

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

April 26, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

MEMBERS PRESENT:	S. Doyle, T. Johnson, J. Billings, J. Medinger, S. Hampson, M. Pedretti, D. Manthei, A. Kader, J. Heim (arr. 3:30), J. Ehram, M. Naegle, M. Larson
MEMBERS EXUSED:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	J. Bluske, T. Lehrke, G. Dankmeyer, M. Giese, A. Richmond, R. Roth, D. Korn, T. Schnitzler, M. Freedland, M. McCollum, J. Bloedorn, M. Weibel, B. Keil, D. Lange, C. Burmaster, J. Barstow, A. Hornberg, R. Becker, C. Onsager, B. Williams, R. Geary

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 22, 2011 MINUTES OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MOTION by Hampson/Ehram to approve the March 22, 2011 Redistricting Committee minutes **carried unanimously**.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

The committee members received, in their packets, a letter from the Wisconsin Legislature, dated March 21, 2011. This correspondence indicated that the 60-day period during which the County Board must adopt a tentative County Supervisory District Plan, has begun. Our redistricting work needs to be completed by May 21st. On May 19th, the County Board will vote on the resolution.

REVIEW OFFICIAL POPULATION WITH PREVIOUS CENSUS INFO AND PROJECTIONS

The committee members also received a handout showing the current population, as well as the population for 2000, and projected population for 2015, 2020 and 2025. Jeff Bluske also distributed a chart with the minority breakdown by municipality. Also, included in the packet is information on the plans that the committee is reviewing, along with the ward sizes.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CITY OF ONALASKA & WEST SALEM

Included in the committee packets were letters/e-mails from the City of Onalaska and the Village of West Salem asking for certain considerations before the County finalized its redistricting plans. Also, the City of La Crosse has indicated that they prefer to keep the number of City Council members as high as possible.

REVIEW REDISTRICTING GUIDELINES SET BY COMMITTEE BY PRIORITY

For the committee’s review, Jeff went through a Powerpoint containing some background information regarding redistricting, including basic principles, ward population limits, timeline, etc.

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REVIEW SUPERVISORY REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR PLANS CONTAINING 27, 29 AND 31 DISTRICTS

At the last Redistricting Committee meeting, the Zoning Department was asked to create 9 maps with Supervisory Districts of 27, 29 and 31, with 3 different variations of each. These were hanging up for the committee's review.

DISCUSS AND MAKE MAP REVISIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE

After much discussion, **MOTION** by Kader/Medinger to have staff bring back 1 or more maps based upon 31 Supervisory Districts. **MOTION** by Heim/Ehrsam to table this motion. **MOTION** to table **FAILS** on a 5/7 roll call vote (Ayes were Doyle, Hampson, Heim, Ehrsam, Larson; Nays were Johnson, Billings, Medinger, Pedretti, Manthei, Kader, Naegle) **MOTION** on original vote fails on a 5/7 roll call vote. (Ayes were Doyle, Billings, Medinger, Kader, Naegle; Nays were Johnson, Hampson, Pedretti, Manthei, Heim, Ehrsam, Larson).

MOTION by Johnson/Hampson to recommend having 29 Supervisory Districts. **MOTION** passed on a 9/3 vote. (Nays were Medinger, Kader, Billings). The Zoning Department will create two maps with the 29 Supervisory Districts taking into consideration the discussion today with the City of Onalaska, Village of West Salem and City of La Crosse when they decide on the number of Aldermanic Districts they intend to create. It was requested to have overlays with the school district lines.

ANNOUNCE COUNTY BOARD PLANNING MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING DATES

The next County Board Planning Meeting is May 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. At this meeting, the Board will determine the number of supervisory districts and vote on a tentative plan to bring to the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled for May 16th at 6:00 p.m. The regular County Board meeting is May 19th where the plan will be finalized.

SET NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA

The next Redistricting Committee meeting will be May 5th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ehrsam/Manthei to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m. **carried unanimously.**

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Recorded by Terri Pavlic