



Joplin Regional Airport

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CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Board met in the board room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal building on August 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mr. O'Brian at 7:00 am CT.

ROLL CALL

- A. Board Members
 - a. Chairman - Rob O'Brian
 - b. Fred Osborn
 - c. Brian Jones
 - d. Bob Loudermilk
 - e. Mike King
 - f. Nathan Keizer - Joined remotely by telephone.

- B. Staff
 - a. Airport Manager – Bart Starkey
 - b. Administrative Assistant – Allison Zahner

- C. Other
 - a. Freedom of Flight Museum - Darryl Coit
 - b. Olsson – Steve Stockam
 - c. Joplin Flyers – Kris Zibert

MINUTES

Mr. Osborn voted to approve of July's minutes. This was seconded by Mr. Loudermilk and it was unanimously approved.

MEETING

Mr. Keizer was welcomed as a new board member and introduced himself to the meeting attendees.

Mr. Starkey provided an overview on SkyWest financials for second quarter. The overview is showing a strong trend. They are still in the process of going to the 30 seat option. The September flight schedule is out and shows that the Decatur route is still active with no change foreseen. The flight to Denver was changed from late morning to evening causing concern for connecting flights.



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Mr. Starkey mentioned that the House passed the FAA reauthorization bill, increasing the commercial pilot retirement age from 65 to 67, which will positively impact pilot retention by slowing down retirement. The bill will be picked up by the Senate when they come back in session.

Mr. Starkey offered an option to keep or change the time of the airport board meeting to ensure the 7:00 am start time still fits with the schedule for all members of the board. It was unanimously agreed to remain on the same schedule.

Mr. Starkey mentioned that the next few weeks will be busy as five different federal grants for capital projects are to be executed. The bid opening for tower projects will take place today, 10 August 2023. Mr. Starkey will be going to council on 21 August 2023 to approve the contract for the 13/31 rehabilitation design. CMT will be doing the design for this, and construction is anticipated to begin next year. The contract regarding the construction for the ARFF SRE building is actively being reviewed to ensure requirements are met. It is anticipated that the groundbreaking for that project will occur this fall. Phase two of the Terminal Area Master Plan has been completed. A stakeholders meeting for the Terminal Area Master Plan will occur on 18 August, 2023.

Mr. O'Brian referred to the point made by Mr. Jones from the last board meeting about long term planning. Mr. Jones explained that Joplin's capital projects sustain our current plan and encourages strategic thinking. However, we also need to plan and look into the future of airports. Mr. Jones emphasized using our location in the center of the United States to our advantage and stimulate community and stakeholder involvement. Mr. O'Brian suggested we take this matter into a separate meeting to take place on 7 September, 2023 from 7-9:00 am CT. All relevant information will be uploaded to file shared between board members and staff.

Darryl Coit Provided an update on activities at the Freedom of Flight Museum. On 12 August, connect to culture is having their annual non-profit update which allows the Museum to have a chance to share information about their organization. In honor of National Aviation Day on 19 August, the Freedom of Flight Museum has set up activities for children. The museum will be open 17 August. A STEM program will be available on 18 August. A special presentation will occur on 19 August. Neosho school district is creating a simulator center and visited the museum. The museum was involved in a STEM education program for teachers for the Neosho school district. The museum is working with Olsson for to have a booth at Joplin Third Thursday. Mr. Stockam discussed the importance of education throughout the



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school districts and to look at other districts as models to improve what we can offer to education in our community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. King and unanimously agreed at 7:47 am.

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Rob O'Brian, Chairman of the Board

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Allison Zahner, Admin Assistant