



**Joplin Regional Airport**

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

Board members attending included Mr. Osborn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. King, and Mr. Moore. Mr. O'Brian joined remotely by telephone. Staff present included Bart Starkey, Airport Manager, and Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant. Mr. Coit from the Freedom of Flight Museum was also present. Mr. Osborn took a vote on the approval of June's minutes. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Starkey mentioned new board member, Mr. Keizer, who was not in attendance today.

Mr. Starkey presented a proposal to a new land lease rate schedule. The same formula that has been used since 2004 will be applied for an additional 25 years. Mr. Jones motioned for the board to approve in support of the new schedule. This was seconded by Mr. Moore, and it was unanimously agreed. This new schedule is going to City Council on July 17<sup>th</sup> to request approval. Mr. Starkey introduced the CMT Joplin Regional Airport Rates and Charges Study in support of keeping the rates the same.

Mr. Starkey made a presentation reviewing ATCT projects and ARFF/SRE updates. The grant for ATCT Equipment is currently scheduled to go up for bid on August 11, 2023, and includes equipment such as MEL items, Radios, ATIS equipment, and a voice communication control system. The ALCMS upgrades will provide new fiber from the tower to the vault to improve the Tower controlled airport lighting control system. A preliminary design view of the ARFF/SRE facility was presented.

A BIL grant application for the Terminal Area Master Plan for the commercial terminal expansion is planned to occur in Spring of 2024. Runway 13/31 rehabilitation design is to begin construction mid to late 2024. Future projects include Runway 13/31 Rehabilitation, ARFF/SRE, Terminal Expansion, Backup generator, Taxiway E, Taxiway F/Apron Design, and Runway 18-36 Extension.

Mr. Jones introduced the idea of doing some research on the future of aviation and subjects to include the UAS, EAS, and more. The intention is to gain the knowledge necessary to strategize a response to change in public need. It is a proactive approach to prepare Joplin Airport for technological advances in aviation.



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Mr. O'Brian summarized that point stating that the board members should take time between now and the next board meeting to research and brainstorm future possibilities for involvement, such as public surveys and industry/individual outreach.

Mr. Coit provided an update of the Freedom of Flight Museum. Plans have been made to have the T-33 moved to a hangar to have work done. The museum is partnering with Olsson for a project display at the City of Joplin Third Thursday event. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the Wings and Wheels event with more information to come. August 19<sup>th</sup> is National Aviation day and the museum is preparing to create an event for children on that day.

Mr. Osborn called to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 am. Mr. Jones seconded, and it was unanimously agreed.

Rob O'Brian, Chairman of the Board

Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant