MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2015

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 7:10 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Mel Walbridge, Maurice Clark, Tim Forker, Ryan Jackson, Bill Harding, Bob Loudermilk and Randy Moore.
Guests in attendance were Nick Heatherly, Public Works Director for the City of Joplin.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Walbridge moved to approve the minutes from Novembers' meeting. Mr. Moore seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

1. Construction Projects Update

GA ramp rehab project update was given by Mr. Stockam. He stated that the major subgrade portion of the project was being accomplished in a timely manner. One hundred and fifty yards of concrete was poured yesterday. The construction crew is working on the subgrade during the overnight hours. They have found chat beneath it which had to be undercut. If weather permits, the other strip will be done today. Last night they worked on tearing up the corner and found it had 6" of asphalt and 14" of concrete as well as mine chat. Mr. Stockam added that most of the small pockets we are finding easy to repair. We will be pouring concrete everyday according to schedule through Saturday and then blanketing afterwards. We hope to finish that portion of the project next week. The rest of the project is micro surface and asphalt work which will not be done until spring when the weather warms back up. The lighting will proceed as planned. Next week, boring will begin for four new light towers and light fixtures will be replaced on some existing towers. The lighting should change drastically over the next few weeks. Mr. Stockam added that the new LED lighting recently installed by the A hangars looks really nice and is cost effective.

Mr. Stockam informed the board that the **Environmental Assessment** preliminary inspection found two sites with a possibility of historical significance. An architectural dig is to begin at both locations which is the old Prairie Flower School site and an old WWII building hangar location. One day is to be spent searching for historical artifacts at each location and the airport is providing a backhoe for use. The dig will mostly be surface work with metal detectors, picks and shovels. Mr. Stockam stated that in order to meet the Bravo schedule, we need to have the Environmental Assessment wrapped up by April 2016. So far, CMT doesn't think this will set us back. However, if they find anything of historical significance it may delay our grant funding. We must complete B & N before we can do the runway 18 extension. Additionally, the FAA is requiring us to do new sound profiles on the airport since we have scheduled new regional jets. The American Airlines fleet profile is changing. Also, many corporate folks have gotten some new aircraft.

Lastly, Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the **A Hangar** project which is mostly completed. We are still looking at door locks. Mo Dot has agreed to purchase the locks if we do our own installation. We plan to begin with the locks in the worst condition first. One door still needs to have the upper guides removed, cut and re-welded. Two other hangars need pieces replaced where the door has rotted. Mr. Stockam stated that it was previously believed that it was irresponsibly placed ice melt that damaged the door bottoms. However, it has been since discovered that the lack of restroom facilities near the hangar has led to people relieving themselves, causing damage to the door hardware. Mr. Stockam is looking into working with the city staff to install a small restroom near hangar 1 in the A hangar building to alleviate the issue.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam updated the board about **Taxiway B & N** design information. He stated that we are looking at May 1, 2016 for the grant process to begin bidding. The FAA is still wanting to bid the Bravo and November Taxiway projects together. That will be sixty three to sixty five million dollars for the two projects together. That will include perimeter road work, and milling as well as other things. That is all contingent on the Environmental Assessment being done.

Mr. Stockam is working with Senator Ron Richards on funding for additional hangars. It will be one million dollars' worth of economic development funds and one million dollars' worth of state airport funds. That will include moving the entrance road, relocating utilities, and building two additional hangar buildings. Mr. Stockam demonstrates the locations using an aerial map view of the airport.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the ribbon cutting a few weeks ago at the new training center. They are still pushing to start building a classroom building in the spring. That will be a 12-14 month build process so it will probably open in early 2017. Mr. Clark asked if we are planning on opening Swede Lane again. Mr. Stockam answered no, we are not looking to run a residential area through an industrial area. The FEMA area was simply located there out of necessity. Mr. Clark asked if we have any plans for the FEMA land. Mr. Stockam stated that we are currently working on pulling up the old wooden electrical and phone boxes to get things cleaned up. The new Public Safety Training Facility will be located over there. Mr. Stockam also added that he was recently contacted by someone interested in building a business west of Clean Uniform. Mr. Stockam talked about all the area improvements happening around the airport area. He mentioned the new Mercy, Sonic, Walmart Marketplace and the roundabout on Stones corner. There was a group discussion regarding area roadway improvements. Mr. Heatherly added that Joplin has updated its long range plan with a lot of things interconnecting the Joplin, Webb City and Duenweg areas. Mr. Heatherly also stated that although the plan has been made, there is no money to complete it at this time. Mo Dot won't be doing anything for now except the primary routes they have identified. Mr. Stockam stated that local officials would like legislation to meet federal obligation and we will mention that as we move forward.

Mr. Stockam mentioned that we are still looking for the Chicago flight to happen. Ticket counters are to be replaced next week. Five new positions are being added to the American Airlines staff which leads us to believe that something is happening. Mr. Loudermilk stated that our passenger counts are up and that is great. Mr. Stockam stated that parking may become an issue and we may need to look into installing a base rock parking area. He stated that the land is already prepared for that purpose. It will cost $150,000 to pave and we are not looking to do that at this time. Mr. Moore stated that a base rock parking area creates a risk of slip and fall. Mr. Heatherly added that the City of Joplin may look into loaning the airport some money for paving.

Mr. Harding asked if we are ready for snow fall. Mr. Stockam answered that we have gotten a new snow plow and airport operations is looking forward to using it.

Mr. Clark asked if there was any news on the new tug and tow bar. Mr. Stockam answered that he is currently checking to make sure we acquire one that is adequate to accommodate our aircraft before we move forward. Mr. Stockam added that the boarding bridge is ready but we will need to order a new canopy in the future at a cost of $10,000. Mr. Clark asked if the boarding bridges are interchangeable. Mr. Stockam stated that the boarding bridges will suite our needs since Sun Country is flying a 737.

Mr. Stockam expressed to the board his appreciation for their hard work and labor over the last few years. He added that we may get some push backs as we enter the new session with the new lease agreements. Mr. Loudermilk explained that we may need to add something to the lease about restroom facilities. Mr. Stockam stated that we would need to make restroom accommodations available first.

Mr. Walbridge moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Clark seconded. All were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05AM.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Bob Loudermilk, Chairman of the Board