

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 9/30/2020

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, Stacey 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) Michol Ann Jensen (City of Pullman), Kelly Brown (Airport Legal Counsel), Kevin Mulcaster (Mead&Hunt), Brett Siweck (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:**

##### **-Budget –**

**Revenue**-No CARES money in August. Now have 4 requests pending. If all approved – \$1.5 million

**Passengers, freight, landings** -These are all getting incrementally better. > 4000 passengers for both August and September. These are similar numbers to the other airports in the region.

- Brett (Mead and Hunt) gave **project update**. Continue to be about a month behind. Taxiways alpha 1,2, and 3 are open. Alpha 4 is in process. Draining pipeline being installed.

- **Action items – two fill sites** (county land). Motley and Motley awarded 15-year lease. Will be using for clean construction waste. Once filled will be covered and used as agricultural land.

##### **- 2021 Airport Budget.**

Hoping to purchase a new larger mower.

**Request for a dedicated internal finance person** instead of having Pullman City budget office do it – just getting to be too big a job.

- **Legal Counsel** needed for a limited time. Will be contracting with a Seattle firm.

- **Surplus equipment** – Plow truck worth \$80,000 and a blower (for snow removal) worth \$35,000. Authorized sale or donation to a smaller airport. No room to store them at the airport.

- **COVID-19 Updates** –following the Governor’s recommendations. Having a little trouble maintaining 6 ft of distancing.

- **Terminal Advisory Group**-. Meeting tomorrow. Will be discussing “must have” and “nice to have” things to be included in the terminal. Several construction firms interested in the job.

- **2019 audit** – still a work in progress.

##### **-General updates**

Two flights / day with good connectivity. Averaging 30-50 passengers/flight.

Upcoming airport service meetings with Alaska (10/28), Sky West (11/6) and United (12/10).

TSA/FAA required Emergency Exercise with the Pullman Police Department was completed.

The realignment project was recognized as the Project of the Year by WA State Airport Managers.

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

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