

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Board

Date: 10/30/2024

Observer Reporting: Gross Krista

Length of Meeting: 118 minutes

Members Present: Francis Benjamin, Mayor of Pullman, Washington

Art Bettge, Mayor of Moscow, Idaho

Vicky Murray, Washington State University

Dan Ewart, University of Idaho

Cherri Gentry, Airport

Tony Bean, Executive Director

James O, Airport Legal Counsel

Tim Thomson, City of Moscow

Paul Kimmell, Latah County

Ron Wachter, At-Large

Members Absent: Brian Hemingway (excused)

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Alex Aegerter, Airport

Colin Gulbrandsen, Airport Accountant

Kevin Mulcaster, Mead & Hunt

Trevor Davidson, ISA

Jerome Hooper, Mead & Hunt

Jemma Brewer, Mead & Hunt

Business pertaining to League Positions or Topics of Interest: *Include in this section 1) issues discussed that relate to League priorities or positions. Do you recommend local league action? If so, please refer to the League position that supports your suggestion. 2) links to further information available on an issue, if available.*

SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AND PAID CLAIMS: Approved

PASSENGER, LANDINGS, AND FREIGHT: Approved

PUW has had full flights for the last 3 weeks.

During the new terminal project, they stopped all advertising. Now they want to update their Communication Plan. A suggestion came to coordinate with college students to gain experience. They could help build a monthly outreach schedule, for example.

GRANTS AND PROJECT STATUS UPDATE: Advisory team is established. They, along with Mead & Hunt, are working on the Master Plan. Mead & Hunt gave a basic Master Plan update.

TERMINAL APRON EXPANSION: Approved

This expansion would create additional amount of apron parking on the west side as well as meet the goal of de-icing on the spot. Mead & Hunt will give a bid on the whole project. If it's not within 10%, they will need to negotiate line-by-line.

ARFF VEHICLE AND FORCIBLE AIRCRAFT ENTRY TOOL PROCUREMENT PROPOSAL: Approved

The current fire fighting vehicle will be 15 years old by the time the new one comes in. It will then serve as the backup. They will then retire the 1993 vehicle.

AIRFIELD BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT TOUR: We were driven around to see the equipment and areas discussed in the proposals above. Director Bean gave the tour while Alex Aegerter, Airport Operations, was present to add more details and insight, when necessary. The Board members had many questions. It was invaluable to see the size and proportions of these vehicles. For example, one de-icing equipment was backed into the huge building with only 4" to spare on each side of the garage doors. There are two snow plows that also have brush rollers. Just one of those costs around \$750,000 when it was purchased years ago. And the brush rollers cost \$5,000. Seeing this equipment, the buildings, and the property is impressive to this League Observer.

Public Meetings of Interest to League: *Were there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with that relate to League positions?*

Process & Protocol: *(Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting) e.g., Did the members appear to have done their "homework"? Were members courteous to each other and the public? Was access to materials for certain agenda items available to you?*

Everyone was prepared, attentive, and asked good, thoughtful questions - particularly when it came to projects that needed deadlines. Chair Benjamin was conscientious of Board members' time during the tour.

Your additional comments/opinions:

Reminders 😊

A LWV Observer is impartial, silent, and respectful. It is, however, acceptable to ask questions for clarification following the meeting.

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Please attach any materials, or links to such, received at the meeting that you feel are important to your report.

Please submit your report to the LWV Observer Chair within one week of the meeting. rogerc63@outlook.com