for this project. CMT has done some cost estimates as well. Mr. Stockam added that we will have to put a stop to it at this time and the disappointment is huge. Mr. Stockam stated that he hasn't spoken publicly because he didn't know how the money was going to come down. There has been a strong push for other items on the list to be released, such as infrastructure work. Mr. Stockam stated that he would continue to monitor the situation, but we are still waiting.

Next, Mr. Stockam discussed where we are at with the parking lot. He stated that we got sidetracked with the parking lot project, but work will fire back up when the taxiway contractor begins milling. We are planning on using the millings as parking lot subgrade. The city is applying for a $150,000 grant to pay for parking lot paving. It would be a 12 month grant from start to finish. The airport parking lot is supposed to be a priority with the city since they are also making several other grant applications at that same time.

Mr. Forker asked what they decided about to do about re-aiming the LED lighting on the GA ramp. Mr. Stockam answered that we did re-aim one light that was causing a skip glare for the tower. It is all done now and everyone seems happy with the new lighting.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam told the board about the recent TSA inspection findings. He stated that it was a targeted inspection rather than a more lengthy comprehensive inspection and it went really well. Mr. Stockam expressed how extremely proud he is of our corporate entities. The TSA inspector made several attempts to breech and was not successful. Mr. Stockam added that security will always be a big issue and we will have to get used to doing these things. We did have a problem with a roll up door in the luggage claim area. There is no handle or lock, but a pin on the backside of the door so it only opens from the inside. The inspector shook the door until it came open and wasn't questioned by nearby car rental associates. Mr. Stockam stated that the airport operations immediately placed a lock on the door resolving the problem. There are always a few issues around the perimeter. The west side of the airport fence was put up on the property line. The east side of the airport fence was put up 20 ft. inside the property

line. On the west side we have no authority to make residents move stuff away from the fence. One resident in particular doesn't seem to care about the issue. Mr. Moore asked if we would need to move the fence. Mr. Stockam answered that we will need to do something. We can put razor wire up, however it is expensive and hard to maintain. We will keep records of when we speak to the residents. Mr. Stockam stated that there was additional discussions about screening employees. TSA wants airports to screen those employees who have access to the secure area individually. We are looking at 4 to 5 American Airlines employees and the Alpha fuel truck. This would be a larger problem at bigger airports and not such a big problem for us according to Mr. Stockam. He added that we must be cautious about how it is mandated. Previously the pilots union has not allowed pilots to be searched. Mr. Stockam thinks this may be a problem for that part of the program. He added that pilots are just as susceptible as fuelers or luggage handlers.

Lastly, Mr. Stockam informed the board about recent budget discussions. He stated that we have been through the first couple of rounds. Mr. Stockam has met with finance and we are about half way through the process. As always, we have no money. The public works department is trying to look at some of our biggest assets, employees, equipment followed by facilities. Mr. Stockam stated that the city manager has rolled out a new pay plan. The public works is looking at a twenty year window as far as maintenance of our facilities and equipment. We have no reason to change out some of our equipment, it is working perfectly. However some things such as the carpet in the main terminal will need replaced at a $120,000 expense. This year we are planning to replace our two blue mowers. They not only mow but provide snow removal. Mr. Stockam added that these mowers are 15 years old and it will cost $52,000 to replace them. There is also a portion of the GA terminal roof that needs replaced or repaired. Additionally, Mr. Stockam proposed to re-roof and re-paint the Mizzou building at a cost of $70,000. Then he agreed to split that project up over the next two years. He stressed that it is important to maintain these buildings as they are a revenue for the airport. Mr. Stockam added that we would still like to do new LED lighting and some new signage. He stated that we would try to roll that cost into a grant project. He stated that we need to start planning in the next budget year what we would like to do with the public safety training facility area in the GA terminal. Mr. Stockam stated that several current tenants have expressed interest in using some of the space. Mr. Stockam would also like to have a community room available for rent by usage. It would be nice to allow the Mo pilots association to hold meetings at our airport, up until this time we haven't had the proper facilities. Mr. Stockam added that the way economics have been, we have gotten away from that close knit family feeling in the GA area. He would like to promote leisure flying in support of Mizzou and Alpha as well. In the future, we will need to look at how we want the building configured. Mr. Moore asked if there was enough square footage. Mr. Stockam replied that there is a large classroom on one side that can seat 75. Mr. Stockam asked that the board members take a look at the building and take note of the displays put up by the Freedom Flight Museum. Mr. Stockam stated that the Alpha Air Center, Civil Air Patrol and The Freedom Flight Museum are all interested in some more space. Mr. Stockam indicated that he would update the board as we get further into budget hearings.

Mr. Moore stated that the board would like a 2 year notice of Mr. Stockams' plan to retire. Mr. Stockam stated that he plans on retiring in August of 2018. Mr. Moore indicated

that we need to look into adding a successor into the budget at least a year in advance. Mr. Stockam stated that the issue is being addressed in the budget plan.

Mr. Harding asked where we are at with the airport mural. Mr. Stockam answered, the teacher we were working with at MSSU has left and another artist has stepped forward. However, there is another project that Mr. Stockam would like to move up on the list. Mr. Stockam would like to build a new observation area and incorporate that into the state project. Mr. Stockam described another airports observation area and he would like to make one similar. He describes a pavilion with picnic tables and a raised deck observation area that you could view the runway over the fence rather than through the fence. Also, a large paved area with the runways and taxiways painted on it for kids to play on. Additionally, an FM radio transmitter so people can listen to the air traffic on their radios. Mr. Stockam would like to see this happen along with the hangar project as we will lose our current observation area. He added that it would be a new media filming point as well. Mr. Stockam added that Mr. Roy Lincoln wanted kids to have a fun place to view the planes. He looked for years for a plane to display at JLN unsuccessfully. Mr. Stockam would like this area to be in honor of him.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Harding asked what was going on with the dirt work by the entrance road. Mr. Stockam jokingly stated that is where the new Holiday Inn is going. But, more seriously, he answered that the Public Safety Training Facility Building is borrowing dirt. They plan to cover and re-seed the area.

Mr. Walbridge moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Loudermilk seconded. All were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00AM.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board