

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 12-5-18

Observer Reporting: Judy Stone Length of Meeting: 1hr 45 min

Members Present/Absent: All present

Others Present (i.e., media, public): Pat Wright, President of the hospital Foundation: Anthony Kuipers, MPDN; Isaac Sanders, Pullman Radio

Content (What is being discussed):

Several types of **advanced technology** are being instituted for: electronic prescribing of controlled substances (related to reducing medication errors, opioid addiction, and drug diversion) and speech recognition software for dictation.

A **pulmonologist**, Dr. Metha, will begin practice during December.

Approved: The **2019 Strategic Management Plan & Budget**; Criteria necessary for medical staff to perform **gender transformation surgery**; Recognition of **CRNAs** (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists) in Medical Staff Bylaws; updated **Public Records Disclosure Policy**; The **Next Era of Excellence Program** along with a proposed **April, 2019 levy** to help fund it. Travel funds for commissioners to attend conferences have been suspended as part of budget changes to assist paying for the Next Era of Excellence.

There will be a **public hearing** in January, 2019 concerning the revised **annexation petition** of 160 acres of Quist property which adjoins Hospital District No. 1-A.

The January meeting has been moved to January 9th.