MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2017

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 7:05 A.M.

Item 1:

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Maurice Clark, Richard Russell, Tim Forker and Mel Walbridge. Mike Bentley and Kelli Norris were absent.
Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam updated the board regarding **C & F Taxiway** project. We are till closing out the C & F project with one sign and some parts for wig wags on order. We also need to do close out documentation. Seeding on the west side looks good but the east side didn't take. We will need to re-seed that this spring. It will be done via our contract as it provides for one year to establish ground cover. It is important to establish grass where the new detention facility is to prevent erosion. There is still one more section of trees we will work on removing this winter that wasn't included in the project.

Mr. Stockam stated that we are working with an airport neighbor to get junk removed from the fence line. TSA requires us to keep a clear zone on both sides of the fence of 4ft. We have offered to clean up the fence line for him. This has been an ongoing issue for some time.

Mr. Russell asked if we have had many deer issues this season. Mr. Stockam stated that there have only been 3 deer taken from the airport this season. That is down considerably from our normal count of 10-15 annually. He stated that it could be due to the warmer weather. We have had a coyote causing problems he added. It runs across the runway in the mornings around when American Airlines takes off.

Mr. Stockam told the board about projects we plan on working on throughout the winter season. He stated that we are still working on the GA Terminal Classroom. It's been hard to get anything done since the room has been being used so much. We would like to have a board meeting over there at some point so the board members have a chance to see it when its complete. He added that Alpha Air Center now has possession of the rental space but they haven't provided us with any plans for changes yet. Alpha is also purchasing what is left of the Gary Hall Hangar space lease. Mr. Russell asked what is happening to Gary Halls aircrafts. Mr. Stockam replied that he didn't know. Additionally, Mr. Stockam spoke of ongoing maintenance in the Commercial Terminal Building. We are working on boarding bridge #2 and the HVAC system. We will be updating the HVAC computer system and some LED lighting as well. There will be new 5 year contracts for the FAA office space, tower and TSA area. Mr. Clark spoke

about the reverberation he hears on the loud speaker system in the Commercial Terminal. He stated that nothing can be understood and we need a new system. Mr. Stockam said if we had it to do again, we would purchase more speakers so we wouldn't have to have them turned up so loud. Mr. Stockam added that we will put that on the list to consider, as well as some new high definition cameras for outside locations.

Next Mr. Stockam updated the board on the car rental agencies intent to build a car wash. They are contracting with Crossland Construction to build a robot brush car wash with a wand for extra dirty cars. They plan on breaking ground before spring. Hertz is doing very well and more cars are available at the airport than previously.

We have not had time to put the bathroom in the A Hangar building yet. We plan on doing what we can to get that started this winter. Also, outdoor hydrants need additional lines ran, especially the one by the robot gate at the GA entrance.

Mr. Stockam added that boarding bridge #1 is totally operational and set up for the ERJ175. Beginning this weekend AA will be bringing back the 145 for three weeks. We will need to reconfigure the boarding bridge for that plane temporarily. In March, we will begin having 3 flights per day with one being the 145. We plan on pulling the smaller plane up to boarding bridge #2 to prevent needing to readjust the bridge between each flight. We discovered that both drive engines on boarding bridge #2 had water in them. Covert Electric is going to clean, re-wind and seal them. Ultimately, we would like to be using that bridge for a Chicago flight. Mr. Russell commented that he spoke with a family that recently flew in on a late flight. They commented that the plane was full and had a good experience. He asked American Airlines was changing to smaller planes over the holiday. Mr. Stockam replied that he assumes American Arline's needs the larger planes to service bigger routes over the holidays. Our business travel drops off this time of year. He added that our November numbers continue to be solid. We have had over 67,000 passengers so far, this year. Mr. Russell added that was amazing and we are beating Branson and they closed early this year. Mr. Stockam commented that there was one situation with a flight diversion from Branson to Springfield and the passengers were left to find their own transportation to Branson. Not very good customer service in his opinion.

