

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 4/29/2020

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 (Airport Administraton), Michol Ann Jensen (City of Pullman), Kelly Brown (Airport Legal Counsel), Kevin Mulcaster (Mead Hunt), Brett Siweck (project manager for Mead Hunt), Alex Aegerter, Airport operations, Lennis Boyer Watts (LWV observer), Tim Thompson

Items discussed:

- **Budget** – revenue from all usual sources is down (carrier landing fees, auto parking, concession fees – rental cars) due to COVID 19
- **Passengers** - down 3000 this month.
Alaska Airlines decides the day before which flights will go. Are doing “tag team flights” – Seattle to Walla Walla to Pullman. Have been flying 7 days / week. Required to fly 5 days / week. Today is the first day without a flight.
- **Grant status** update – grants are being closed out as quickly as possible. Airport debt to Pullman City is almost closed.
- **COVID-19 Updates** – decrease in flights and passengers as noted above. About 10 passengers/flight so social distancing is maintained. The airport is working hard on wiping everything down. Supplying sanitizer and masks as necessary.
- **CARES Grant Funds** and Current Status – 10 billion dollars has been allocated to airports. Our airport was very lucky to have the terminal project planned and on track to finish within the 4- year parameter required. One of only a few airports to qualify. Awarded 9 million dollars which will pay for construction of the terminal.
- **Airport improvements.** Hall Road has needed more work than expected as it needs to be able to handle the huge trucks the contractor will be bringing in. All the work is starting a little late – not concerning at this point. Retention pond will be football field sized. Construction to start after the Hall road work.
- **Terminal updates** – Paul and each mayor will come up with a citizen committee for terminal design. Will discuss and present the members at the next board meeting.

- **Next meeting** -May 27th.

Adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Process & Protocol:

The board was well prepared and courteous.