

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 4/28/2021

Observer Reporting: Lennis Boyer Watts

Members Present: Glen Johnson (Pullman mayor), Bill Lambert (Moscow mayor), 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) Tony Bean (Airport Executive Director), Cherri Gentry (Airport Administration), Kelly Brown (Airport legal counsel), Kevin Mulcaster (Mead/ Hunt), Tim Dacey (Mead/Hunt), Colin Gulbrandsen (Airport accountant), Lennis Boyer Watts (LWV observer), Anthony Kuipers(Daily News staff writer), Alex Aegerter.

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Items discussed:

-Payroll and Paid Claims – routine. **Parking income** is back to almost normal.

-Passenger, Landings. **Flights up to 75% full**. Now at 2 flights / day. Adding an afternoon flight on May 20.

-Grants and Projects:

Drainage pipes going in at this time.

WSU grant completed and paperwork is done.

Action items:

Terminal design and terminal apron scopes of service (separate grants) both need to be approved by the FAA and the board – approved by Board.

Boise flight – the board gave the airport permission to spend \$25,000 to advertise flights to Boise if an airline agrees to offer that service (currently in talks with Alaska Airlines). The airport also agreed to waive landing fees for two years. These are standard incentives. U of I President Green has also been in conversation with Alaska. A direct flight has been desired for years. This would make connections to northern CA, Chicago, Austin far simpler. Paul Kimmel noted that the Idaho State Legislature is also very interested.

General Updates:

Congratulations to the organizers and presenters of the **new terminal open houses** this month. Attendance (~200) and feedback were both good.

Construction likely to begin early next year.

Parking lot will be totally automated.

Open house information and committee members names are available on the website.

FAA annual certification noted issues with the new landscaping (land is still settling), hazardous waste has been taken care of.

Tony congratulated Alex on his **resuscitation of a person in the terminal**. Required CPR and use of AED.

Mead / Hunt conference – spoke with Alaska/Sky West/ United about potential Denver flight. Situation remains very fluid.

Tony noted that the **leisure markets** (resort destinations) have been key to airline survival during the pandemic.

Process & Protocol: (Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting)

The board was well prepared and courteous.