

West Plains/Airport Area Public Development Authority

November 14, 2019

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM, scheduled

Minutes – Board Workshop

Attendance

WP-AA PDA Members present: Greg Birchell, Bill Butler, Al French, Gerry Gemmill, Larry Krauter, Theresa Sanders

WP-AA PDA Members absent: Ben Stuckart

WP-AA Staff present: Todd Coleman, Executive Director; Sueann Herkel, Executive Assistant; Taudd Hume Legal Counsel

WP-AA Staff absent: None

Guests present: Amy Edelen, Spokesman Review; Gerd Scheller

Meeting called to order at 7:41 am

Welcome and Introductions:

Board Chair Larry Krauter conducted roll call of Board.

Discussion Item No. 1: Mullen Technologies Executive Director Coleman gave an overview of the Washington DC trip with Mullen Technologies. Mullen representatives, Todd Woodard and Todd Coleman met with Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Senators Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, Ben Hobbs of President Trump's staff, and members of Department of Energy. The Department of Energy administers the Alternative Vehicle Technology Manufacturing (AVTM) loan guarantee program. The program has \$17.7 billion in authorized funding and has not issued a loan guarantee since 2010. The request was for our representatives to send a letter to the Department of Energy to process the loan application based on its merits and remember the intent of the program is to spur innovation.

Governor Jay Inslee intends to meet with Mullen representatives and visit the site in January 2020. Representatives of Mullen toured the Spokane County Raceway and Northern Quest for potential meeting and media event locations.

Discussion Item No. 2: Regional Stormwater Study Executive Director Coleman updated the Board on the status and findings to date of the stormwater study.

Discussion Item No. 3: Wetland Mitigation Bank The initial demand analysis shows up to 300 acres of wetlands within the PDA boundary. The consultant is identifying wetland mitigation bank sites for consideration. Several of the sites are in Cheney due to topography and the goal to maintain a minimum five miles from Spokane International Airport and Fairchild Airforce Base.

Discussion Item No. 4: Transportation The PDA is working with the City of Airway Heights and City of Spokane to develop comprehensive transportation plans for 12th and 21st Avenues. The parties are contemplating an Interlocal Agreement to allow the City of Spokane to design the entire alignment of 12th Avenue. The cities, PDA and WSDOT would ideally submit the entire project for grant funding in phases. The corridors should compete better with multi-jurisdictional support.

Discussion Item No. 5: Projects Identified in the West Plains Executive Director Coleman updated the Board on the status of multiple projects in the PDA boundary.

Discussion Item No 6: Transload Facility Board Chair Larry Krauter reported that the success of the grant for the transload facility is attributed to the several partners noted in the application.

Discussion Item No 7: Audit Update Executive Director Todd Coleman updated the Board on the status of the audit of the PDA by the Washington State Auditors Office.

Board Member Items:

Board Vice Chair Al French reported that the modified Interlocal Agreement for the PDAs has been approved by the Spokane City Council and Spokane County Commissioners.

Board Member Theresa Sanders reported that she is providing assistance to the transition team for the newly elected Spokane Mayor.

Board Chair Larry Krauter reported a new non-stop United flight to Houston, Texas.

Executive Session: At 8:55 AM, Executive Director Todd Coleman announced that a short break would take place before the Board recessed into Executive Session “to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency” as provided for in RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). The Board will reconvene back into public session at 9:20 AM and will take no action.

At 9:20 AM, the Board reconvened into public session and the meeting was adjourned.

At 9:25 AM the November 14, 2019 meeting was adjourned.