

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Moscow Regional Airport Board Meeting Date: 8/25/2021

Observer Reporting: Lennis Boyer Watts

Members Present: Glen Johnson (Pullman mayor), Bill Lambert (Moscow mayor), Paul Kimmel, Jon Kimberling, Ron Wachter, Brian Hemingway. This meeting was held remotely due to COVID 19. Some members were present at the airport.

Members Absent: none

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), Colin Gulbrandsen (Airport), Alex Aegerter (Airport), Lennis Boyer Watts (LWV observer)

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Items discussed:

- Payroll /Paid Claims –reviewed. In the process of **replacing all lights** with LED capacity bulbs.
- Profit/Loss** – Currently about \$300,000 to the good
- Passenger/Landing/Freight**
 - 10,000 total passengers for July.
 - Anticipating a decrease in passenger numbers as there is a **national pilot shortage**. There are pilots in the training pipeline currently.
 - 3 flights / day at this time which includes the **new Boise flight**. We have **lost a Seattle flight** with the pilot shortage.
 - Boise flight averaging about 30 + passengers. Marketing this flight is a priority.
 - We have the highest passenger numbers in the area when compared to similar-sized airports
- Grants status reviewed.
- Project status updates**
 - need for a structure to house the new snow plow
 - need to move the fire station to the other side of the terminal to allow for more multiuse space.
 - Top soiling of the slope is ongoing.
 - **Runway will not be completed as scheduled** due to 1) nationwide shortage of white paint which is needed to paint the runway, 2) rain delay, 3) cement shortage, 4) not enough drivers to deliver the pipe.
- General Updates**
 - First **charters** will be September 3rd and 4th. Both **WSU and Uof I** have home football games. The paving delay may impact them some.
 - would optimally have a temporary **tower** but they are all taken for the wildland fires.
 - need 2 sets of **air stairs** to have 2 flights as to not have to leave a team sitting on a plane for 2 hours while the other Team deplanes.
 - will be getting a RSEDS (**Reduced Size Explosive Detection System**) which we have needed forever. This will mean only one person will be needed to process people at the check-in point. Should be here in 4-6 weeks.
- Infrastructure Bill - unsure what this will mean and if it will pass.
- Fuel shortage- we have not been impacted as yet.
- Night time restrictions have been removed for landings.
- Working on finding spaces in the new terminal to offer up for advertising.

Next meeting – Sept 22 (day has been moved due to previously scheduled events.)