

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

Call to order:

The Redistricting Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. in the Vilas County conference rooms by Chair Charles Rayala, Jr. with the following committee members present: Jim Behling and Stephen Favorite. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Andrew Faust, Barb Gibson, Fred Radtke, Ken Anderson and David Alleman.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to approve the agenda with the agenda order at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

2010 Census data:

North Central Regional Planning Commission Senior GIS Analyst Andrew Faust presented 2010 census data indicating that the population of the county increased by 1.9% since the year 2000.

Redistricting presentation by Andrew Faust, NCWRPC:

A. Faust began his presentation by explaining the statutory redistricting process. The county has 60 days, beginning with the official notification received on March 21, 2011, to complete a redistricting. A rule of redistricting is that population counts equal each other as closely as possible per district. S. Favorite inquired about the allowable 10% deviation in population amounts between districts. A. Faust explained that the 10% deviation rule was attainable but difficult to follow in rural areas. He then presented a power point explaining the entire redistricting process.

Future concerns and tasks:

A. Faust reported that a population count of 1020 residents per district was the current redistricting goal. Because a number of Vilas County towns lost population while other towns showed gains, some redrawing of district boundaries must occur. C. Rayala said that there are no current plans to reduce County Board size, so the plan going forward should be to maintain 21 supervisory districts. A. Faust then demonstrated the software used to redraw district boundaries. The committee then discussed authorizing A. Faust to move forward with the development of a tentative redistricting plan in a non-partisan manner following statutory requirements. Because time is of the essence, the committee discussed the need to bring the tentative plan before the April 19, 2011 County Board for public hearing and possible action. A special County Board meeting will need to be scheduled for May 2011 to approve a final redistricting plan prior to the May 21st deadline. The Clerk was instructed to publish a redistricting plan public hearing notice to coincide with the April 19, 2011 County Board meeting. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to authorize North Central Regional Planning Commission Senior GIS Analyst Andrew Faust to develop a tentative redistricting plan for presentation at the next committee meeting, to be held on Monday, April 11, 2011.** A. Faust also felt that it would be beneficial to have the local Town Clerks attend the April 11 meeting, as their local election process will be affected by any changes in district boundaries. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Town Clerks and to invite them to the April 11 meeting.

Letters and Communications:

Nothing presented.

Future meeting dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for 12:30 P.M., Monday, April 11, 2011.

Adjournment:

Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.