Mr. Clark asked if any Joplin casinos were interested in bringing a charter flight into Joplin. He added that he was contacted by Sun Country about another charter flight going from Joplin to Laughlin in February. Mr. Stockam stated that we were contacted by Gulfport to advertise in our area for their charter flights but they never got back with further advertising information for us to use. We ended up putting about 60 people on the last flight that came in from Kansas City. Mr. Clark asked why we don't use the boarding bridge for that plane. Mr. Stockam answered that we don't have the proper push back equipment. Mr. Clark commented on how low the 737's are coming in on thier approach. Mr. Stockam stated that they aren't coming in lower, they are just bigger. Mr. Walbridge stated that he was surprised at how fast American Airlines climbs when it departs.

Mr. Stockam stated that it is still our main plan to get a Chicago service. He has spoken with both American Airlines and United recently. United has pulled back on their aggressive expansion plan. American Airlines expressed they may put a Chicago flight in late summer to early fall of 2018 when the EAS contract expires. They also indicated more flights to Dallas possibly as well. Mr. Russell asked if American Airlines puts a flight into Chicago, won't that

decrease traffic to Dallas. Mr. Stockam replied that it would not, as the east bound traffic most often is using a different airport because flying out of Joplin ads 6-8 hours travel time. Mr. Clark asked if we are turning people away due to capacity. Mr. Stockam stated that we are not now, but possibly over the next few weeks with the smaller plane size. Mr. Clark asked what carriers travel through Northwest AR. Mr. Stockam stated that there are 5 major carriers flying into Northwest AR.

Mr. Stockam stated that we were asked to go to the Business Expo in January and we plan to partner with Alpha Air Center to share a booth space. We will continue to work with the community to gain support for Chicago service. Mr. Russell asked if partnering with Alpha Air for the Business Expo would show favoritism over Mizzou. Mr. Stockam stated that Mizzou previously has not been interested in sharing a booth with Alpha Air. Mr. Clark asked if American Airlines was sending a representative to the business expo as well. Mr. Stockam stated that they have in the past. Mr. Russell asked if it is still being held at Downstream Casino. Mr. Stockam said it was and it was not the best place in his opinion, but the Chamber doesn't have much choice. Mr. Walbridge agreed and added they don't have great parking either. Mr. Stockam doesn't like that it is so far out of town. Mr. Walbridge asked what is going on at John Q. Hammons Center. Mr. Stockam stated that the hotel is stuck in renovation/demolition phase and the Hammons building was for sale recently. We don't know what condition it is in or who is running it. Mr. Forker stated that there was a cat show there over the summer. Mr. Russell stated that they may be taking reservations through the Marriott.

Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding some FAA issues. We are putting together a 5 year CIP. We have received a go letter from the FAA for a pavement survey. CMT came down last week and drove the runway. We have put the pavement survey on the back burner for now. The reason for that is, he explained, we started getting bigger planes in February of this year. We have not yet gone through a full freeze/thaw season since we started bigger planes. We don't want to issue a report now, then have more major issues in the spring. It may set us back a year if we needed to re-evaluate in the spring. Mr. Walbridge and Mr. Forker agreed that waiting seemed to make sense. Mr. Stockam stated that everything we do takes 1 to 2 years and we don't want to waste time and loose a full year by examining to early. We have received a letter from American Airlines inquiring if we are okay to continue running these larger aircraft that are 100,000 lbs. Our runway is rated for 66,000 lbs. and should last 20 years with planes of the smaller size. A bigger plane will cause the runway to deteriorate at a faster rate. We will evaluate the lifespan with larger planes. We don't want to restrict American Airlines.

Mr. Stockam updated the board with information regarding the need for a new index B firetruck. Mr. Stockam has sent the paperwork to the FAA and we are awaiting final approval from Washington D.C. We will expect to get funding for the firetruck this spring. Mr. Forker asked if that will make us an index B airport. Mr. Stockam replied that it would not. We would need to have 5 scheduled operations per day of an index B airplane. The FAA says we qualify for index B equipment but we are not an index B airport. Mr. Clark asked if we have trained firemen on duty. Mr. Stockam replied that yes, our Airport Operations personnel are trained for our firetruck. Mr. Stockam added that once we get the new truck we will need to re-evaluate our staff. We don't know if the new truck will fit in the fire barn. We plan on getting

our new truck on order, which takes a year. We will take that time to figure out what to do with our facility. Mr. Forker questioned if the substrate under the fire barn is capable to hold the weight of the new firetruck. Mr. Stockam added that we would need to cut a door in the backside of the fire barn to make it a drive through. Mr. Stockam stated that he thinks the substructure would be okay, but it may need to be addressed.

