

MINUTES OF MEETING
JOPLIN AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
June 13, 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 7:02A.M.

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

Board members in attendance included Bill Harding, Bob Loudermilk, Richard Russell, and Randy Moore. Kelli Starkweather attended via phone. Tim Forker and Mike Bentley were absent

Staff in attendance included Melissa Hunter and Steve Stockam.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item 2: Old Business

First, Mr. Stockam provided the board with an update on the construction project. He showed a picture south of the Delta 13 intersection dated May 20th where the 'S' curve was being removed. He showed another picture taken Monday June 10th where the old asphalt had been removed and the base rock was down. The paving is due to begin Monday and will take 6 to 7 days. Mr. Russell asked if we were laying pavement or asphalt. Mr. Stockam replied that it will be asphalt. He added that 13/31 is scheduled to be closed through June 23rd. Obviously, rain and weather days were built into the schedule and everyone knows we have had an exceptional spring. We have not given the contractor an extension however, and it looks like the closure will overrun by approximately one week. Mr. Harding asked if they could open 13/31 after they get away from the proximity. Mr. Stockam stated that they could and do plan on doing that. However, you can't move on to phase 3 until phase 2 is completed. Mr. Stockam stated that after next week we will know how things will go. The testing will happen during the overnight hours. Mr. Russell asked who will be doing the paving. Mr. Stockam replied that Capital Paving is the contractor and we have used them in the past. Mr. Russell stated that once, when he was on the city council, they went with the lowest bidder on paving and it was not the best choice. Mr. Stockam stated that the forecast is showing rain showers tomorrow and another few inches over the weekend. That may cause complications on drainage, lights and dressing the contours. Mr. Stockam plans to be checking on the construction progress each morning and evening. The contractor will have a \$1,500 per day penalty if they go over the scheduled closure date.

Mr. Stockam informed the board about other projects at the airport. He intends to have a draft copy of the GA entrance road plan for the board to review. Mr. Stockam also stated that the FAA has announced that we will receive a grant for the reconstruction of runway 18 design for approximately \$650,000. We plan on painting the Mizzou hangar during the month of August when it is hot and dry. We still intend on doing work to the fire barn to accommodate the new fire truck as well. Mr. Loudermilk commented that he saw the new firetruck in action during the inaugural flight and it looked nice. Mr. Stockam agreed and stated that both our

trucks are now one-man trucks. He added that he plans on updating the board as more information comes available about the construction phases.

Item 3: New Business

Mr. Stockam spoke about our recent Chicago Flight that started last week. This week has been a wild one and the loads are phenomenal with a lot of them being sold out. We are learning a lot about our operation. We spent a great deal of time yesterday re-allocating work responsibilities with in our staff. Mr. Stockam has met with American Airlines and TSA to discuss issues. We are a connection city to connect passengers from Chicago to Dallas now. We have had some security issues with that. We will manage and do what we need to do according to Mr. Stockam. The biggest challenge so far is to keep the facilities stocked and clean. Part of our building is cleaned by a janitorial service. We have reworked the schedule around the flight schedule with the logistics being a challenge. The Operations personnel need to be in the fire barn during the flight but have a 30-minute gap to run to the terminal to check restroom supplies and needs. Mr. Russell asked if it would be more cost effective to have contracted janitorial do that to save money on city benefits. Mr. Stockam stated that we have evaluated janitorial staff expense and compared that to the cost of a contracted company. The City of Joplin has began hiring part time custodians to come clean city facilities. We would like to do that and have custodians come in at different times of the day. For now, we have expanded our janitorial contractor work but we will look in the budget for our own janitorial staff next fiscal year.

Next, Mr. Stockam spoke about our new Airport Police Officer position. Mr. Mike Gayman is looking to transfer to us from bailiff in the City of Joplin courts, he has worked at the airport before but has since 'retired'.

We have never been busier than we are now Mr. Stockam stated.

