

Temporary Redistricting Commission Meeting

Minutes

November 11, 2021

The Temporary Redistricting Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on November 11, 2021 in the District Courtroom, 3rd floor by Gloria Carr, Floyd County Auditor.

Committee members present were Mike Staudt, Susan Nelson, and Brian Bierschenk. 2 visitors were also present.

An agenda for this meeting was presented to the committee by Gloria Carr to help facilitate this first meeting. The first item of business was to organize the members regarding appointment of chair, vice-chair, and secretary. After short discussion, positions were placed in a hat and drawn for the members by Gloria. The results were: Chair- Mike Staudt, Vice-Chair-Susan Nelson, Secretary-Brian Bierschenk.

Mike then continued the meeting agenda.

The next item of business was to review the Commission's duties. This was outlined for the members by the Floyd County Auditor with a PowerPoint presentation from the State of Iowa Secretary of State's Office. The Commission members became well informed on what their duties were with regard to Reprecincting and Redistricting with modifications relevant to Floyd County for 2021. A clear understanding of duties was determined before proceeding on to the next item of business.

The next item on the agenda was to review the timeline and deadlines that would need to be met. There are many steps and levels of organizations that need to vote and approve the decision of the TRC. Therefore, understanding the urgency, members discussed possible meeting dates and public hearing dates to be able to comply with the public notifications timeline as well.

Discussion of the precinct maps was next on the agenda. Gloria informed the commission with a current election precinct map, the Plan 2 Iowa Congressional and Legislative District map that was signed by the governor, and a spreadsheet detailing the population of each township in Floyd County. Discussion was extensive as many options were looked at and considered for the voters of Floyd County. Recognizing that voters like familiarity when it comes to polling locations the commission members decided to limit changes as much as possible. The focus shifted to four townships in Floyd County

that would be affected by some change due to the redrawn legislature district maps. Working through these new parameters the commission decided that Rock Grove would be a precinct and Rockford would be a precinct. The Rudd township was now needing to be joined with another precinct and a reasonable solution was with Precinct 7 directly to the East. The new Precinct 7 would include Rudd, Floyd, Cedar, and Niles townships with voting at the Floyd Community Center. Discussion shifted to Ulster township next. Ulster township had been with Rockford township and now needed to be combined with another precinct. After careful consideration of all aspects the general consensus was to have the Ulster township be combined with Precinct 8. The polling location for Precinct 8 was the Cedar Valley Transportation Center. With Ulster added in, the new polling location will be at the Floyd County Fairgrounds to facilitate a more central location for the new voting district.

The TRC set the next meeting for November 16, 2021 in the Courthouse General Assembly Room, Ground Floor at 8:30 a.m. The agenda would include a vote by the TRC to approve the new districts and precincts for Floyd County. A tentative public hearing date was set for Monday, November 29th, at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bierschenk