MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2020

The Airport Board met in the Second Floor Board Room 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 Bob Loudermilk, Richard Russell, Fred Osborn, Kelli Starkweather and Rob O’Brian. Randy Moore attended via phone. Mike Bentley was absent. Staff present included Steve Stockam and Melissa Hunter.

**Approval of Minutes:**

All were in favor of approving the minutes from May’s meeting.

**Item 2: Old Business**

First Ms. Starkweather welcomed Mr. Osborn to the board and introductions were made.

Mr. Stockam addressed airport projects. He mentioned the grants and contracts for the **General Aviation Entrance Road Relocation Project** have been taken to council, approved and executed. He displayed a draft plan to the board depicting where the old road would be removed, and the new road would be constructed. Even though the entire intersection has been designed, we are currently only constructing everything north of the highway according to Mr. Stockam. The south side of the highway and signal would be left for a later project. The signal will be extremely important to getting trucks in and out of the training facility because there is no break in traffic from the roundabout. This is the beginning of the redevelopment of the General Aviation (GA) side of the airport making space for more T-Hangars and Commercial Development according to Mr. Stockam. Ms. Starkweather asked if the observation area would be removed. Mr. Stockam stated that they plan to leave an area available for future development of an observation park. Mr. O’Brian asked about access to the GA side of the airport during construction. Mr. Stockam replied that there will always be at least one lane open except during a possible overnight paving. In that case, access would be allowed through another way and tenants would be notified. Mr. Osborn asked about the construction timeline and contractor. Mr. Stockam replied that we plan to begin the project around July 4th and it will be a 90-day project with Hutchens construction as the contractor.

Bids were opened for the **Reconstruct Runway 18/36 Project** which came in below engineering estimates. Emery Sapp was the low bidder for both asphalt and concrete with the concrete bid being only $600,000 more than the asphalt bid. Mr. Stockam met with the Federal Aviation Administration regarding our options, and the FAA has decided to go with concrete
We started our annual budget process in April, and we have our final meeting next week.

**Item 3: New Business**

With the additional cleaning as well,

operations staff. Mr. Stockham commented that our janitorial staff has done well to keep up that our airport police officers have taken up morning of the entrance road to help

Air Force Chief, commented that the entrance road is looking good. Mr. Stockham stated

training and our police officers must get trained and City trained as well.

that it costs the airport approximately $2,000 to $5,000 to put an airport employee through that schedule. Mr. Osborne added that you can’t find people on experience staff. Mr. Stockham stated

airport for approximately 2 months which is 60% of the airport budget. This will help the airport to cover the employee.

Mr. Stockham addressed the board regarding the CARES Act Grant funding the airport.

That we are now running close to a 60% to 70% load factor.

nearer and that may be why they are now running from the shutdown. Mr. Stockham added

a strong business market. Mr. O’Brien commented that limited airlines had a large international

access to continue to support American airlines in building the market.

are the areas in the northwest that are still very active. Mr. Osborne stated that this will

they are not expecting the conversion market to open until next year. Mr. Stockham stated.

guess. Beginning in October, the international markets are supposed to be opening. However,

270 per day. He added that we are projecting a recovery period of 2 to 3 months at best

700 flights per day into Chicago versus their previous

Booked per flight for the first few days of the new schedule, he added that American

Stockham stated that advanced bookings numbers are looking good with 25-30 passengers

flight per day throughout the end of June but in July we will jump to three flights per day.

We asked Mr. Stockham scope to the board about our service numbers. We are down to one

Mr. Stockham.

stock-contractor. We will be one of the first airports in the area to get LED runway lighting staged

would be replacing the runway lights. Mr. Stockham answered that it will be everything signals on

will until this fall and the project will be on schedule until next year. Mr. Russell asked who

administration to hold onto issuing the grant. There is a chance for additional funding if we

completed a similar project for Cape Girardeau. Mr. Stockham has asked the Federal Aviation

which will be needed for the airport to state. Mr. Loudermilk asked if every 30hp had
normal around May. He added that people may have found more time to fly since they were not working.

The Downtown Alliance and Chamber of Commerce is working on rebranding the City for a more cohesive look through all the city departments. Mr. Stockam stated that our airport logo is now 12 years old. While we want to be cohesive with the City, we still want to stand apart as well. Mr. Osborn commented that this will not be an inexpensive change. Mr. Stockam agreed that it will take years to evolve the old logo off vehicles etc. Mr. Stockam will bring the suggested changes to the board as they are decided.

There will be an LRSAT (Local Runway Safety Action Team) meeting held on June 24th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the General Aviation Community Room and the board is invited to attend. Mrs. Hunter will send an invitation via e-mail.

Mr. O’Brian voted to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Loudermilk 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50am.

Approved,

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Kelli Starkweather, Chairman of the Board