## MINUTES Approved by the Commission Commission for Reapportionment Thursday, September 30, 2021 1:00 P.M. Twin Falls Public Library, Program Room Twin Falls, Idaho

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

Absent/Excused: None

Also present (Signed in): None

## The meeting was called to order by Cochair Davis at 1:03 p.m. A silent roll call was taken.

## **Commission Discussion**

• Cochair Davis stated he had found out while reading a news story that the Meridian mayor and city council had sent a letter to the commission. He explained that his understanding of the news story was that the letter asked for two self-contained districts within Meridian city limits. He urged the commissioners to read the letter when the commission received it.

• Cochair Schmidt and Commissioner Redman provided a report regarding the northern Idaho subcommittee's plans. They explained the difficulties they encountered when trying to draw lines as they went farther south. Commissioner Redman detailed the shifts made in the Hoodoo Valley region. The commissioners discussed ideas on how to configure districts in Clearwater, Benewah, Shoshone, Lewis, Nez Perce, and Latah Counties.

• Commissioners Mitchell and Dayley provided a report regarding the Treasure Valley subcommittee's plans. They focused on Ada, Canyon, and Owyhee Counties, stating that these three counties could be evenly split into 14 districts. They detailed some of the suggestions that stood out when they looked at plans submitted by the public. They discussed options that would include outer districts such as Gem, Payette, Boise, and Elmore Counties. The commission discussed the city of Meridian's request to have two self-contained districts within city limits.

• Cochair Davis and Commissioner Pence provided a report regarding the eastern Idaho subcommittee's plans. Cochair Davis described that, due to the population increase in the eastern Idaho region, there would have to be major shifts in district lines. Cochair Davis and Commissioner Pence discussed how they shifted district lines, specifically in Bingham, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, and Jefferson Counties. They hoped that the Twin Falls public hearing later that evening would help them gain more insight in the region.

• The commission discussed congressional maps that were submitted by the public. Commissioner Dayley highlighted a few plans by detailing the deviations and whether the plans would split Ada County.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.