MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
November 10, 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, Maurice Clark and Randy Moore. Mrs. Norris and Mr. Forker were absent.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.
Guests in attendance were Shannon Hoffman from the Alpha Air Center.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the **EAS Bid Proposal**. Mr. Stockam stated that the EAS proposal is in and it was an interesting one. American Airlines submitted a bid as well as Air Choice One. Air Choice One is a company that flies 9 seaters into St. Louis. They submitted a 4.2 million dollar bid to run four 1900's a day between Joplin and St. Louis. Mr. Stockam added that the bid was a courtesy so we know they are out there and would like to enhance our air service. American Airlines submitted two bids, one for 14 round trips with ERJ145 per week which is what we have now. They also submitted a bid for 12 round trips with a CRJ700 weekly which is a 68 seater with two classes. With the second bid there would only be one flight on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Stockam spoke with DOT to see if that bid would be considered, and it would. He stated there would be some concern about losing frequency on weekends but it would increase our seats by 8000 per year. Mr. Stockam added that DOT would accept both bids from American Airlines and it would be up to them. American Airlines has stated they have a crew shortage problem and this would allow us to have more seats with no additional flights and need for additional crew. Mr. Stockam states that he agrees with this bid but there will still be no Chicago flight. A dual hub bid will not happen, but we may be able to get an upgrade in service and provide more seats. Mr. Loudermilk expressed concerns for difficulties scheduling Saturday and Sunday flights. Mr. Stockam stated that we can only book 50 passengers per flight currently and this would allow us to book 68. Mr. Stockam added that we need to make our recommendations to DOT before December 1, 2016. American Airlines also would like to reduce scheduling during off peak times. Mr. Stockam added there probably wouldn't be much reduction if we went with the CRJ700. American Airlines is trying to park all 135's and 145's. The CRJ700 will provide additional seats without additional crews and allows them to look at getting rid of the smaller aircraft. The bid prices came in at $350,000 annually for the 145 which we have currently, and 800,000 for the CRJ which is larger. The subsidy brings them up to 8% profit under the EAS format. It guarantees American Airlines an 8%

profit. Joplin is making plenty of money under the current system. It is a good option in Mr. Stockams opinion. American Airlines won't start immediately with the new contract as it won't be in effect until March 1, 2016. Mr. Clark stated that every time we speak with American Airlines they are projecting three months down the road. Mr. Stockam added they may run the ERJ145 for the night flight and the CRJ700 for the afternoon turnaround to ease into it. The airport will have some things to do to accommodate the larger plane as well. On a positive note, there will be a first class on the larger plane. Mr. Loudermilk stated there will be some 'na' sayers with two lost flights over the weekend, but it will increase capacity during the week. Mr. Walbridge added that we now have a 46 passenger load restriction and with the larger plane we will have a 66 passenger load restriction. Mr. Stockam told the board they would get a copy of the letter being submitted to the DOT beforehand for their endorsement. Mr. Clark asked if they would do a flight continuing onto Chicago. Mr. Stockam stated that they used to refer to those types of flights as mail routes. He added that airlines don't tend to do those anymore. Once Ozark tried a Dallas to Joplin to Columbia route but the models just aren't there. Mr. Clark asked why we haven't bought a push back tractor and it isn't included in the budget. Mr. Stockam stated the tug tractor was more for the charter flights. Currently we use the roll up stairs for charter flights which can be harder on some customers to walk longer distances and ice can be an issue as well. Mr. Stockam added that we think we can use the boarding bridge with the CRJ700.

Item 3: New Business

Next, Mr. Stockam addressed the board about **Capital Projects**. He stated the budget was approved on November 1st and listed the following approved capital purchases. First listed is to replace carpet in the TSA area which we are under contract to replace. Second, upgrades to the Mizzou Aviation hangar. Mr. Stockam stated the building needs maintenance which we must do. That building is due for a new roof and paint. We plan to do the roof work this year and the painting next year. Several board members agreed that the painting needed to be done as the building is the old green color. Third is a new roof on the last section of the GA terminal building. Mr. Clark asked if we are still going with a flat roof. Mr. Stockam stated they reviewed options for trusses but the AC structure is up there and there was no good option that would work. Fourth on the list is the replacement blue mowers. Mr. Stockam stated we have submitted a purchase order with John Deere to get one AC cab unit with a plow and a smaller zero turn mower to use in smaller areas. Fifth is a hand down dump truck from the streets department. Mr. Stockam stated the city is attempting to standardize its fleet as far as attachments. The hand down truck we will receive is larger than our small truck we have now. It should work for our purposes. Sixth is a new friction tester. Mr. Stockam stated the friction tester we currently use is a mechanical tester made before antilock brakes were widely used. The new friction tester will be electronic and more accurate. Seventh on the list is Dennis Weaver Blvd. hangar project. Mr. Stockam stated that he spoke with Senator Ron Richards last week. Since Jay Nixon on his way out of office and Governor elect Grietens on his way in, if Nixon doesn't release the funds before he leaves we will need to re-apply next year. Lastly, the Taxiway Rehab. Included in that budget is $130,000 for 13/31 maintenance that will not be included in the grant. It is money that will come from the city budget for crack seal maintenance that needs to get done when the runways will already be closed. Mr. Stockam added that he met with the contractors yesterday. They will not begin work until April or May

2017. There will be a closure of 5/23 at that time. We will need to give notice a few weeks before that plan begins to tenants. Mr. Clark asked if we still have a long hangar waiting list. Mr. Stockam replied that most people on the list are wanting an upgrade. However, there are many people who want in but just are not on the list.

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam states that we are gearing up for state legislative session. There is an abandon aircraft issue. We have not experienced this problem at Joplin but, people seem to abandoning airplanes on the ramp. A plane is not something that can be towed like a car. Mr. Moore asked what the new law would be. Mr. Stockam stated that it would give timelines with owner notification. The airport will be able to take control of the aircraft and salvage it. Mr. Moore asked how many planes are out there like this. Mr. Stockam stated that St. Louis has had three abandon aircraft over the last three years and one was a jet. He added that Monett airport had a 172 parked on their ramp for 9 years before they could do something with it. Also, Kansas City has had 3 or 4 over the last 10 years. Mr. Stockam presumes some have to do with drug trade and it is valuable ramp space.

Mr. Stockam told the board about the airport re-badging that will happen over the next six weeks. This is a big deal as we have around 400 badges which will cost the airport around $7000 to run new fingerprints and complete the process. We have set up special times for the tenants to fill out new paper work and we will be working through groups. Badges will automatically shut off after December 31, 2016. Mr. Stockam stated that many people will be showing up in January with non-working badges despite our efforts to re-badge beforehand.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the airshow agreement. It is on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Mr. Stockam would like to do something a little different for the December board meeting. He hopes that all the board members can attend a full breakfast rather than donuts.

Mr. Stockam invited all the board members to attend the holiday luncheon on December 22, 2016 at 11:30am.

Mr. Walbridge moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Clark seconded. All were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45AM.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

FOR Bob Loudermilk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board