MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2019

The Airport Board met in the Second Floor Conference Room at the at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 A.M.

Item 1: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Bob Loudermilk, Richard Russell, Kelli Starkweather, Rob O'Brian and Randy Moore. Mike Bentley attended via phone. Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam. Also present was Pamela Lanier of the Alpha Air Center.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item 2: Old Business

First, Mr. Stockam gave an update on airport projects. The FAA visited earlier in the week for a walk through of Taxiway D. We are in the final stages and anticipate clean up by the end of next week according to Mr. Stockam. The temporary painting that was supposed to last 30 days expires tomorrow. However, it must be 50 degrees and rising before we can apply permanent paint. We hope to get that completed by next Friday, but we will not re-open the runway over the weekend. We plan to tentatively open on the following Monday if all goes as planned Mr. Stockam stated. The FAA also did an inspection on the south end portion of the project that was previously completed and had no issues. Mr. Stockam added that the project is currently 37 days over, with weather during construction being the causing factor. The paperwork is not final, but it looks like we will under run the contract by $300,000. There were a few adjustments and CMT did a great job with the preliminary work. With this round of federal funds there was no room for change orders, so we did well according to Mr. Stockam. He told the board about some wig-wag issues. Of the 18 LED fixtures we have, 14 of them are inoperable. The problem is the board heads burning out. Liberty electric has put surge protectors and sensors on the lines to remedy the problem. The rest of the airfield has constant voltage regulators built in, but the wig-wags do not. Mr. Stockam has requested that the FAA allow us to use a portion of the remaining funds from the taxiway project to re-wire the wig-wags and put them on a constant voltage regulator as well. He added that one circuit board is $1200 and one head is $800 at a total cost of $26,000 to repair all the fixtures that are already broken. The manufacturer is accepting some responsibility on the issues. If approved, this will extend the paperwork portion of the taxiway D project. Mr. Stockam stated that we need the taxiway open badly since we have had to back taxi everything and the winter winds have changed. Mr. Loudermilk asked what company provided the wig-wags. Mr. Stockam stated that it was ADB.

Mr. Stockam updated the board on the 18-36 reconstruction design project. There was a recent 30% plan review and shut down discussion. It has been our suggestion to have 5 or 6

weekend-only shut downs over the summer months. However, it was recently discovered after some core samples were taken, that there are two runways under the 13-31 intersection. An original runway with concrete composition then several layers of asphalt. The FAA wants the intersection to be dug out its full depth which will not allow for us to do weekend only closures. However, the discussion is not yet closed according to Mr. Stockam. He added that different compositions of runway were discussed, and concrete may be an option. It would provide some saving on construction time and it would last 10 years longer, but it would come at an additional cost of approximately 2 million dollars. If we decided upon concrete for the intersection, the entire runway would need to be concrete. This project will go out for bids in 2020, but the project will not be started until 2021. Mr. Stockam stated that it is hard to bid asphalt because you can't predict oil pricing. The asphalt companies may over bid to cover price increases, which may put their bids closer to the higher concrete cost. Mr. Russell asked what the longevity is of asphalt vs. concrete. Mr. Stockam stated that asphalt will last 20 years, and concrete will last 30 years. Asphalt doesn't have problems until it cracks and ruts, but concrete tends to chip. Mr. Stockam stated that concrete would be better in the long term regardless of maintenance. Currently we are looking at a 10-day closure in the month of July beginning on a Friday night and reopening 10 days later the following Monday morning. We will need to give the commercial airlines a 6 month notice of the closure. He added that American Airlines didn't like the idea of the weekend closures as it is to many opens and closes. Columbia had a recent closure of 9 days and St. Louis had a recent closure of 14 days. This would also affect the FBO's and tenants as well. Once we get past the closure, the rest of the project is just regular construction according to Mr. Stockam. We plan to provide plenty of notification time. There will be a $3,000 to $5,000 penalty per hour for delayed reopening to the contractor he added. Mr. Russell stated that we will need to notify the flying public of the closure. Mr. Russell also commented that he is concerned with how this will affect our passenger count margins. Mr. Stockam stated that beyond the MRG with Chicago, we don't have an agreement with American Airlines for passenger counts. They simply need 6 months' notice. Mr. Stockam added that American Airlines deals with this on a regular basis. He stated that this is all very preliminary, and no decisions have been made. When the project is put out for bid, we will require a redundancy of equipment and have an asphalt or concrete plant on the airport. We have a year to hash out the details. He added that this will be a 16-million-dollar project if we do concrete. Bidding a project that large may draw bidders from farther away. Mr. Harding suggested that the GA customers may want to park their planes at another airport for the week. Mr. Stockam agreed that we would need to coordinate the shut down and get everyone off who wants off before the shutdown.

Item 3: New Business

Next Mr. Stockam updated the board regarding our air service numbers. For the last 3 months in a row we have topped 10,000 passengers which we have not done this since the 80's according to Mr. Stockam. There have been 13,000 new passengers in and out of Joplin since the new ORD flight in June. That equals 3,000 new folks coming into our community in the past 5 months at a $200 per day impact. Mr. Stockam stated that he has a plan to update the city council regarding the MRG and how the service is going at the Monday council meeting. Mike Mooney is flying in to give a presentation to the council about where we came from, the impact and where we will go. He will cover the good things, and things we need to work on. Mr.

Stockam stated that he would forward the presentation to the board over e-mail prior to the council meeting. He added that this has been a 5-month roller coaster, but the last two months of Dallas numbers exceeded previous years numbers. This will impact our community greatly according to Mr. Stockam. Mr. O'Brian asked how it has affected our car rental companies. Mr. Stockam replied that they sped up the building of the car wash as they were anticipating an increased number of vehicles. They can store dirty cars in an extra lot which is full on Mondays. We may need to investigate expanding that in the future as they may need to have more cars available.

Mr. Stockam invited the board members to attend the council meeting at 6:00pm on Monday evening. He also invited the board members to our annual potluck breakfast on December 12th at 8:00am following the next board meeting. He reminded the board about an upcoming LRSAT meeting on March 18th around 6:00pm. And, he mentioned that we have an upcoming FAA inspection in January. This past Tuesday we did our TSA required table top exercise with excellent turnout from all area law enforcement agencies. On Monday at the council meeting we will officially commission our new police department. As part of that, we are applying for an ORI# from the FBI. Mike Gayman and Brent Williams will be getting a loaner car from the police office and a 4x4 soon after. Soon they will handle all police related issues on the airport with full authority. With our new budget year just beginning in November, we got approval to hire 3 part time janitorial staff as well.

Mr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Russell seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 am.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Kelli Starkweather, Chairman of the Board