MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
August 11, 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 7:04 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 Maurice Clark. Randy Moore attended by phone.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.
Guests in attendance were Shannon Hoffman from Alpha Air Center.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Clark moved to approve the minutes from July's meeting. Mr. Harding seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

Construction Projects Update

Mr. Stockam addressed the board with information regarding the **B & N Taxiway**. He informed the board that we are waiting for the grant money to come down. We hustled to get the bids in but now the first round of funding looks to be postponed through Labor Day. However, our bids are good for 90 days which will get us through to the end of September. Mr. Stockam added that no one else is getting money ahead of us, but Washington just hasn't released it yet. The President is holding funds, but the money can't be used for anything else. Additionally, the Governor is also holding other funds. When the funding comes through, we will be in a rush to get it approved by the city council. Mr. Stockam stated that he has made advance arrangements and doesn't foresee a problem. He added that he is reviewing the project with the contractor to see if there is a portion of the project we can go ahead and start on this fall.

Mr. Stockam gave an update to the board regarding the close out on the rest of the projects. On the **GA Ramp Rehab** and the **A Hangar Rehab** everything has been approved. The GA Ramp Rehab received an extended warranty for the micro surface from one to five years because of the bubbling issue we are currently having. Mr. Stockam added that we do still have some drainage issues that need to be cleaned up. By the end of September we may be in a situation where there will be no construction activity grants going but we will be ready to start the B&N Taxiway project.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the budget closure for fiscal year 2016. He stated that we had set aside $125000.00 for re-circuitry on 1/8 and also $135000.00 for crack seal on 13/31. The crack seal will happen along with the B&N project however, it is not grant funded. We will defer the re-circuitry on 1/8 until we do the 1/8 extension. He added that we previously had problems and replaced some of the wiring on our own so it is now stabilized. We isolated approximately 12 spots between lights that were bad and had to be dug up and replaced. Mr. Stockam stated that we would like to install LED runway lights with the Runway

18 extension project. He added that he never thought buried lines had such a short life expectancy but it is a 5-8 year cycle and the runway 18/36 circuitry is 12 years old. Mr. Clark asked if the wire is in conduit or direct bury. Mr. Stockam answered that is direct bury. He added that it doesn't matter if it's in conduit or not. Mr. Clark stated that the rock and clay would affect the wire. Mr. Stockam replied that there was six inches of sand under and above the wire, then the grounding cable over that. Mr. Stockam added that there is no way to keep water out of conduit. Mr. Clark stated that the wire is easier to replace if it's in conduit. The line can be pulled through without digging. Mr. Stockam replied that you risk breaking the line when pulling through conduit then you're stuck digging again. Mr. Loudermilk stated jokingly that we should install telephone poles. Mr. Clark added that we should look into solar cells. Mr. Stockam stated that solar cells are being used in some other airports. Mr. Walbridge stated that black dirt would be better than sand as it is something he has used in the past. Mr. Stockam stated that we are saving $125000.00 for now.

Another budget item Mr. Stockam included was the signage we wanted to put up at the industrial park on 171. We may still try to push that forward, but we may not be ready to do that until the entrance road is moved. Mr. Stockam has asked for the budget money to be held over, but we will probably have to reapply realistically. The vault fire increased our budget by $45000.00 so things are tight.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam spoke to the board regarding the **Runway 18 extension**. He stated that we are doing the design work now. We have to go back to the Master Plan to change the way we are designing it now. There will be very little environmental impact other than grading and drainage inside the airport which should not be a big deal. He added that the reimbursement agreement to modify the NAVAIDS will require negotiation and coordination from the FAA. Steve added that proper sequence and documentation processes takes up to 24 months. We have submitted ALP final modification and should have it ready for the boards review in the October board meeting. Included in that modification will be the drainage updates as well. The FAA is giving us a green light and we have crossed our 'T's and dotted our 'I's. Mr. Stockam added that we have received notification that everything has cleared environmentally. They want to airspace the entire project for the small navigational AID changes though.

Mr. Stockam spoke next about the **T-Hangars**. He stated that the Governor is holding the funds which was general money and MO Dot was providing funding for the entrance road and site work. Mr. Stockam asked MO Dot if they would go ahead and process the grant funding for the site work. MO Dot is unsure as we don't know if the Governor will ever release the funding for the hangars. Mo Dot questioned if the airport was prepared to build the T-Hangars with or without the Governors funding. Steve stated that we are not prepared to do that at this time. Mr. Stockam stated that he plans on sitting down with the director at the Four States Conference. Mr. Stockam stated that MO Dot is supportive of Joplin's airport but they also have other airports that may have a higher priority such as one that may need a new taxiway. Mr. Stockam added that he doesn't think this project is dead and Senator Ron Richards has stated that he will not leave our airport hanging in the balance. If funding doesn't get provided this year, we will reapply next year. He added that we have done everything right and we are just waiting for the release of funds.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam provided an update on the **Chicago flight** status. He stated that we continue to monitor what is going on with the airlines. They are doing some fleet mixing and changes are being made, but no additional flights at this time.

Coming up on the horizon we need to discuss our DOT in Washington said Mr. Stockam. Our current EAS contract expires in March. American Airlines plans on not requesting funding. Mr. Stockam stated that it would be interesting to see what American Airlines does. American Airlines stated they have a problem requesting a subsidy on a route they are making a substantial profit on. Mr. Stockam stated that he would like to have further discussion with American Airlines on their plan. Mr. Stockam has previously asked them to add Chicago on their EAS request. Mr. Stockam stated that he has also been vocal about wanting out of the EAS program. Mr. Clark asked if there was fear that American Airlines could close or move. Mr. Stockam said there is always that fear. Additionally, Mr. Stockam stated that everything he has heard was good and they are pleased with JLN as we are boarding well. The issue is how they allot their assets and return on those assets. The first of this month we switched from Express Jet back to Envoy. We had been having reliability issues with Express Jet in the last few weeks. Mr. Loudermilk asked if we saw any problems from the Delta computer issue. Mr. Stockam answered that it has indirectly affected us from re-routes. American Airlines did a good job of protecting their customers however.

Lastly, Mr. Stockam addressed the board about budget processes with the city. He stated that the city manager is ready to publish the budget. The city has been trying to get money for raises and salary increases. Mr. Stockam stated that he didn't know what the city was planning to propose. They have reviewed every position and how it is paid but you can't just take a segment and change it. It must be changed across the board. Mr. Stockam added that the assistant airport manager position that we applied for has been eliminated. This position will be more important next year however. Mr. Stockam stated that historically the city doesn't add a position just for training. Mr. Clark stated that the pressure is on Mr. Stockam to get everything completed before he retires. Mr. Stockam suggested that they could possibly use him as an independent contractor on a six month contract to train. Mr. Clark stated that they city must realize they can't send Steve off and then bring a new guy in without training.

Next Mr. Stockam mentioned the planning for the next 5K on the Runway is underway.

Mrs. Hoffman from the Alpha Air Center announced that Senator Roy Blunt will be into the airport today to discuss the National Rifle Association. They will be endorsing him for the election. Additionally, tomorrow is the Second Friday Luncheon at Alpha Air Center and all the members of the board are invited to attend. Mrs. Hoffman also stated that Frank Winkler received an award. He has some very nice planes. Mr. Ray Vetsch also received an L39 award years ago as part of the Kilo Family.

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

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board