

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 6/24/2020

Observer Reporting: Lennis Boyer Watts This meeting was held **remotely** due to COVID 19. Some members were present at the airport, others remotely.

Members Present: Bill Lambert (Moscow mayor), Tony Bean(Executive Director), Paul Kimmel, Jon Kimberling, Ron Wachter, Dan Ewart, Brian Hemingway.

Members Absent: Glen Johnson – attending a meeting of WA state mayors

Others Present (e.g., media, public) Cherri Gentry (Airport Administration), Michol Ann Jensen (City of Pullman), Kelly Brown (Airport Legal Counsel), Kevin Mulcaster (Mead Hunt), Brett Siweck (Mead Hunt), Mike Urban (City of Pullman), Lennis Boyer Watts (LWV observer)

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

#### **Items discussed:**

- Budget –decreased revenue** over several areas due to COVID -19. These include a decrease in the number people traveling, decrease in parking income, decrease in the number of SEL flights.
- Number of **commercial flights** continues at ~5/week. Number of passengers is increasing. April – 579, May – 1144, June is trending up. No corporate travel.
- Construction of **new runway** is 4-6 weeks behind due to rain.
- **COVID-19 Updates** –Just received 11,000 masks from FEMA. Deep cleaning weekly. The airport is working hard on employing social distancing on the plane seating, thorough wipe downs between flights. If >50 passengers booked on a flight, the passengers are notified. No middle or aisle seats are assigned unless traveling together.
- CARES money** – we will receive \$8,644,500. This will be used for a variety of projects including the new terminal.
- State financial audit** for the years 2018/2019 discussed. Will now be performed on a yearly basis.
- Small Community Air Service Development Grant Status** – likely a possibility in the fall of another carrier looking at our airport and will ask for a revenue guarantee (~1 million dollars). In conjunction with this, additional space will be required to maintain social distancing. A temporary structure may be necessary. Cost of about \$20,000 which would be covered by the CARES money.
- Pullman City looking for space to store the new stage** for the short term. Would charge market rate. No other options available in Pullman due to the size of the stage.
- Two hangars** available to be leased.
- Terminal Advisory Committee** is in place – members and task to be explained in detail at the next meeting.

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

#### **Process & Protocol:**

*The board was well prepared and courteous.*