

Minutes
Linn County Temporary Redistricting Commission
Tuesday, December 28, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Call to Order: The Linn County Temporary Redistricting Commission met in the Informal Board Room at the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center on December 28, 2021. Chair Linda Langston called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Cindy Golding, Sarah Halbrook, Linda Langston, and Ralph Russell

Members Absent: Nate Willems

Others Present: Brent Oleson, Deputy Director of Policy and Administration; Eric Loecher, Auditor's Office

The minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2021, were approved.

Public Hearing on Proposed Reprecincting Plan

Motion by Golding, seconded by Russell, to open the public hearing; motion passed unanimously. Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing was provided by Oleson. There was no one in attendance who wished to speak on the reprecincting plan; Oleson noted that he had not received any written comments. Motion by Russell, seconded by Golding, to close the public hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and Decide on Proposed Reprecincting Plan

Loecher briefly summarized the plan; in addition to the combining of Boulder and Buffalo Townships into a single precinct and Brown and Linn Townships into a single precinct, and the absorption of College Township into Cedar Rapids, there are only minor boundary changes from the current precinct map.

Motion by Golding, seconded by Halbrook, to approve the proposed reprecincting plan (previously identified as Plan 01); motion passed unanimously.

Refer Reprecincting Plan to Linn County Board of Supervisors

Oleson reviewed the process; he noted that the Board of Supervisors is required to have 3 considerations of the proposed ordinance. The Board will hold the third consideration on Friday, January 7; once that has taken place he will send the package electronically to the Secretary of State's office that day, with a hard copy also being sent that day.

Motion by Golding, seconded by Russell, to refer the reprecincting plan to the Linn County Board of Supervisors for its consideration and vote; motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Chair and Commission Staff to Refer Approved Documents to Secretary of State

Oleson noted that this agenda item was included just in case the Secretary of State requested any ancillary items; the Commission would be informed of any such requests. Motion by Golding, seconded by Russell, to authorize Chair and Commission staff to refer approved and/or subsequently requested documents to the Secretary of State; motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and Authorize Chair or Designee to Sign Agreements

Oleson noted that no action was required on this agenda item; it was included as a standing item in case it was necessary. No new agreements have been received since the last meeting of the Commission.

Auditor's Office Update

The Auditor's Office had nothing further to report.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Next Meeting Date

The date for the next meeting will be driven by the timing of a response from the Secretary of State's office or the Legislative Services Agency. Brent Oleson will inform the Commission as soon as a response is received.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.