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October 18, 2011 Public Meeting Capitol Building, Room W433 10:00 a.m.

Present were Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Grange, Commission Beitelspacher, Commissioner Crow, Commissioner Hansen, and Commissioner Olsen. Present from the staff were Mr. Keith Bybee, Ms. Kristin Ford, Mr. Todd Cutler, and Cyd Gaudet.

Chairman Crow brought the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., and asked that the secretary note that all of the commissioners were there in person. She then asked if there was anything to come before the commission at that time.

Commissioner Beitelspacher said that the Attorney General's office had expressed some concern that the division of precinct rule, as provided for in the statute, may have some impact on their adoption of the congressional plan. He indicated that they had advised them that it might be best if they had a motion to suspend that particular statute for the congressional plan. Chairman Crow asked that he explain where that was. Commissioner Beitelspacher said that they had split some of the precincts in the process of drawing straight lines in Ada County, and because of that, the state statute required that there be a 5-0 vote, and they only had a 4-2 vote. He then moved, that pursuant to the language in Idaho Code § 72-1506(7), that in order to meet that section of the code, that they move to adopt the plan according to that section. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Crow confirmed that this did not do anything to what they had done. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Beitelspacher, Commissioner Grange, Commissioner Hansen, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Olsen, and Chairman Crow voting aye.

Commissioner Beitelspacher said there was a lot made about how the vote had gone the day before, and that the aye votes by Commissioner Grange and Commissioner Martinez did not signify approval of the division, but an attempt to make sure that the commission worked the way that it should. Chairman Crow said that the chair would like to say thank you to all three of them, for doing what was difficult to do, and those on her side of the table appreciated that.

Chairman Crow asked if there was any further business before the commission, or if anyone had any last thoughts that they would like to say on the record. Commissioner Beitelspacher said that it had been a real pleasure working with all of them. Commissioner Crow said how nice it had been to get to know all of them better, and to meet Commissioner Grange. She said that Commissioner Martinez had been on her Revenue and Taxation Committee, but she really hadn't gotten a chance to get to know him because they were so busy all of the time, so she was glad she had the second opportunity. She said that it was also nice to get reacquainted with Commissioner Hansen, as he had only spent one short term with them. She indicated that she and Commissioner Olsen went way back, but they had not been in contact for many years. She said that Commissioner Beitelspacher had grown into a gentleman, not that he wasn't before, and that he had been remarkable to work with. She said that she couldn't ask for a better staff, she indicated that Todd Cutler's map ability was fantastic, and that Keith Bybee had always tried to make them feel good about what was going on, and had taken care of them. She said that Cyd Gaudet had been a friend, and was constantly there, and had done things before they recognized they needed to be done. She thanked everyone, and wished Todd Cutler good luck with his pursuits.

Commissioner Beitelspacher indicated that the findings had been amended, so they needed to adopt them as amended. Chairman Crow said that the findings had been amended, and that she needed a motion to adopt them as amended. Commissioner Crow so moved and Commissioner Beitelspacher seconded the motion. As all voted affirmatively, the motion carried.

Chairman Crow than stated that they would go at ease subject to call of the chair.

Chairman Crow called the commission back to order at 11:05 a.m. Ms. Gaudet asked if it would be all right with the commission that once the minutes were proofread, they could be sent to the Co-Chairmen for approval, and then be dispersed to the rest of the commission. Chairman Crow said that would be fine. Commissioner Beitelspacher moved that they adjourn sine die, and Commissioner Grange seconded the motion. As all agreed, the commission was adjourned sine die at 11:10 a.m.