### **MINUTES**

## Approved by the Commission Commission for Reapportionment Friday, September 03, 2021 9:00 A.M.

# State Capitol Building, Room WW17 Boise, Idaho

Members: (Commissioners) Cochair Dan Schmidt, Commissioners Thomas Dayley, Nels Mitchell, Amber Pence, and Eric Redman; (Commission Staff) Paul Boucher, Elizabeth Bowen, Keith Bybee, and Todd Cutler

Absent/Excused: Cochair Bart Davis

Also present (Signed in): None

The meeting was called to order by Cochair Dan Schmidt at 9:07 a.m. A silent roll call was taken.

### **Opening Remarks**

Commissioner Schmidt reviewed the meeting agenda, stating it was flexible.

#### **Committee Discussion**

- Commissioner Redman stated the commission still had a lot to learn regarding the redistricting software, Maptitude. Cochair Schmidt concurred and said that the commission wanted to focus on familiarizing themselves with the mapmaking tool.
- Commissioner Pence asked what business would be addressed at future meetings. Cochair Schmidt asked Mr. Bybee to share the staff's upcoming plans for the commission.
- Mr. Bybee explained that future meetings would involve drawing maps and sharing them with the other commissioners and preparing maps to take on the road. The draft maps would act as a starting point for citizens to provide comments.
- Without objection, 1:00 p.m. was set as the time for the business meeting on Wednesday, September 8.
- Cochair Schmidt clarified that the commissioners could work on maps even while the commission is adjourned.
- Cochair Schmidt inquired about who oversees the commission's page on the Legislature's website and asked if the website tracks the number of visits to the redistricting page. Mr. Bybee said the redistricting staff is in charge of the online product and can track the number of visits. He added that several citizens had created accounts with the mapmaking service and maps had already been submitted by the public. He noted that some issues needed to be addressed before the staff presented the maps to the commissioners.
- Cochair Schmidt restated the commissioners would be working individually for the rest of the day. He mentioned how versatile and flexible Maptitude is. Mr. Bybee mentioned that if the commissioners are unable to reach technical proficiency with the mapmaking software on their own, they could set a time to work with the GIS consultant Todd Cutler for assistance creating maps. Mr. Cutler stated that he would be available to help the commissioners with any questions they might have.
- Cochair Schmidt urged the commissioners to spend the day getting comfortable with Maptitude to prepare themselves for the commission's next steps.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.