

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 6-2-2021

Observer Reporting: Judy Stone Length of Meeting: 2 hours

Members Present: All Commissioners present

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Approx. 7 hospital dept heads and the CEO; 2 media representatives; Representative Schmick; unnamed others; 2 hospital commission attorneys

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Expanding the hospital's taxing district: The first agenda item was a publicized **Public Hearing of the proposed annexation of the Pullman School District boundaries to Public Hospital District No. 1-A.** No one spoke or submitted any questions or comments. Public Hearing closed. The Commissioners' decision about whether to go forward with a ballot issue will be given at their July meeting. Only the people living in the newly annexed area will be able to vote on this.

Financial report: As of April 30, 2021 the District has seen a net gain of \$2.5 million, partially due to increased volumes nearing 2019 levels, lower expenses in salaries and wages. The Palouse Heart Center had a positive net gain for the first time since opening.

Covid-19: Covid vaccine clinics will now be every other Wednesday through the Travel Clinic Services. (8000 doses given to date).

Medicare loan repayments – Hospital is considering paying back the outstanding balance to close this part of CARES funding.

CARES Provider Relief Fund - No guidance yet from HHS on the reporting requirements and the date by which the funds must be used.

Land Annexation: (not to be confused with the taxing district annexation). Commissioners approved a land annexation contingent to the hospital proposed by the land owners.