Mr. Stockam told the board that the roof at the GA terminal is nearly 75% complete. He expects that they may finish by the end of the week.

Item 3: New Business

Item 4: Other Business

Mr. Stockam stated that he is giving his testimony on January 4th at the State Aviation Committee. It will be an aggressive session. He added that everyone is getting aligned and transportation will be on top for discussion. We plan on working with Senator Ron Richards for everything we need.

Mr. Stockam added that he plans on having a CIP draft ready to discuss at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00am.

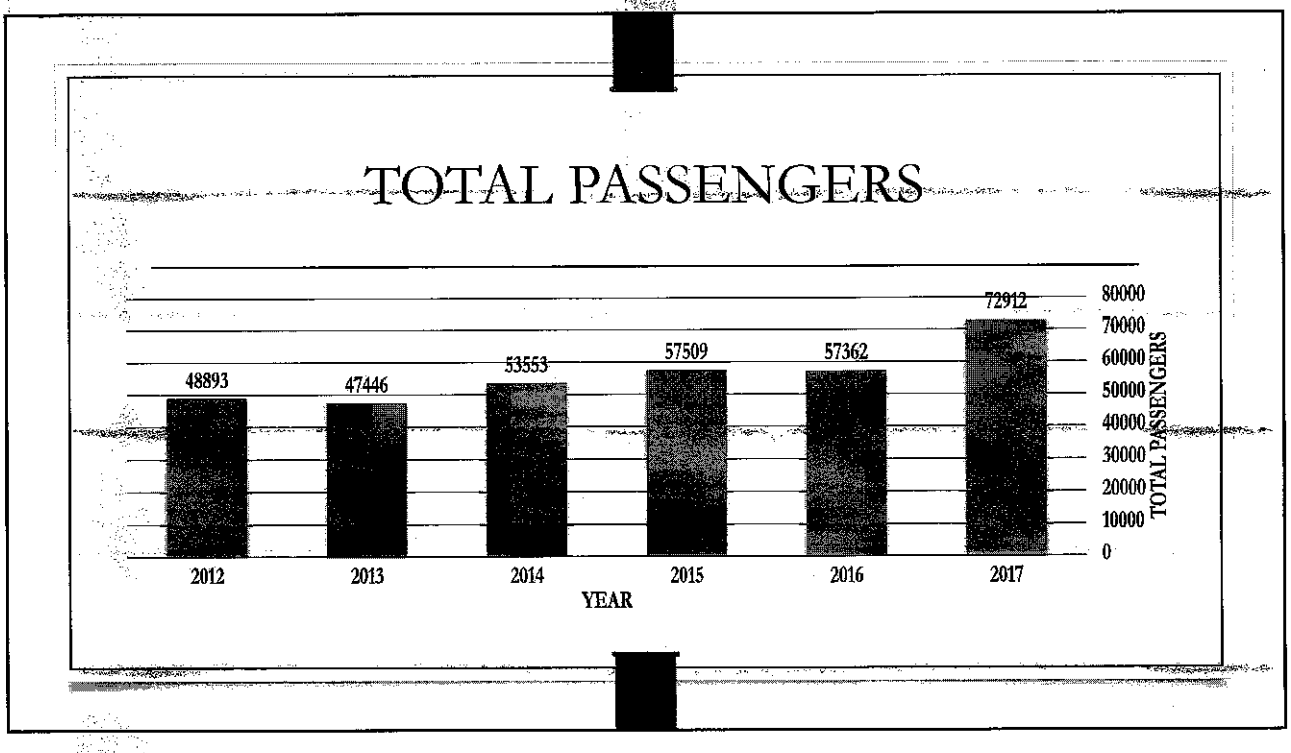
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Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

