



MINUTES OF MEETING

JOPLIN REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD

October 14, 2021

The Airport Board met in the board room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal Building. The meeting was brought to order at 7:02am.

Item 1: Roll Call and Approval of minutes form the last meeting.

Board members attending included Bob Loudermilk, Fred Osborn, Mike Bentley, Randy Moore, and Richard Russell. Rob O'Brian and Kelli Starkweather were absent. Staff present included Steve Stockam and Melissa Hunter. Also attending was Kris Zebert, hangar tenant, Jack Schaller of Olssen Associates and Brian Jones of Civil Air Patrol.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Moore moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Mr. Osborn seconded. All were in favor.

Item 2: Old Business

Mr. Stockam began with a Runway 18-36 construction update where he stated they moved closure date back. Everything north of the intersection has been completed. The final grade differentials were not lining up correctly so 150 feet had to be torn out on both sides of Charlie and replaced with concrete. That end had to be re-done according to Mr. Stockam. However, that eliminated the need to mill out asphalt. The project timeline has been extended into November and that portion is scheduled for twenty days rather than ten days. Aircraft arriving from the south will need to taxi back. The work that was originally scheduled for Monday was moved to next Monday due to storms. That will also push back grooving and painting according to Mr. Stockam. It will all work out, just a bit longer than planned, he added. Everything is looking great. Our priority is to get the concrete down so it can cure according to Mr. Stockam. We do not have a final open date at this time. Mr. Moore asked if there would be a monetary impact with these changes. Mr. Stockam replied yes, but we saved money elsewhere so it will almost work out to be net zero.

Item 3: New Business

Next, Mr. Stockam addressed the board regarding United Airlines. They have dropped Houston from their schedule in November and brought it back around Thanksgiving. Then it is on again, off again for a few days. The airline is doing everything they can to optimize their schedule and Houston has

dropped off significantly in the past months according to Mr. Stockam. We do plan to have an uptick around Thanksgiving, however. The airline continues to change their schedule daily and it is difficult for us to put the information out and schedule personnel to cover flights. We need to have some flexibility with our police officers, and we are doing our best Mr. Stockam added. Mr. Loudermilk asked if this issue was occurring industry wide. Mr. Stockam stated that it is industry wide and not just us. Keeping up with schedules right now is difficult. Typically, airlines put out a 3-month schedule which was solid but now they are dropping flights in and out. Mr. Moore asked if United has mandated the vaccination. Mr. Stockam replied that he doesn't know what United will do regarding vaccinations. United had stated that 98% of their pilots had already been vaccinated. United dropped off smaller city routes but increased main line routes to catch a surge in leisure travel. These are unprecedented times, and we will go with the flow. Mr. Russell asked if we anticipate United changing to larger aircraft. Mr. Stockam answered that they would increase frequency before plane size. He added that there are some cities that will lose service because they can't support these larger planes. However, that will not be a problem for Joplin. We have strong Chicago and Denver numbers stated Mr. Stockam. Mr. Moore asked if price increases were rhythmic rather than linear. Mr. Stockam stated that the airline is optimizing available seats and we have full planes.

The General Aviation (GA) Terminal has been re-keyed with Mizou moving in, and agreements have been executed. We are amending the Civil Air Patrol and Freedom of Flight Museum agreements as well. The Airport Operations office will be on the back side of the GA terminal because the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) wanted airport operations offices moved out of the fire barn building. When the new budget opens, we will begin the ADA Ramp Rebuilding Project on the General Aviation Terminal. Liberty Utility has changed out transformers and they are currently working on GA entrance road lighting conversion to LED. Mr. Stockam added that attempting to get anything done right now is difficult. We are still waiting on carpeting for the Commercial Terminal. Mr. Loudermilk asked if the east door could be made ADA accessible. Mr. Stockam stated that the ADA accessible entrance needs to be at the front of the building.

We advertised for a five-year contract with an engineering consultant and Crawford, Murphy and Tilly was selected. However, the FAA requires a design plan. We have now also issued an additional request for bidders for a design engineer which is due at the end of October. The FAA has asked us to move forward with the design of the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting and Snow Building. The question is, where do we locate it? Mr. Stockam stated that he met with the City of Joplin Fire Chief, and they decided not to pursue a joint use station at this time. Mr. Stockam stated that one option will be south of the terminal building with access to Foxrot. He added that it will be a talking point for the next board meeting.

The City of Joplin has decided on several logos for the City Branding to keep the city using a unified brand. Mr. Stockam addressed a video explaining the process and gave handouts to the board. Mr. Bentley stated that he likes the idea of using JLN as a 'badge' for the airport logo.

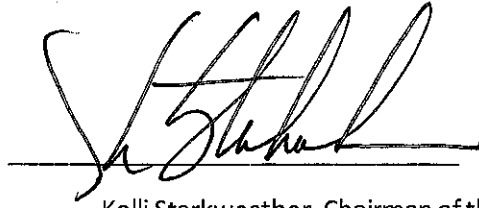
Mr. Loudermilk motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Russell.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50am.

Approved,

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Melissa Hunter, Administrative Assistant

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Kelli Starkweather, Chairman of the Board

