

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 10/27/2021

Observer Reporting: Lennis Boyer Watts

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

Members Present: Glen Johnson (Pullman mayor), Bill Lambert (Moscow mayor), Paul Kimmel, Jon Kimberling, Ron Wachter, Brian Hemingway

Members Absent:

Others Present (e.g., media, public) Tony Bean (Executive Director), Cherri Gentry (Airport Administration), Rob Rembert (Airport Legal Counsel), Tim Dacey (Mead Hunt), Brett (Mead Hunt) Lennis Boyer Watts (LWV observer)

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### Items discussed:

- > Payroll and paid claims reviewed
- > Passengers, Landings and Freight
  - We continue to be down a flight due to the pilot shortage. Should be restored in January.
  - enplanements in September were up 700 passengers for a total of 5919.
- > Project Status Update
  - Pavement sealing and patching ongoing. May need to be finished next spring.
- > Action Items
  - **2020 Airfield Improvements Change Order discussed and approved.** These changes amount to about \$130,000.00 and will add approximately 21 days to complete the work
  - N.A. Degerstrom Change Order to compensate the contractor for additional work needed to prepare the terminal site. Discussed and approved. This amounts to \$840,000.
  - **2020 Budget draft discussed. Approved** at \$2,236,212.00. This is a 5% increase over 2021.
    - anticipating increases in fuel prices, internet prices, travel costs (Tony is serving on several boards and needs to fly to the meetings, insurance (increasing coverage from 20 million to 50 million due to upgrades and increase in size of planes).
    - Tony notes that the airport has always operated with a small surplus (do lots of own repairs) and anticipates that continuing.

### > Terminal Update.

- revised design due to increase in construction costs. Originally planned for 50,000 sq ft. Now at 38,000 sq ft. Current terminal is 8,000 sq ft. The decrease in area keeps the same basic design and function, maintains expandability, retail space. All just smaller. Should start construction in about a year. \$66 million estimated cost which includes the site prep and construction. Have funding to cover \$61 million. Looking for additional 6 – 10 million in external funding by June 2022. Contingency plan if over budget.
- Discussed possibility of debt – most airports have to do this. We have been very lucky to have had 90% of this new construction be federally funded. Had been hoping for 50% in the beginning. Will be critical to have this completed in order to attract other carriers. This size should serve us for the next 10 years.

Updates-

SkyWest meeting upcoming.

Next meeting – 11/17/2021