

Price County Redistricting Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 30, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Jury Room 205; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI

Meeting called to order by Robert Kopisch, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: Present: Alan Barkstrom, Jean Gottwald, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Janet Krucky. Also present: Nick Trimner

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Statement of Purpose: Reviewed purpose of County Board of Supervisor redistricting. Done every 10 years in conjunction with the federal census.
3. Redistricting Process and Schedule: Reviewed process and compressed timeline.
4. Legal Issues in Redistricting: Reviewed information from von Briesen & Roper explaining the legal obligations in the redistricting process.
5. Establish Guidelines for Redistricting: Core principles are equal population, contiguous and compact. With a 2020 Census population of 14,054, the average population for 13 County Board Supervisor districts is 1,081. With the base plan using the 2020 Census blocks, there is a deviation of 14.44% with a high of 7.22% in District 7 and a low of -7.22% in District 12. Maximum deviation goal is 10%
6. Develop District Map for Public Review:
To address District 7 7.22% deviation:
Option 1 and Option 2 – move 36 residents from District 7 (Park Falls Ward 1) to District 1 (Park Falls Ward 5).
To address District 12 -7.22% deviation:
Option 1 – Create Town of Hackett Ward 2 moving 33 residents from District 6 to District 12.
Option 2 – Create Town of Ogema Ward 2 moving 17 residents from District 4 to District 12.
Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve Tentative Plan Option 1 (Plan A) and Option 2 (Plan C) and forward to the September 14, 2021 public hearing. Motion carried.
Options 1 and 2 will be presented for review and comment at the September 14, 2021 public hearing. Followed by decision of the County Board to forward Tentative Plan Option 1 or Option 2 to the municipalities for their consideration. Next step for the County Board will be a public hearing followed by adoption of the Supervisory District Reapportionment Ordinance at the November 9, 2021 County Board meeting.
7. Set next meeting date: September 14.
8. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.