



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## **Columbia County Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Minutes August 24, 2021**

Members present: James E. Foley, Vern E. Gove, Barry Pufahl, Matthew L. Rohrbeck, Mike Weyh  
Member absent with notice: John Stevenson

Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Denise Brusveen, Chris Polzer, Darren W. Schroeder, Eric Shimpach, Dean Kaderabek, Sue Moll, Joe Ruf, Brian Zirbes

Members of the public were also in attendance.

The meeting of the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee was called to order by Chair Foley at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. The meeting was held at the Administration building, Meeting Room #113-115, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

Chair Foley read the rules for non-member participation and stated Public Input will be held following a review of the draft of preliminary district boundaries.

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the agenda as published. Second by Weyh. Motion carried.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee meeting. Second by Weyh. Motion carried.

### **Set Criteria for District Boundaries**

The criteria for determining district boundaries in 2011 was distributed. After a review and discussion, the same criteria will be used to set the Redistricting Guidelines for 2021.

1. Equal Population
2. Contiguous
3. Compact
4. Preservation of Political Subdivisions
5. Preservation of Communities of Interest
6. Protection of Incumbents (recognizing incumbent's "value" to the board)

Motion by Weyh to approve the Redistricting Guidelines as presented. Second by Rohrbeck. Motion carried. Pufahl abstained.

### **Review Census Data**

The 2020 Census Data, broken down by municipality, was distributed and included a comparison of the 2010 Census Data.

### **Review Draft of Preliminary District Boundaries**

The current supervisory district map was distributed. A preliminary map with existing districts and population based on the 2020 Census Data was displayed. Thirteen of the 28 existing districts exceed the +/- 5% population deviations. Kaderabek and Zirbes gave a brief demonstration on the WISE-LR program used to create district boundaries. Kaderabek shared a "Draft 1" map of preliminary district boundaries, showing a total population deviation under 10%. The map follows the approved redistricting guidelines/criteria.

Motion by Weyh to approve the "Draft 1" map as the recommended tentative plan for consideration by the County Board. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

### **Public Input**

Patti Herman, City of Lodi resident, questioned the criteria to protect incumbents and emphasized the importance of keeping school district boundaries whole.

### **Set Work Sessions**

As a tentative map was recommended, no work sessions were scheduled. Work sessions for municipalities, who need assistance in creating ward boundaries, may be scheduled following the approval of the tentative plan.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

Motion by Rohrbeck to hold a Public Hearing on the Tentative Supervisory District Plan on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm, prior to the County Board meeting. Second by Weyh. Motion carried.

Moll was directed to publish a Class 3 Public Hearing Notice with the Portage Daily Register as soon as possible. The Notice will also be posted on the Columbia County website along with the tentative map, timeline and population by municipality.

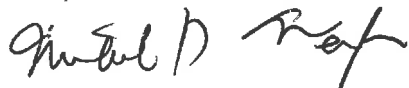
The Tentative Redistricting Timeline 2021 was distributed for review.

Motion by Foley to hold a Public Hearing on the Final Supervisory District Plan on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm, followed by a Special County Board meeting to adopt the final plan.

No committee meeting was scheduled.

Motion by Rohrbeck to adjourn the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee meeting. Second by Weyh. Motion carried. The Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Weyh  
Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Secretary

*These minutes were recorded by Sue Moll, County Clerk*