

MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2018

The Airport Board met in the GA Terminal Building Classroom at the Joplin Regional Airport General Aviation Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 A.M.

Item 1: Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the last meeting.

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Maurice Clark, Richard Russell, Kelli Norris, Mel Walbridge and Tim Forker. Mike Bentley was absent.

Guests in attendance were Shannon Hoffman of Alpha Air Center and Michael Mead of Midwest Air Traffic Control.

Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Clark moved to approve the minutes from January's meeting. Mr. Harding seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam informed the board about the recent FAA inspection. He said there was intense scrutiny by the FAA of the airfield during the day and at night. They also reviewed our construction, maintenance and repair records. According to Mr. Stockam, we have certified FAA equipment where there are only a few manufactures and sometimes parts take time to come in. Mr. Stockam gave the example of three brand new guard lights that recently were struck by lightning. The lighting is so new, there are no replacement parts available yet. We could get a new fixture faster than replacement parts. The FAA is going to take that into consideration during our review. They looked at our records for outages being reported and the repair time. We had no discrepancies. Mr. Stockam noted that Peter Kaufmann and the airport staff did a great job. In the past, there has not been issues with things getting fixed when broken, but rather a paperwork trail issue. That is not the case this year. Mr. Stockam spoke of the situation with the ARFF response and need for a new fire truck. We have applied for the waiver for a new minimum 15,000-gallon truck. The FAA inspector wrote letters of need for us as well. The waiver and letters are sitting at Washington DC now awaiting approval. Mr. Stockam stated that we turned in our 5-year ACIP program and the new truck is in it. We can continue to operate with the trucks we have now. We will need to adjust who will be here for additional flights and we will incur some overtime. Mr. Russell asked if the airlines will pick up the overtime cost. Mr. Stockam stated that overtime would be the airports responsibility. He added that it will not be a huge cost as we go forward. But, he questioned what the best way to handle the cost is. If we get a new fire truck we must first go out for bids which takes 3 to 6 months. Then it takes a minimum of 1 year to build the truck. It will be a minimum of 2 years before we can get a new truck in here. We have also considered getting a used certified truck however, they are not cheap either according to Mr. Stockam. A used one will run around \$125,000 to \$200,000. But, that is cheaper than adding two additional personnel. We won't need the additional personnel if we get the new fire truck because it would be a one-man