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Brian Weiler Named City's Next Director of Aviation

The City of Springfield and the Springfield-Branson National Airport are pleased to announce the selection of Brian C. Weiler as the airport's next Director of Aviation.

Weiler, 45, is currently Multimodal Director for the Missouri Department of Transportation, where he is responsible for state government involvement in aviation, rail, waterways, transit and freight development. Before assuming that role in 2002, Weiler was Administrator of Aviation for MoDOT from 1997-2002. He was director of Aviation for the Johnson County Airport Commission in Johnson County, Kan., from 1995-1997.

"Brian has a proven track record of leadership and airport management," said Airport Board chairman Jim Enyart, who also chaired the selection committee. "He has a firm grasp on not only the aviation industry, but also the larger transportation picture as a whole and the many strategic issues we face going forward."

Hiring a Director of Aviation is the responsibility of the Airport Board. Weiler replaces Gary Cyr, who retired in April.

"Our community is extremely fortunate to have Brian Weiler as our new Director of Aviation" said City Manager Greg Burris. "Brian's proven leadership abilities, combined with his professionalism and experience at the local, state, and national levels, make him a great fit for Springfield. He will be a great addition to our Leadership Team and I look forward to working with him."

Weiler served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an Air Traffic Controller from 1984 to 1987 before being honorably discharged. He holds a bachelor's degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a master's degree in Aviation Safety from the University of Central Missouri. He managed airports for the City of St. Joseph and Martin County, Fla., in the 1990s.

In addition to his professional duties, Weiler has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Central Missouri since 1992, and holds a private pilot's license. Weiler is married with four children.

"I am very excited about my selection and this opportunity," said Weiler. "The airport has undergone many recent improvements and is already a tremendous community asset. I'm looking forward to working with stakeholders to make it even better."

Weiler's anticipated start date will be August 1, 2011. His annual salary will be \$117,312. In addition, this position is a part of the Department Head Occupational Series that will include an additional increase of 2 percent to the current base salary. The combination of base salary and occupational series pay equates to an annual salary of \$119,658.24.

The Airport Board began the selection process in February with the formation of a selection committee. The position was advertised via multiple aviation sources, both print and online. The initial 64 applicants were screened by the City's Human Resources Department by April, and the selection committee conducted phone interviews with seven highly qualified applicants in May. On-site interviews with the top three applicants included informal meetings with selection committee, the City Manager and members of the City's Leadership Team, as well as formal interviews with the selection committee.

The selection committee consisted of the six members of the Airport Board, plus three other people. The Airport Board members were: Jim Enyart, Richard Bottorf, Charlotte Hardin, Tom Barr, Brent Singleton, and Howard Fisk. The other three members were: Ryan Mooney, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Collin Quigley, Assistant City Manager; and Sheila Maerz, Human Resources Director, City of Springfield.

The full Airport Board voted unanimously to offer the position to Weiler on June 16. A complete timeline of the selection process is attached, as is a photo of Mr. Weiler.

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