

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 11/25/2020

Observer Reporting: Lennis Boyer Watts

Members Present: Glen Johnson (Pullman mayor), Bill Lambert (Moscow mayor), Tony Bean (Executive Director), Paul Kimmel, Jon Kimberling, Ron Wachter, Dan Ewart, Brian Hemingway, Stacy Pearson. This meeting was held remotely due to COVID 19. Some members were present at the airport, others remotely.

Members Absent: none.

Others Present (e.g., media, public) Cherri Gentry (Administrative Assistant Pullman Moscow Regional Airport), Kelly Brown (Airport Legal Counsel), Kevin Mulcaster (Mead&Hunt), Tim Thomsen (Moscow resident), Alex Aegerter (Airport Operations), Lennis Boyer Watts, LWV observer.

### **Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:**

#### **Items discussed:**

##### **-Revenue:**

- Landing fees – stable
- Passengers – increasing gradually
- Parking – up \$7500 over the previous month.
- Farm leases - \$28,000.

- Passengers, freight, landings** -These are all getting incrementally better. Thanksgiving outgoing was helpful – not sure how many students will be returning. Currently a full flight is considered to be 57 passengers which is 75% occupancy. Our ridership is comparative to our peer airports in the area.
- Instrument Landing System** proving very beneficial. No cancellations in November due to poor visibility.
- New generator** is installed and operational. We now have three and will not be vulnerable in case of a power outage.
- Action items** – Have had several bids for the demolition of the WSU buildings. One of these was selected and approved.
- Temporary taxiway pavement** – this project was delayed due to weather. Resultant overspending – our share is \$75,000. Not sure yet what the contractors share is. Earthwork and striping are not done yet.
- Airfield is open and operational.** The “S” curve has been removed. Waiting for a freeze to do the storm sewer drain as it is very muddy right now.
- Land slide snow removal equipment** has been purchased with CARES money. Commercial stand on model. Has a broom, plow and mower so will be very versatile.
- General Contractor Construction Manager candidates** - now down to three from eight. Will submit their proposals by Dec.4

##### **-General Updates:**

Currently at 2 flights / day to SeaTac and back.  
The accountant position is being advertised.  
Air service meeting with Sky West last month. Meeting with United 12/10. Both regarding service to Denver.  
Terminal planning meeting 12/16. Trying to find a large space to hold the meeting as will be showing Mockups of the new building. Hoping to have an in-person meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Next meeting 12/16.

**Process & Protocol:** *The board was well prepared and courteous.*