



**Joplin Regional Airport**

602 S Main Street

Joplin, Missouri 64801

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The Airport Board met in the board room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on April 13, 2023, at 7:00 am. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 am. Mr. Osborne moved to approve, and Mr. Osborn and Mr. Bentley seconded.

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

Board members attending included Mr. O'Brian, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Jones remotely. Staff present included Lynden Lawson, Deputy Director of Public Works, Bart Starkey, Airport Manager, Peter Kaufmann of Airport Operations, Brent Williams and Todd Parenteau Airport Police, Dorothy Weber and Carla Ritter Admin Assistant, Mr. Coit from the Freedom of Flight Museum, a consultant from Olsson Consulting, Kris Ziebert from the Joplin Flyers, and Mike King were also in attendance.

**ITEM 2: New Business:**

Mr. Starkey spoke about the approval of tower grants, both were approved. Mr. Starkey stated that grants were 100% federally funded with no local share. Mr. O'Brian asked about the time frame of when the new equipment would be installed. Mr. Starkey stated that they would likely begin installation in June 2023.

Mr. Starkey announced that Dorothy Webber would be leaving and introduced Carla Ritter as the new Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Starkey stated that the Goodyear blimp would be stopping on April 29<sup>th</sup> for refueling. Mr. Jones brought up that April 29<sup>th</sup> was also Drone Safety Day. Mr. Lawson asked Mr. Jones about more information on Drone Safety Day.

**ITEM 3: Old Business:**

Mr. Lawson spoke about current issues with the airlines and the airline industry in general. Mr. Starkey talked about different options that may be available at JLN in the future. Mr. Bentley spoke about the difficulties with layovers on the Chicago flights from Joplin.

Mr. Starkey spoke about ARFF/SRE building design. The design was being finalized and will go out for bid this month. Construction to start spring of 2024. Mr. King asked about heating in the facility. Mr. Starkey stated that in the storage areas there was no heat and that those areas were not eligible for FAA funding but HVAC options would be explored in the future. He also stated that currently the equipment was stored outside.



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Mr. O'Brian spoke about updates in the private and public hangers. Mr. Moore talked about moving forward and reaching out to current pilots who fly at JLN for comment. Mr. Bentley spoke about recent construction projects at Lamar airport. They had been building more hangers.

Mr. Coit spoke about Freedom of Flight Museum being accepted as a new member of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce. He also spoke about Egg Drop Extravaganza and the T-33 tribute. Mr. Coit spoke about Aviation Day August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Girl Scouts coming in June, and partnering with the Hotel Alliance for future activities in Joplin.

Mr. O'Brian moved to adjourn at 7:44 am. Mr. Loudermilk seconded.

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Rob O'Brian, Chairman of the Board

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Bart Starkey, Airport Manager