



Linn County Temporary Redistricting Commission

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Jean Oxley Public Service Center
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Minutes Linn County Temporary Redistricting Commission Public Hearing Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Call to Order: The Linn County Temporary Redistricting Commission held a public hearing in the formal boardroom at the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center on October 3, 2017. Commission Vice-Chair Ray Dochterman called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Dochterman, Cindy Golding, Dave Machacek and Nate Willems.

Members Absent: Sarah Halbrook

Linn County Staff Present: Joi Alexander, Director of Communications; Gary Jarvis, Assistant County Attorney; Dana North, Communications Specialist; Barbara Schmitz, Recording Secretary; Jason Siebrecht, GIS Manager.

Dochterman asked that anyone wishing to make public comment sign in on the sheet provided; comments will be limited to five minutes per person.

Presentations

Dochterman noted that Draft Plan #2, which the Commission had adopted at its last meeting, was displayed on the screens in the boardroom.

Public Comment

John Harris, a resident of Palo, thanked the Commission members for their service and dedication. He reported that he still endorses Draft Plan #3 and stated that he believes it provides a better balance of rural and urban representation. He discussed his concern that Draft Plan #2 might enable a scenario in which the city of Cedar Rapids could wield undue influence on the decisions of the Board of Supervisors.

Brent Oleson, a resident of Marion, stated that he disagrees with Supervisor Harris and believes that Draft Plan #3 would actually create three metro-centric districts when you focus on population rather than area. He noted that he spoke to Mr. Price, the president of the Linn County Farm Bureau, and he is not opposed to Draft Plan #2. He also mentioned that he visited with the mayors of Hiawatha, Marion and Central City, members of the city councils of those cities, members of the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization and labor organization representatives regarding the advantages of Draft Plan #2.

Rick Davis, a resident of NW Cedar Rapids, indicated that he would favor a plan with an east/west split of the Cedar Rapids metropolitan area.

Cindy Golding remarked that the Farm Bureau is in support of Draft Plan #3.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Schmitz, Recording Secretary

Approved
Ray Dochterman, Vice-Chair