

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING**  
**December 13, 2018**

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 7:01 A.M.

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

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Bob Loudermilk, Tim Forker, Richard Russell, Kelli Starkweather and Mike Bentley. Mel Walbridge was absent. Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam. Maurice Clark, a previous board member was also in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Item 2: Old Business**

Mr. Stockam spoke about the grant for 7.5 million on the **taxiway project**. October 31<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to apply for next phase on the runway for 13 million dollars. We made the deadline and submitted our application. The milestone date is in February, but it may be delayed. Missouri & Arkansas received 25 million dollars for an infrastructure package for an Arkansas bi-pass. We hope we are successful as well Mr. Stockam stated. The next round will be much more competitive, but we will rank high on importance. We are taking the 7.5 million-dollar contracts to council in January with Capital Paving & CMT. MoDot is offering a 1 million dollar grant from Senator Ron Richards for re-alignment of the entrance road and hangar building site preparation. That will be a total project at a cost of 2.5 million dollars. We were able to secure an offer of 1.4 million dollars for the entrance road, so it is not enough for the entire project. We will present the board with the engineering design plan in early January or February, it is more of a street side project. The plan is to make the entrance road parallel from Gene Ingram Drive. We plan to design the intersection for a signal, but no signal being installed yet. We hope to put the signal into the City – MoDot signal program according to Mr. Stockam. We will connect the entrance road with the public safety access road which will open areas of development and set a site for additional T – Hangars. We have had two inquiries about large corporate hangars as well according to Mr. Stockam. If successful in the entrance road project, it will be a 2020 or 2021 project. Mr. Stockam would like to figure out a way to fund an observation area as well. Mr. Bentley said there are very nice observation areas at DFW and Houston airports. Mr. Stockam spoke to the parks department, they may be able to come up with aviation themed playground equipment however we must finish the road first. Mr. Russell asked about the expansion of T- hangars and how we will pay for them. Mr. Stockam agreed that is an issue. The city considers the T-Hangars to be a long-term investment. We would see increased fuel sales and landing fees as well additional rent fees. Low interest loans will not be an option since the City doesn't borrow money according to Mr. Stockam. Hopefully by the time the entrance road is done, finance will have the general fund stabilized. The

Transportation Sales Tax fund has 4 million dollars in reserve balance according to Mr. Stockam. This may be a good opportunity to do some internal projects with city.

Mr. Stockam noted that there are still many lights out on entrance road and in the parking areas. The project for the LED's equipment is back ordered to January 11<sup>th</sup>. The supplier said it was Trump's embargo with China causing the delays. We also have the spring 5k run coming up. We will be cautious about how to approach that due to construction, it will change course. Mr. Stockam also mentioned the upcoming Airshow this year in September. The construction project should be over by that time. The Farm show on 171 and St. Louis is looking to lease that property for next 5 yrs. for three weeks out of each year according to Mr. Stockam. We are planning to re-advertise for a new hay contractor this spring as well. Hay is more valuable now than it was 10 years ago when the last agreement was made. We have three parties looking to bid on it already according to Mr. Stockam. Mr. Harding asked how many bales they get off the airport. Mr. Stockam replied that we get over 3,000 if it is a good year with two cuttings. Mrs. Starkweather asked who leases the land for the farm show. Mr. Stockam replied that it is the Big Nickle.

### **Item 3: New Business**

Mr. Stockam stated that fuel is reasonable right now, but it may spike in the summer. OPEC – fuel is becoming a bigger impact but could change in heartbeat. Student pilot numbers are up and that should slowly help with the shortage of pilots. The private sector is still fighting a shortage of pilots due to the raiding of the airlines according to Mr. Stockam. He believes it to be a positive outlook. The Airlines are looking to have slow growth and refine the vacation market. We have continued movement in the market place. There continue to be problems with lack of space to store aircrafts. We plan to dedicate the John Brown community room right after first of the year around the anniversary of his death. The flight clubs are at capacity as well. Mr. Stockam stated that we will concentrate on capacity issues.

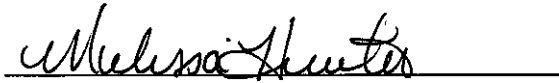
Mr. Loudermilk stated that we had almost 8000 more passengers and asked if we are using up parking lot. Mr. Stockam stated that we had bigger planes most of year. He added that we will top 80,000 passengers this year. Mr. Forker asked about the corporate side, will we build corporate hangars? Mr. Stockam stated that we are looking for T-hangars, but we want to have space available if a corporation is interested in building as well. H.E. Williams stores their plane at Mizzou, Alpha bought the Sunflower Hangar and it's already full. CD Aviation is full as well. The outlook is positive as we move forward. Mr. Stockam added that it has been a taxing year on the airport staff. The Taxiway construction is supposed to start in March but will probably start in April.

Mr. Russell said there was an individual giving a 5-minute presentation to the city council stating the Airport is getting new firetruck that won't fit in fire barn. Mrs. Starkweather stated that maybe we should give this man a special airport tour to see that firetruck will fit. Mr. Stockam stated that it is unbelievably difficult to get rid of the old Aire wolf and get released of grant assurances. We plan donate or transfer the asset to Kirksville. We tried to recoup our fair market shares according to Mr. Stockam. Kirksville has 9 passenger aircrafts that goes to St. Louis 5 times daily, so they don't have capacity to purchase new truck. Mr. Forker asked if we are full staff. Mr. Stockam replied that we are.

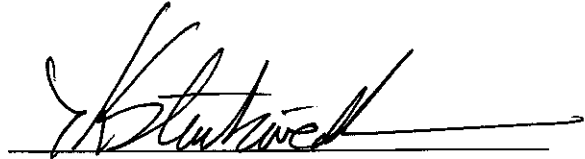
Mrs. Starkweather asked if we need to purchase a new jet bridge canopy. Mr. Stockam replied yes, it is fully working, but needs canopy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 am.

Approved,



Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk



Kelli Starkweather, Chairman of the Board