

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Board

Date: May 29, 2024

Observer Reporting: Krista Gross

Present Absent Board Members

- Francis Benjamin, Mayor of Pullman, Washington
- Art Bettge, Mayor of Moscow, Idaho
- Vicky Murray, Washington State University
- Dan Ewart, University of Idaho
- David Shourd, Project Manager, Hoffman Construction
- Cherri Gentry, Airport
- Tony Bean, Executive Director
- Rob Rembert, Airport Legal Counsel
- Jon Kimberling, City of Moscow
- Paul Kimmell, Latah County
- Ron Wachter, At-Large
- Brian Hemingway, City of Pullman

Others Present:

- Alex Aegerter, Airport
- Andy Patrick, Inter-State Aviation
- Chad Cluff, Hoffman Construction
- Colin Gulbrandsen, Airport Accountant
- Jacob Campfield, Pullman resident
- Keith Kopf, General Aviation Pilot
- Tm Dacy, Mead & Hunt
- Tim Thompson, Moscow resident

Business Pertaining to League Positions or Topics of Interest

1. **Issues discussed that relate to League priorities or positions.** N/A

2. **Issues/topics for the League to know about.**

a) Advertising / Sponsorship Update

1. Helveticka and Lamar Advertising presented two options.
 - a. Internal: \$482,164 revenue (hypothetical over 5 years) where PUW manages the advertising/marketing. This would require at least one full-time employee.
 - b. External: \$340,000 revenue (over 5 years) where Lamar manages
2. The Board approved the external option to pursue a contract with Lamar.

b) New Terminal Opening

First flight out was on Wednesday, May 22. Passengers arriving and departing on the first flights received commemorative coins.

- **Alaska Airlines** and the **rental car agencies** have moved into the new terminal building.
- **TSA equipment** is all up and running.

- **Pullman Transit** now has PUW on its regular bus route and will continue picking up passengers and taking them to their cars at the old terminal.
- **Rental Car** companies, Hertz and Avis/Budget, have signed their leases and are moved into the new terminal. There is an empty third counter space for another company (i.e., Enterprise, Dollar/Thrifty, Payless, or Zipcar).
- **Concessionaire RFPs** were due on 5/23. None were received.

c) EV Charging Station Agreement with Avista

There have been FAA concerns but Avista assures that they will work it out.

d) Mead & Hunt presented the **Airport Master Plan**. The FAA will weigh in with their comments on May 28. Directors also suggested including the Airport Road development, Life Flight use, hydrogen fuel opportunities, and 4-year aviation degree at WSU or UI. A 15-person group will be formed to review.

e) West Expansion is progressing quickly with an estimated opening at the end of July.

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:10 pm
No Executive Session followed.