

**MINUTES OF THE
AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: John R Young, Peter Wolk, Gary Baier, Matt Matteson, and Scott Holewinski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David O'Melia and Mary Bartelt.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Charbarneau (LRES).

CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room of the Oneida County Courthouse. He noted that the meeting notice had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. Young told the committee that Ted Cushing asked him to chair the first meeting to get things going.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Wolk, second by Matteson to approve the September 17, 2010 agenda. Motion carried; all ayes.

REDISTRICTING ASSISTANCE FROM NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Young told the committee that Bob Brusio had suggested that NCWRPC assist the County with redistricting as they had done the last time. He continued that Mr. Greschner sued the County the last time around as he did not want Woodruff split into two districts. The County Board elected to give the Minocqua area another voice and go to an odd number of districts. Young indicated that he wasn't certain if there was a charge or if it is a service included in our membership. NCWRPC is currently being trained and tested to provide this service.

Holewinski told the group that Joe Handrick was providing this service around the state as well.

Baier indicated that Handrick would do it for free.

Young suggested they have both NCWRPC and Joe Handrick meet with the committee so a decision on a provider could be made.

REDISTRICTING BASICS

Young distributed handouts and maps to the committee members. He told the committee that the first map shows where the current supervisors live. He continued that the last time lines for districts were moved slightly for some supervisors to remain in the same districts. The maps distributed did not have any district lines on them.

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Young indicated that there is a timeline to follow. Once the County receives the census data after the first of the year, the county has a 60 day timeline to meet. The committee will need to set up public hearings and get all townships involved. He told the committee that Mary Bartelt will be a voting member of the committee.

SIZE OF THE COUNTY BOARD

Young told the committee that the Ad Hoc Consolidation Committee was also looking at the size of the County Board. He indicated that perhaps this committee should do its part first. Maybe a joint meeting with the other Ad Hoc Committee would be needed. He continued that Rudolph and Hintz are in favor of hiring an outside consultant to look at staff, committees and size of the board.

Baier indicated it would make the job of the Redistricting Committee easier if a resolution would go to County Board with a size recommendation.

Holewinski indicated that with all the talk of reducing the size of the board, he didn't believe it would pass.

Young said he thought 19 or 17 member board might pass. He continued that reducing the size of board won't save money. The savings is in departments and positions.

Holewinski agreed that you have to reduce or cut services and reduce positions in order to save money.

Wolk suggested meeting with the Consolidation Committee to come up with a number. He indicated that he could support going to 19.

Matteson suggested the board go to 23 members. He continued that the current set up was working and you shouldn't change it just to appease someone.

Young suggested sending a letter to the Consolidation Committee letting them know that the Redistricting Committee would like a resolution to go to the County Board with a recommended number of 19 and that they could either jump on board or send a resolution with a different number.

Motion by Wolk, second by Holewinski to send an advisory letter to the Ad Hoc Consolidation Committee, stating that the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee suggests that a resolution be sent to the County Board regarding the size of the County Board being reduced to nineteen members. Motion carried; all ayes.

ELECT A CHAIR OR AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Scott Holewinski nominated Jack Young for Chair.

Matt Matteson nominated Gary Baier for Chair.

Motion by Wolk, second by Matteson to close nomination.

Young called the vote: unanimous vote was cast for Baier for Chair.

ELECT VICE CHAIR OF AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Jack Young nominated David O'Melia.

Gary Baier nominated Matt Matteson.

Motion by Wolk, second by Holewinski to close nominations.

Young called the vote: Young, Holewinski voting for O'Melia; Matteson, Baier, Wolk voting for Matteson. Matteson is vice chair.

Baier chaired the remainder of the meeting.

MEETING DATES

Potential meeting dates of October 18 or 25, 2010.

Baier indicated that he would contact David Hintz about the forth coming letter. He also stated he would contract NCWRPC and Handrick about potential meeting dates.

AGENDA TOPICS

Presentations by NCWRPC and Handrick
Resolution: County Board Size to 19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wolk, second by Holewinski to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried; all ayes.

Gary Baier, Chairman

Lisa Charbarneau, Committee Secretary