

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 07/03/2019
Observer Reporting: Judy Stone Length of Meeting: 2.5 hrs
Members Present/Absent: All present
Others Present (i.e., media, public): _____

Meeting Content:

Pullman Surgeons: Dr. Stiller has left and a new surgeon has been hired.

Financial Update: CFO Steve Febus led a discussion of the pros and cons of leasing vs. buying capital equipment. The Board approved a capital lease (lease to own).

Ballot Resolution: It was approved to put the Next Era of Excellence bond (unchanged) request back on the ballot in November. There was discussion about some input from two community members just recently who disapprove of the Bond, mainly because the taxing district only includes Pullman; and not enough information was made available to the community about why these improvements are needed and why is the Bond so high. Commissioners and hospital department heads expressed frustration about this because there were SO many informational sessions advertised and held before the defeated Bond. And frustrations that no community members have attended any Board meetings to ask questions or give input. The hospital CEO stated that Pullmanites are the largest market for the hospital.

Process & Protocol: Commissioners identified new “pockets of citizens” that they will try to reach with information about the second Bond proposal