

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Board Date: 9/3/2025

Observer Reporting: Lennis Boyer Watts Length of Meeting: 2 hours

Members Present: Tricia Grantham, President; PJ Sanchez, VP; Cheryl Oliver, Sec.; Joe Pitzer, Michael Cady, Shane McFarland

Members Absent: none

Others Present (e.g., media, public) Matt Forge, CEO; Steve Febus, CFO; Tammy Needham, CNO; Bernadette Berney, CHRO; Carrie Coen, CRO; Dr. Peter Mikkelsen, CMO; Karly Port, CPSO; Eriin Sedam, EA; Rob Rembert, Attorney

**Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:** *Include in this section 1) issues discussed that relate to League priorities or positions. Do you recommend local league action? If so, please refer to the League position that supports your suggestion. 2) links to further information available on an issue, if available.*

Public Comment: Tawney Szumlas, (Pullman city counsel candidate) spoke about the lack of long time medical providers which is a concern of members of the public she has been talking to. Matt Forge will set up a time to discuss this with her.

Action/Discussion items.

Expansion - Ned Warnock, Design West. The final expansion project will include 5 operating rooms, 2 endoscopy rooms, 20 prep and recovery spaces. The WA Dept of Health has approved the project for construction. Three phases of construction - 11/25 - 6/26, 6/26-4/27, 4/27-12/27.

Finance Committee - Cheryl Oliver reported a good financial position at this time.

Financial Update - Steve Febus reports that summer is usually a slow period financially.

- we need to make sure our clinics can get their patients in.
- usually more procedures at the end of the year.
- Accounts receivable is a huge part of the budget. Currently at 50 days. Want to be at 40 days.
- 127 days of cash on hand which is good but the construction will eat into this
- construction cost projected to be 41 million at completion but may change depending on tariffs.

Next Meeting - Oct 1

**Public Meetings of interest to League:** *Were there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with that relate to League positions?*

**Process & Protocol:** (Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting) *e.g., Did the members appear to have done their “homework”? Were members courteous to each other and the public? Was access to materials for certain agenda items available to you?*

**Your additional comments/opinions:**

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