

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

**Call to order:**

The Redistricting Committee meeting was called to order at 11:03 A.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, Ralph Sitzberger, Dennis Nielsen, Linda Thorpe, Martha Milanowski, Ken Anderson and David Alleman. Town representatives present are listed as follows:

Land O' Lakes: Chairman Dan Balog and Clerk/Treasurer Flossie Knoth.  
Plum Lake: Clerk/Treasurer Sharon Brooker.

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

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

**Approve minutes of June 1, 2011 meeting.**

**Motion by J. Behling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Favorite to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Tentative redistricting plan:**

**a. Amendments to the Tentative Redistricting Plan:**

A. Faust reported upon the following proposed amendments to the Tentative Redistricting Plan as discussed at the June 1, 2011 meeting.

1. The City of Eagle River proposed a minor change to the boundary of Districts 18 and 19. A. Faust stated that the change was very minor as it involved a census block containing 2 residents. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Behling to approve the changes to District 18 and 19 boundaries as presented. All voted aye. Carried.**

2. Arbor Vitae proposed that Districts 6 and 7 be reversed, or "flopped back" the "way that they were" prior to the formulation of the tentative plan. A. Faust explained that doing so would create an overall deviation of 19% in the surrounding District 5. A deviation of that size would adversely impact many of the other districts. J. Behling reiterated the action taken by the committee at the previous meeting, to wit: *Motion by J. Behling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Favorite to instruct A. Faust to amend the Tentative Redistricting Plan per the discussion with the towns. The overall 17% deviation in population counts per County district shall not be exceeded. All voted aye. Carried.* The committee discussed the ramifications presented and by consensus, declined to increase the allowable deviation amount of 17%. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Behling that the boundaries of Districts 5, 6 and 7 remain as described in the Tentative Plan. All voted aye. Carried.**

3. Plum Lake proposed a boundary change between Districts 1 and 4 as it impacted downtown Sayner. A. Faust previously made the changes. **Motion by J. Behling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Favorite to approve the changes to District 1 and 4 boundaries as presented. All voted aye. Carried.**

4. Boulder Junction proposed changing the boundaries between Districts 3 and 4 in the vicinity of the Hwy 51 corridor. The committee discussed the issue and felt that Hwy 51 was the most logical boundary between the two districts. A. Faust will amend a tiny

“angle” section of District 4 that encroaches on the west side of Hwy 51 into District 3. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Behling that the boundaries of Districts 3 and 4 remain as described in the Tentative Plan, with the exception of the small “angle” of District 4 contained within District 3 that will be eliminated. All voted aye. Carried.**

5. A. Faust discussed the issues brought up previously by the delegation from the Town of Lac du Flambeau regarding Districts 3, 8, 9 and 10. He stated that any changes would only create additional conflicts. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Behling that the boundaries of Districts 3, 8, 9 and 10 remain as described in the Tentative Plan. All vote aye. Carried.**

J. Behling asked about the statutory setting of ward boundaries. A Faust replied that ward boundaries were the responsibility of the local municipalities. Municipal ward population is limited to 1000 residents. All municipalities with a population surpassing 1000 residents must create an additional ward. County Supervisory districts that bisect municipal boundaries will also be cause for the creation of wards. He also stated that if towns refused or neglected to create wards, the county was empowered by statute to do so for them.

**b. Municipal questions, concerns and opposition:**

There were no further questions, concerns or oppositions raised regarding the Tentative Redistricting Plan by any of the municipal representatives present. The Clerk reported that the towns of Washington and Winchester each took action to approve the Tentative Plan. Phelps notified the Clerk that their board approved the Tentative Plan in its current form as pertains to Phelps. **Motion by J. Behling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Favorite to accept all of the amendments to the Tentative Plan as approved earlier. A map of the modified Tentative Plan shall be provided to each municipality along with a reiteration of the remaining redistricting tasks needing to be accomplished by the towns and the city. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Future tasks:**

The Clerk will contact the municipalities per the action taken above. The Towns have until July 21, 2011 to finish their review of the Tentative Plan. The County must take final action no later than September 21, 2011 on the final Redistricting Plan.

**Future meeting dates:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

**Letters and Communications:**

Nothing presented.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by J. Behling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Favorite to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:53 A.M.

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