

MINUTES
Approved by the Commission
Commission for Reapportionment
Thursday, October 07, 2021
1:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Rexburg City Hall
Rexburg, Idaho

Members: (Commissioners) Cochairs Bart Davis and 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: None

Also present (Signed in): Blair Dance, Hyrum Erickson, Scott Kamachi, Kim Miur, Doug Ricks, Brenda Steer, Jordan Stoddard, and Mark Taylor

The meeting was called to order by Cochair Schmidt at 1:02 p.m. A silent roll call was taken.

Opening Remarks

Cochair Schmidt explained the purpose and process of the Commission for Reapportionment. The commissioners introduced themselves.

Public Testimony

- Scott Kamachi testified in favor of Plan L01. He found L01 to be favorable as it put Lemhi, Jefferson, Fremont, and Clark Counties in the same legislative district. He said that those four counties had similar demographics, populations, and economic interests, so sharing representation made sense.
- Jordan Stoddard spoke in favor of Plan L01 because it put the four counties mentioned by Mr. Kamachi in the same district. Cochair Davis asked Mr. Stoddard if Teton County would be a good alternative to Lemhi County. Mr. Stoddard said it would work well.
- Hyrum Erickson testified on behalf of the Rexburg Chamber of Commerce. He explained that the main concern of Madison County residents was that the county would not get split. He also addressed the question Cochair Davis had asked Mr. Stoddard, saying Teton County and Fremont County would work well in a district together because of their shared geography and economy.
- State Senator Doug Ricks testified in support of keeping Madison County whole. He also shared his experience in creating a map, and he empathized with the commission for having such a difficult job in creating a legislative district map.
- Kim Miur testified in favor of keeping Madison County whole. Cochair Schmidt asked if Madison County was redrawing the voting precincts. Ms. Miur replied it was in the process of changing the precinct districts because of the growth within the county.
- Mark Taylor of Jefferson County testified regarding the commission's proposed congressional plans. He shared that Plan C01 was preferable to Plan C02 because of the public perception that C01 would better represent the demographics of the state.

Without further business, the commission adjourned at 2:05 p.m.