MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
December 12, 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 7:02 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, Randy Moore and Mike Bentley. Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam. Also present was Pamela Lanier of the Alpha Air Center, Michael Mead of Midwest Air Traffic, Lynden Lawson Assistant Director of Public Works, David Hertzberg Director of Public Works and a pilot from American Airlines.

Approval of Minutes:

All were in favor of approving the minutes from November's meeting.

Item 2: Old Business

First, Mr. Stockam gave an update on airport projects. We had the final walkthrough earlier this week for the Taxiway D Construction project. They will complete some electrical work on Tuesday, but the project is technically complete according to Mr. Stockam. There is a question about what will happen with the grass. Seeding and spraying was done with winter wheat, but it has not yet germinated. We will withhold double the sod cost from payment until spring to ensure it gets taken care of. There would be erosion issues and larger demand on maintenance from staff without grass. The project was a special grant from the President and there was no room for change orders. We came in about $325,000 under budget and everyone was very happy according to Mr. Stockam.

Mr. Stockam attended an 18-36 Design telecon yesterday to work through design portions of the project. It was proposed to bid both concrete and asphalt and let the contractors compete for the best pricing. The FAA agreed this was justifiable. At the intersection it was decided to dig out an extra 24 inches deep and place a larger than normal base rock. This will allow work to continue even if there is rain during construction days. We will plan a 9 ½ day closure in July Mr. Stockam stated. The dig out will be substantial going end to end on the runway which is a large project. He added that we anticipate a cost of 2 million dollars if concrete is approved. In order to ensure the airline is protected and back up for service after the closure, we will propose to charge the contractor $5000 per hour past the 9 ½ day closure to offset cancelled flight costs incurred. That will be made payable by check to the airport rather than allowing the contractor to build that fee into the cost of the contract. Mr. Russell asked if that would prevent some companies from bidding. Mr. Stockam stated that it would. We will want to have the asphalt plant on the airport and have a redundancy of equipment to prevent delays as well. Mr. Stockam added that the bid would go out for the project in the spring. Mr. Bentley asked if they ruled out the weekend closures. Mr. Stockam stated that we would need to do a 9 ½ day closure since the intersection must be dug out to a

4-foot depth. The closure will begin on a Friday evening and reopen 9 days later, a Monday morning.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding the GA entrance road project. He stated that 90% of the plans have been reviewed but the stormwater detention portion is under review. MoDot is meeting with a City of Joplin Engineer to make sure we are up to code with the water retention in the area. Mr. Loudermilk asked if that was between the old entrance road and where the new entrance road will be located. Mr. Stockam stated that it will be a commercial property with frontage on 171. Mrs. Starkweather asked if it will be like what we have across the highway. Mr. Stockam stated that the property will not have taxiway access, only highway access like what is across the highway. He added that we will work with the streets department over the winter to clean out some property behind Clean Uniform and address some drainage issues behind some homes.

Mr. Stockam spoke to the board regarding our Air Service. Mike Mooney our consultant spoke with the city council earlier this month and he did a good job explaining it. Our service has done well but we had a rough start. In June and July our Chicago service did well, but Dallas took a hit. Since August, our Dallas capacity is back to normal or better. American Airlines has adjusted our Dallas capacity and it has made a huge difference. Now, our Dallas numbers exceed our previous years numbers. He added that last month we were up 500 passengers. The flight schedule will soon change back to the 175's for Dallas for the morning flights which are larger planes. Chicago will continue with the 140's. Mr. Stockam said he thinks we will fall about 1,000 passengers short of the 100,000 passengers mark this year which we have not done in 40 years. We will end the year 40% up. American Airlines wants load factors to be above 70% to stabilize the market. Mr. Russell asked how much freight we ship. Mr. Stockam stated that we don't ship much freight anymore, mostly pets and the temperature is a major factor when shipping pets. Seldom do we see freight on air carriers anymore with the use of FedEx and UPS.

Item 3: New Business

Next Mr. Stockam updated the board regarding our social media footprint. Toby Teeter from the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce spearheaded a new Facebook page for us and rolled it out last week. Melissa Hunter is administrator on the account along with Lynn Onstot and Mark Morris of the City of Joplin. Anyone can post comments and share or post on your Facebook. Toby built interactive pieces and a video that was shown on to the board. Mr. Stockam stated that we will try to have one post per week to freshen the page. We may post about the sleigh on display in the lobby that was made as a Christmas display for Macy's back in the 1920's. We also may post about the military Christmas tree and our recent staff photo. We are open to suggestions and may reach out to Mizzou and Alpha as well. Mr. O'Brian suggested positive comments and stated that it will generate more clicks. Melissa will be reviewing the posts and making responses.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 am.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

FOR Kelli Starkweather

Kelli Starkweather, Chairman of the Board