

# League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Board of Commissioners      Date: 11/5/2025

Observer Reporting: Boyer-Watts Lennis

Length of Meeting: 2 hours

Members Present: Tricia Grantham, President; PJ Sanchez, Vice President; Cheryl Oliver, Secretary; Joe Pitzer, Michael Cady, Shane McFarland, Anna Nofsinger (zoom).

Members Absent: none

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Matt Forge, CEO; Jim Smith, interim CFO; Tammy Dahl, CNO; Bernadette Berney, CHRO; Carrie Coen, CRO; Peter Mikkelsen, MD, CMO; Rob Rembert, Attorney; Ben Rhoades, DO, Medical Staff President; Alison Weigley, Director of External Relations; Karly Port, CPSO; Erin Sedam, EA.

**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 comments: none

Governance Committee Report – PJ

Physician Recruitment Funding Policy. Karly discussed possible incentives - \$10,000 relocation stipend, commitment incentive of up to \$50,000 and residency stipend policy - \$100,000 over 5 years as recruitment becomes more competitive. Will consider starting recruiting 1st year residents.

Board Education: Healthy Board Discussion. Cheryl. We are an island of a healthy Institution in the midst of lots of change in our community. Our goal is to build trust and connections within the community.

Finance Committee Report-Cheryl

Financial Update. Jim Smith, Interim CFO.

The month of September is up \$336,324. Over the last nine months we are 5.3 million in the black. This is up from 1.3 million last year. This is even in light of salaries and benefits increasing. It will be time to negotiate contracts with insurers. Considering joining with rural cooperatives to negotiate.

This year we have had 10% more inpatients, 14% more deliveries, 9% more surgical cases, 7% more ED visits, and 56% more outpatient visits. Our cash balance is up 3 million.

Jerri Beavers, Director of Patient Financial Services was introduced. She has been here for the last few months. Noted that AR are down 7 days this month – have had a high collection rate.

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CFO recruitment announcement. Matt. Three candidates interviewed. The position was offered to a former Cougar who will be starting in January.

Foundation -Linda reviewed the 3rd quarter activities. They are focusing on building long term relationships. A Planned Giving Reception is planned for Dec 2 at the Hampton Inn.

**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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