

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 7/29/2020

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.

This meeting was held remotely due to COVID 19. Some members were present at the airport, others remotely.

Members Absent: Stacey Pearson

Others Present: Cherri Gentry(Airport Admin), Michol Ann Jensen (City of Pullman), Kelly Brown (Airport Legal Counsel), Kevin Mulcaster(Mead Hunt), Brett Siweck(Mead Hunt), Tim Dacey(Mead Hunt), Lennis Boyer(LWV observer), RJ Lott(guest), Anthony Kuipers(Daily News staff writer

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Items discussed:

- **Budget** –decreased revenue over several areas due to COVID -19. June Revenues and Expenditures Report shows year to date currently at negative \$73,000. However, the CARES money is coming in and should cover.
- **June enplanements** >2000. July should be similar. This is a substantial increase from a low of 579 in April.
- **June landings**- 29. Same in July.
- Number of **commercial flights** continues at ~5/week. Likely to increase to 2x/day in August. Times and number of flights is changing all over the country.
- Tony noted that the airport set a **record** in 2019 of ~70,000 **passengers**. This has doubled in the last 10 years.
- Brett (Mead and Hunt) gave **project update**. No more earth work. Rock work is finishing. Dirt has needed to be dried out prior to use so currently about a month behind. More work to be done to level the taxiway to match the runway. Work on the commercial apron will start on September 8 and is expected to run to Oct. 1.
- **COVID-19 Updates** – 8,000 masks in stock. Deep cleaning weekly – janitorial service contracted. TSA may contract with the airport to do some contract cleaning for them.
- **Second carrier** discussed. ?SkyWest. ?United affiliate. Likely won't start until spring. SkyWest flights would go to Denver. A Department of Transportation Small Community Air Service Development Grant will provide the revenue guarantee for the new airline.
- **Terminal Advisory Group** discussion led by Paul, Jon and Kevin. Have filled almost all the seats on the committee. Waiting to hear from ASWSU and ASUI presidents. The committee will include members of both communities, business, industry, athletic departments and a few elected officials. The first meeting of the advisory board will be Aug 25, from 3-7 at the Best Western Plus University Inn in Moscow. They will be having a number of meetings and asking questions about who will be flying, how many, #s of flights, # gates, how many square feet for check in. Will determine a preferred alternate = likely to be a nine-month process. Want to be at a Tier 1 status (plans ready to go) to be first in line for FAA money. Will use this to supplement CARES money.
- Update. **State Audit** is complete and published. More complicated process as involves 2 states.

Meeting adjourned at about 4PM. Executive session to follow.

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