Mr. Loudermilk stated that his daughter was pricing flights and Joplin was the cheapest route. Mr. Stockam added that there were 33 incoming passengers on the first flight from Chicago and some of those were from Europe. In todays world, you can schedule your own travel itinerary online easily. Mr. Russell asked if any of those were business travelers. He also commented on the battery conference that Mr. Moore is involved in. Mr. Stockam stated that most of the Chicago flights are full. Mr. Loudermilk commented that most of the inbound passengers on the first flight didn't realize it was the inaugural flight. American Airlines is continuing to re-evaluate air traffic daily as we are as well to keep things running smoothly. Mr. Loudermilk also commented that on the day of the inaugural flight we had passengers from both the Dallas flight and the Chicago flights in the sterile area together since there was a delay on the Dallas side. Mr. Stockam stated that we had a flight over the weekend where passengers were in the sterile area for over 4 hours. It is tough to get in for cleaning when it is full of passengers and we can't disturb flights. Mr. Loudermilk asked if the 2nd bridge is operational. Mr. Stockam stated that everything is operational on our end. But, American Airlines is having trouble with the ticket scanner on their new mobile podium located at gate two. They will continue to use jet bridge one when it is available for now. Mrs. Starkweather commented that with some of the delays, some people have attempted to rebook but the flights are full for the next few days. Mr. Loudermilk stated that they have changed the flight

schedule to better fit the windows for flow. Mr. Russell stated that Joplin is starting to look like a big city with more commercial flights flying over.

Mr. Stockam stated that there is some equipment we will put in the budget for a water cabinet and GPU. We are looking into our contractual agreements with TSA and the FAA for additional funds. We sent Peter Kaufmann the Airport Operations Supervisor to snow school this spring. He learned about new reporting requirements for ice conditions. We have decided to move to liquid deicer rather than solid because it works quicker. We will have better control of when the deicer will take effect so the flights can leave in a timelier fashion. Mr. Loudermilk asked if the liquid deicer would damage the runway. Mr. Stockam stated that it would not, it is simply the liquid version of the solid version we currently use. The benefit is, that the liquid works immediately and when you use the solid, you are at the mercy of the weather on when it takes effect. Mr. Stockam added that this will benefit all air traffic, not just the commercial side. Mr. Stockam stated that we have recently updated Peter Kaufmann's position and Melissa Hunter's position. Everything is happening at such a fast rate he added. The City Staff has been supportive, but obviously they need to see numbers.

What is next Mr. Stockam asked? Denver, Atlanta, Charlotte? We can't stop moving forward. Over the next 12 months we will make sure the Chicago flight is successful. Mr. Russell stated that years ago American Airlines had mentioned putting a facilities barn at the Joplin Airport. He asked if that is something they are still looking into. Mr. Stockam stated that there is a facilities barn at the Springfield airport and they can easily send someone down in a vehicle to service our planes if needed. However, the larger planes require a service technician that may be stationed at a more distant airport. Mrs. Starkweather stated that most of the service technicians that American Airlines has been using recently, have come up from Ft. Smith which may cause a 2-hour delay.

Mr. Stockam stated that with the smaller planes we have lost our first-class capabilities, but American Airlines has kept us with a CR-900 for the mid-morning flight which is good.

Mr. Harding asked how the general aviation folks are doing with all the construction. Mr. Stockam stated that we are working with CD aviation and Kilo One because their taxiway is closed. We must make sure the FOD and construction are cleared out for them to move out to the runways. It is also taking a bit longer to taxi around. We are still getting hangar requests though. We would still like to build a new hangar building but that all comes down to funding according to Mr. Stockam. Mr. Russell asked how Mizzou was doing since he has seen a lot of job openings for them in the paper. Mr. Stockam stated that both FBO's have undergone some changes. Alpha Air Center has added their air ambulance service and Asbell Companies did some reorganization. Mizzou has done some internal and external reorganization as well. Both seem to be operating and doing what they need to do according to Mr. Stockam. Although he hasn't seen Mr. Adolphsen in while, they have spoken over the phone and e-mailed recently. Both Mr. Crooker and Mr. Adolphsen are in the air a lot. They struggle to keep pilots and have a lot going on.

Mrs. Starkweather asked if Alpha or Mizzou have a mechanic that could work on the American Airlines planes, or if they could get someone. Mr. Stockam stated that at some time CR Mullere had a contract with a mechanic out of Mizzou. We will have to investigate it he stated.

The meeting was called to end by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Loudermilk.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 am.

Approved,

Handwritten signature of Melissa Hunter in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Melissa Hunter, Airport Clerk

Handwritten signature of Kelli Starkweather in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Kelli Starkweather, Chairman of the Board