



**Joplin Regional Airport**  
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The Airport Board met in the board room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on Jan 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Rob O'Brian. Fred Osborn moved to approve and Bob Loudermilk seconded.

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

Board members attending included Mr. O'Brian, Mr. Moore, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Osborn. Staff present included Bart Starkey, Airport Manager, Brent Williams, Airport Police, and Dorothy Weber, Admin Assistant. Mr. Coit and Mr. Murray from the Freedom of Flight Museum, Steve Stockam from Olsson Consulting and Kris Ziebert from The Joplin Flyers were also in attendance.

Mr. O'Brian moved to approve December's minutes. It was approved by all.

**ITEM 2: Old Business:**

Mr. Starkey presented a power point of the planned construction of the airports new ARFF and SRE buildings. Mr. Starkey followed that with a detailed explanation of the 5-year funding and construction plan with grants for all Airport Capital Improvement projects including how AIP funding through the FAA was involved. Mr. Starkey then briefly spoke about the mill and overlay project of runway 13/31 and the different phases that are planned. He went on to explain that the airport would not have to shut down during the process and that it would just be that specific runway.

**ITEM 3: New Business:**

Mr. Coit and Mr. Stockam both spoke about the partnership between Olsson Consulting and The Freedom of Flight Museum. They will be in talks to move the museum to a building with more space. Mr. Stockam spoke about the educational committee at Olsson and the long-term opportunities for STEM. Mr. Osborn talked about fundraising possibilities. Mr. Jones asked about FAA initiatives for funding and educational grants that are available. Mr. Stockam assured that Olsson would be exploring all funding avenues. Mr. O'Brian mentioned reaching out to Connect To Culture. Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Brian, and Mr. Osborn are all in support of the move.

Mr. Coit gave an update on the T-33 project and said that it is on track.

Mr. Starkey was asked about an update on SkyWest, and he stated that there is nothing new to report.

Mr. Moore asked if the airport was affected by the FAA problems.

Mr. Starkey stated that there was only a slight delay in service.

Mr. O'Brian briefly brought up new board member applications.


The Airport Board members then briefly discussed the Missouri National Guard leaving for their deployment from JLN on January 5.

Mr. O'Brian called the meeting to end at 7:49 am and Mr. Loudermilk seconded the motion.



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Rob O'Brian, Chairman of the Board



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Dorothy Weber, Admin Assistant