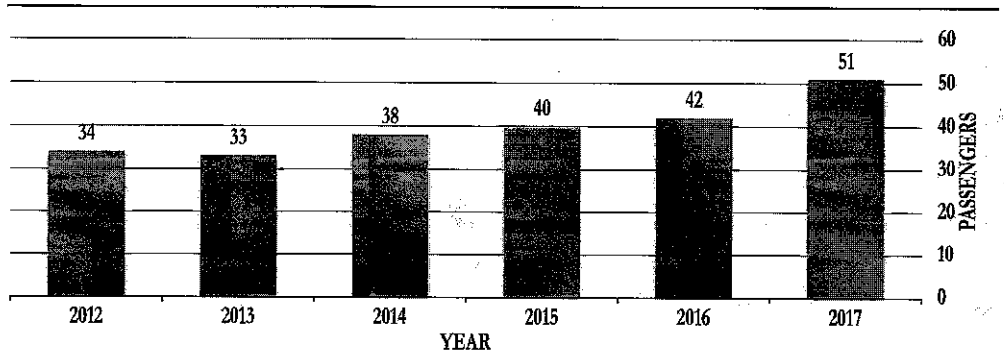
Kelli Norris, Chairman of the Board

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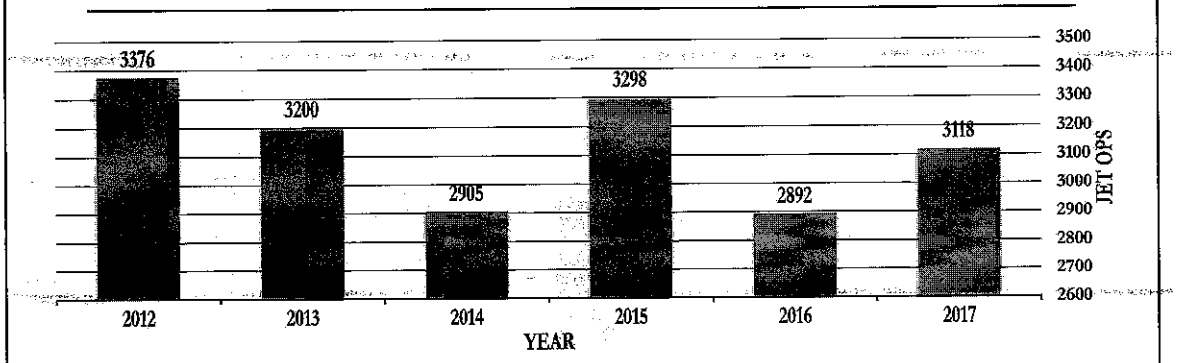
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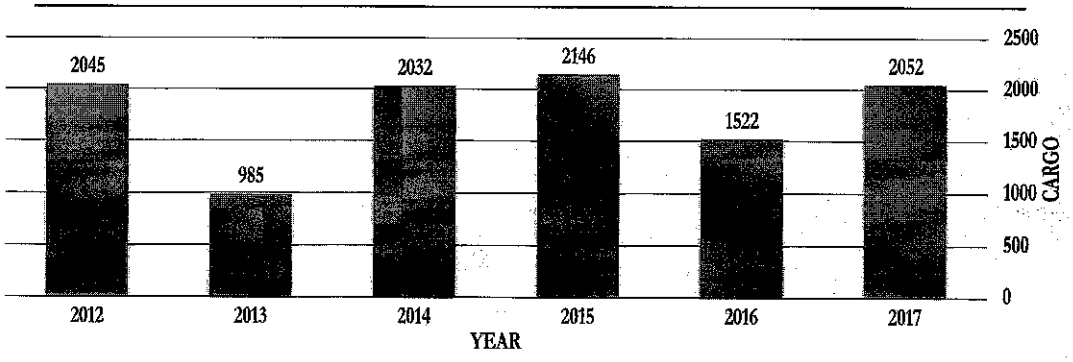
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