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 November 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones at 7:00 am CT.

ROLL CALL

A. Board Members
   a. Brian Jones – Chairman – Attended virtually via teams
   b. Mike King
   c. Brett LaForest
   d. Tom Christensen
   e. Joshua Oathout – Attended virtually via teams
   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 – Darryl Coit
   b. Olsson – Steve Stockam

MINUTES

Mr. King moved to approve minutes from the October board meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Laforest, and it was unanimously approved.

AIR SERVICE CONSULTANT PRESENTATION

Ms. Zahner provided an update on the Runway 13/31 and Taxiway E rehabilitation project, reporting that the project is now complete. She also provided an update on the Passenger Boarding Bridge replacement project, noting that the pre-construction meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025, and that more information will be available following that meeting. In addition, Ms. Zahner reported that the new rotating beacon has been delivered and that Layne Electric will complete the installation, with the installation date still pending.

Under new business, Ms. Zahner offered an airline update, reviewing October load-factor numbers and noting that the government shutdown has not affected the flight schedule out of the Joplin Airport. The Board then discussed adjusting the December board meeting date due to the scheduled holiday luncheon. The Airport Board also continued its "Future of JLN" discussion, focusing on strategic direction for 2026 and identifying initiatives intended to guide long-term planning for the airport.

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Mr. Darryl Coit provided an update on activities at the Freedom of Flight Museum. He explained that the museum has added new items to the entrance hall and reorganized displays to improve visitor flow. He also reported that the T-33 project is still underway, with the tail ready for paint. The work is being completed by volunteers according to their schedules. The museum is actively seeking additional volunteers and is developing new processes for volunteer recruitment. Additionally, the museum is collaborating with MOSO CAPS, whose students will be working on building a kit plane next year. Mr. Coit also announced and introduced new members of the Flight Museum Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zibert motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Christensen, and the motion carried unanimously at 7:33 am.

Brian Jones, Chairman

Cristy Short, Admin. Assistant