**Joplin Regional Airport**
602 S Main Street
Joplin, Missouri 64801
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## CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Board met in the Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on September 11, 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 – Joined virtually via teams
   c. Brett LaForest
   d. Tom Christensen
   e. Tom Robertson
   f. Kristopher Zibert

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Allison Zahner
   b. Operations Supervisor – James McBryde
   c. Administrative Assistant – Cristy Short
   d. Assistant Public Works Director – Jeremy Hagerman

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

## MINUTES

Mr. Christensen moved to approve minutes from the August board meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Robertson, and it was unanimously approved.

## MEETING

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Ms. Zahner provided a progress report on the runway 13/31 rehabilitation project. She noted that the project is proceeding smoothly, with 105 of 140 days completed and an expected completion date of October 14. A 14-day nightly closure of both runways is currently scheduled to begin September 21 to allow contractors to work at the intersection. These closures will not affect commercial flights, and a NOTAM will be issued to inform pilots of the temporary runway closure.

Ms. Zahner reported that the new Passenger Boarding Bridges have been presented to the council, and grants have been awarded. Final signatures on the agreements are currently pending. Once the grants are executed and all agreements are in place, the project is expected to take approximately 12 to 18 months to complete.

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Ms. Zahner reported that a new LED rotating beacon has been ordered. It is scheduled to arrive on November 4, 2025, and will be installed by a local contractor.

The Board held a discussion to debrief the Wings and Wheels event, which took place on September 6, 2025. During the discussion, Mr. Jones commended the Operations Supervisor and airport staff for their excellent work supporting the event, including assisting with setup and cleanup, monitoring activities, and ensuring smooth operations throughout the day.

The Airport Board continued its discussion regarding the future of the Joplin Airport. The Board reviewed key feedback highlights, which included a compilation of information from previous surveys, stakeholder meetings, and tabletop exercises. This summary captured tenant and stakeholder concerns, suggestions, and long-term aspirations for the airport. The Board discussed these items and agreed to use the gathered input as a foundation for developing strategic priorities and identifying potential initiatives.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zibert motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Robertson and the motion carried unanimously at 7:49 am.

Brian Jones, Chairman

Cristy Short, Admin. Assistant