

MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2019

The Airport Board met in the Second Floor Conference Room at the at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial 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, Bob Loudermilk, Richard Russell, Tim Forker and Mike Bentley. Randy Moore and Kelli Starkweather were absent. Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Visitors included Chad Johnson from Mizzou Aviation and Jacob Asbell from Alpha Air Center.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Russell moved to approve the minutes from August's meeting. Mr. Forker seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

First, Mr. Stockam gave the board an update on the construction projects in progress at the airport. He said that the Taxiway D base rock is laid, and they plan to begin paving this morning from the intersection to Lima. It will take 12 days to pave everything out, weather permitting he added. The construction contract was to end on October 7th. Now, we hope to have the runway opened by the 2nd week of October, but the project will not be complete at that point. The south end LED's are in, but we can't dress the shoulders until the paving is complete.

Second, Mr. Stockam spoke to the board regarding the airport car wash project. He stated that it is almost complete. They plan to begin testing the equipment next week and it should be fully operational in the next 10-15 days. He added that this will be very helpful due to the increased number of vehicles being rented through the car rental agencies and the cold weather season approaching.

Next Mr. Stockam addressed the board about the fire barn upgrade project. He stated that we have brought on Marion Construction who is also working with Overhead door and a mechanical contractor to complete this small project. It will include a new approach ramp, new pull through door on the back side as well as new heaters.

Mr. Stockam updated the board regarding the progress of painting the Mizzou hangar. The painting contractor was to begin mobilizing his equipment yesterday. They should begin by power washing the building today and plan to have the project complete in the next 10 days, weather permitting.

Mr. Stockam spoke about the gate updates happening around the airport. We recently had the West GA gate completely replaced and the Wyandotte gate is next. There will also be some mechanical repairs to the Mizzou gate as well.

We are on the city paving list for the new portion of the employee parking lot. The paving crews are behind schedule due to all the rain this season Mr. Stockam stated.

The GA entrance road design project is 30% complete. Mr. Stockam met with MoDot last week about the intersection configuration. He stated that it would be in our best interest to design the intersection with the traffic signal in mind. We don't have the funding for the signal at this time, but it should be part of the plan. We have funding for the north side of the intersection, but we need funding for the south side and the signal. This will be the future main entrance to the industrial park he added.

Mr. Stockam attended a pre-design conference with the FAA regarding Runway 18-36. He stated that the phasing of this project will be critical since 18-36 will need to be shut down for an extended period. The FAA wanted to shut it down for a year, but Mr. Stockam disagreed. That would leave 13-31 as the only runway available and it is only usable 80% of the time, dependent upon the wind he added. Mr. Stockam suggested spreading the closure out over the summer months over a 2-3-year period. During the summer months, there is typically better wind conditions according to Mr. Stockam. That still leaves a question about how to phase the 13 to 18 intersection. The FAA suggested shutting down all airport operations for 10 days to complete this phase. Mr. Stockam suggested that it would be less disruptive to the airport to have 30-hour closures spread out on 5 or 6 Saturdays during the summer months. The FAA didn't like that idea because it complicates the safety areas. Mr. Stockam added that the south end is critical to have open so the planes can taxi over to Charlie. Mr. Stockam stated that we will be one of the first airports in the region to have LED lighting on our runways since it was recently FAA approved. Mr. Richards asked how we stack up to the Columbia airport since we have recently undergone so many maintenance projects. Mr. Stockam stated that they are in the process of building a new facility and they have had the Chicago service longer, so they have more enplanements. However, we are catching up.

Next Mr. Stockam spoke to the board about air service. He stated that we broke 10,000 passengers last month. Mr. Russell commented that the parking lot is full. Mr. Stockam added that the market is settling and stabilizing and has grown 36%. The schedule has been adjusted and American Airlines has removed the late evening Dallas flight which will help our enplanement numbers. The projections are already in the 70's for September he added. For August we projected a 10 to 15% diversion of flights between Dallas and Chicago, but it was closer to 30%. Now the diversion is back to 15% and closer to what we expected according to Mr. Stockam. He added that it took six years to build the Dallas market and we can't compare that to 60 to 90-day numbers for Chicago. Mr. Forker asked why there is fewer flights around the holidays. Mr. Stockam replied that American Airlines has dropped the evening Dallas flight because it was coming in full but going back very short on passengers. American Airlines has upgraded the afternoon flight to the CRJ900 to make up the difference. Mr. Russell asked how the second jet bridge is working. Mr. Stockam answered that they are using it during the morning and night flights. All the other flights are normally split, so they just use jet bridge one. We don't have the water cabinet or GPU equipped on jet bridge two yet, it will be purchased as part of the next fiscal year budget according to Mr. Stockam.

Mr. Stockam stated that the FAA has issued a change order to accompany the grant to purchase the new ARFF truck. They want us to be retro fitted for a system that will allow us to test our foam sprayer without spraying foam. This change will be safer for the environment.

We have gotten approval from the city to purchase a liquid deice unit which will help us deice the runways more quickly in an ice event. Springfield used the liquid deicer last year and

they were able to clear their runways consistently faster than us. Mr. Bentley asked if it would be the new environmentally safe, but more corrosive for airplanes deicing liquid. Mr. Stockam stated that it would not, the environmentally friendly version is a lot more expensive and corrosive to aircraft so we will not be using it. He added that we will continue to use the solid deicer as well as it is best for packed snow.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam spoke about the rental car company lease agreements. He stated that we have lease agreements in place, but we will be negotiating an operational agreement to establish operating parameters. It will encompass the new maintenance funding for the fuel island and car wash. There is currently a \$2 facility charge per rented vehicle to cover the expense of the new car wash. Now that the car wash is almost complete, the facility charge will be decreased to a maintenance amount of approximately \$0.75 per vehicle.

Lastly, Jacob Asbell spoke to the board about the changes happening at Alpha Air Center. He stated that he is taking on a larger role and including Alpha under their umbrella group of Asbell Companies. They are looking to hire a general manager that can be there when he is not. They are not planning on making significant personnel changes, but they are putting more resources into Alpha Air than ever before he stated. Mr. Stockam added that the board is aware of some discussions going on between Mizzou and Alpha. He would like to have a meeting with both Wayne Adolphsen from Mizzou and Jacob Asbell from Alpha.

Mr. Stockam added that there is another entity looking to build a hangar of 100 x 120 however, nothing is final. If they follow through, it will be south of the Alpha hangar, previously known as Sunflower. Mr. Forker asked if it would have offices and hangar space. Mr. Stockam stated that he has not seen any plans, so he does not know yet.

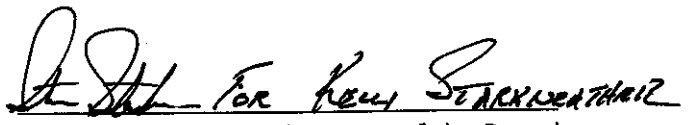
Mr. Russell voted to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Bentley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 am.

Approved,



Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk



Kelli Starkweather, Chairman of the Board

