

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 3-3-2021
Observer Reporting: Judy Stone _____ Length of Meeting: 2 hours
Members Present: All, virtually
Others Present (e.g., media, public): Several citizens

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

In the past year, Pullman Regional Hospital **Ethics Committee**, in place since 2000, provided consultation for four cases and discussed the ethical dilemmas of Covid-19 during seven meetings. The pandemic related topics included rationing care, testing, utilization of rare resources, inequity in healthcare, the idea of vaccine passports, individual rights versus the greater good, lack of PPE and using crisis standards of care.

Clinic Network: Recruiting for Sleep Medicine Provider and Acute Care Surgeons. Hired a new pediatrician, Dr. J. Lee.

Recruiting CEO to replace Scott Adams who is retiring at the end of 2022. Will start with internal search.

District Boundaries Expansion: There will be a public hearing before submitting a Resolution in early August for the November 2021 ballot. It sounded like they are considering School Districts' Boundaries but it wasn't clear. It was stated the people within a new hospital district boundary will not pay current taxes; only new ones they get to vote upon.

Process & Protocol: I always enjoy their comradery and how well prepared they come to these meetings. Hospital department heads provide detailed reports and everyone listens and asks questions.