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 September 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mr. O'Brian at 7:00 am CT.

ROLL CALL

A. Board Members
   a. Rob O'Brian
   b. Mike King
   c. Joshua Oathout
   d. Randy Moore - Joined virtually via teams

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Bart Starkey
   b. Administrative Assistant – Allison Zahner
   c. Operations Supervisor – Peter Kaufmann
   d. Assistant Public Works Director – Jeremy Hagerman

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

MINUTES

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

MEETING

Mr. Starkey provided an update on the ARFF/SRE construction progress. The project remains ahead of schedule, with the installation of windows and automatic doors underway. The building is expected to be sealed by the end of the month.

The August flight report was presented to the board. Mr. Starkey explained the data as compared to last year and months prior, showing an increase since the flight to Chicago (ORD) was made non-stop in June.

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Mr. Starkey mentioned the requirement for the airport to conduct a full-scale emergency drill at least once every three years, as mandated by 14 CFR 139. The next drill is scheduled for October 23, 2024. Peter Kaufmann, the Operations Supervisor, is working with the Joplin Fire Department to prepare for the drill.

Mr. Starkey explained the changes made to the UAS Facility Map made by John Cooper, the Joplin Air Traffic Control Manager. The FAA recently relaxed restrictions on drone activity around commercial airports. These changes allow for increased drone activity while maintaining and ensuring safety.

Mr. Starkey discussed a project that has been underway over the last year involving the reclassification of the current Administrative Assistant position at the airport. The proposed new position will be called Airport Specialist and will more accurately define the roles and responsibilities of the position. This move would significantly increase the compensation which would make it easier to attract talent. It would be designed to attract college students or recent graduates with an interest in airport management as a career. The change would also involve the addition of a summer internship program for college students. The board discussed the issues surrounding this plan and decided to table the issue for future consideration.

Mr. Starkey mentioned the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP), an applied research program that develops solutions for problems faced by airports and operators. It was brought up as an opportunity for the board to be aware of if anyone was interested.

Mr. O'Brian continued the future of JLN discussion and recommended scheduling a roundtable to involve community members. The date and time is TBA. Ms. Zahner will email details to board members and will send a calendar invite for the roundtable to track attendees.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Oathout and unanimously agreed at 8:01 am.

Rob O'Brian, Chairman

Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant