

**MINUTES**

**BROWN COUNTY CITIZENS DRAFTING AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING #5**

**BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

(2198 GLENDALE AVENUE  
GREEN BAY, WI 54303)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021  
5:30 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>David Atkins</b>	<u>Present</u>
<b>Robert Cook</b>	<u>Present</u>
<b>Randy Griswold</b>	<u>Present</u>
<b>Stan Kaczmarek</b>	<u>Present</u>
<b>Timothy Kneeland</b>	<u>Excused</u>
<b>Christine Seidl</b>	<u>Present</u>
<b>Terri Trantow</b>	<u>Excused</u>

**Others Present:** Brown County Planning Director Cole Runge, Brown County Senior Planner Devin Yoder, Brown County Senior Planner Ker Vang, Brown County Board Chair Patrick Buckley, Brown County Supervisors Dave Landwehr and Amanda Chu, and a member of the public.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson S. Kaczmarek at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the June 1, 2021 committee meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Cook and seconded by R. Griswold. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Discussion of the status of the county supervisory district mapmaking process.

C. Runge distributed copies of a redistricting timeline that was developed by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) after it was determined that the local redistricting process will need to be substantially compressed to meet existing statutory deadlines. C. Runge stated that Brown County staff received the data needed for the supervisory district mapmaking process on August 16, which was two weeks earlier than expected. This allowed time for staff to make a lot of progress with the maps before tonight’s meeting (the WCA redistricting timeline with date and task revisions made by staff is included at the end of these minutes). C. Runge then asked D. Yoder to discuss the progress he has made with the mapmaking process.

C. Seidl arrived at 5:34 p.m.

D. Yoder explained the process he has been following to develop map options. He also explained some of the challenges he has encountered while balancing the population levels between the districts.

A committee member asked if the districts are based on population density or voter density.

D. Yoder stated that the districts are based on population.

Additional discussion occurred about the maps D. Yoder had drafted and how he incorporated the committee's weighted mapping criteria into the mapping process. During this discussion, D. Yoder mentioned that although he did the best he could to incorporate all of the mapping criteria, he had to heavily emphasize the top three mapping criteria (equal population, compactness, and contiguity) in order to consistently stay within the maximum allowable population deviation of +/- 3% between districts.

Following this discussion, K. Vang explained the process he has been following to develop map options and some of the challenges he has encountered while balancing the population levels between the districts. He stated that he also did the best he could to incorporate all of the mapping criteria, but he needed to emphasize the top three mapping criteria in order to consistently stay within the maximum allowable population deviation of +/- 3% between districts.

Despite having to emphasize the committee's top three mapping criteria, D. Yoder and K. Vang stated that they were able to incorporate all of the criteria to some extent.

A committee member asked if staff had developed any map options that increase and/or decrease the number of county supervisory districts to determine if more of the weighted criteria could be effectively incorporated into the mapping effort (there are currently 26 county supervisory districts).

Staff indicated that map options that increase and/or decrease the number of supervisory districts had not been developed as of this meeting.

Discussion occurred among the committee members regarding the value of developing map options that increase and/or decrease the number of supervisory districts within the parameters identified in Chapter 15 of the Brown County Code of Ordinances.

After this discussion, the following motion was made by D. Atkins:

***To have one staff person develop a map that includes 27 districts and another staff person develop a map that includes 28 districts for the committee's consideration at the committee's next meeting.***

This motion was seconded by R. Cook, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of next steps.

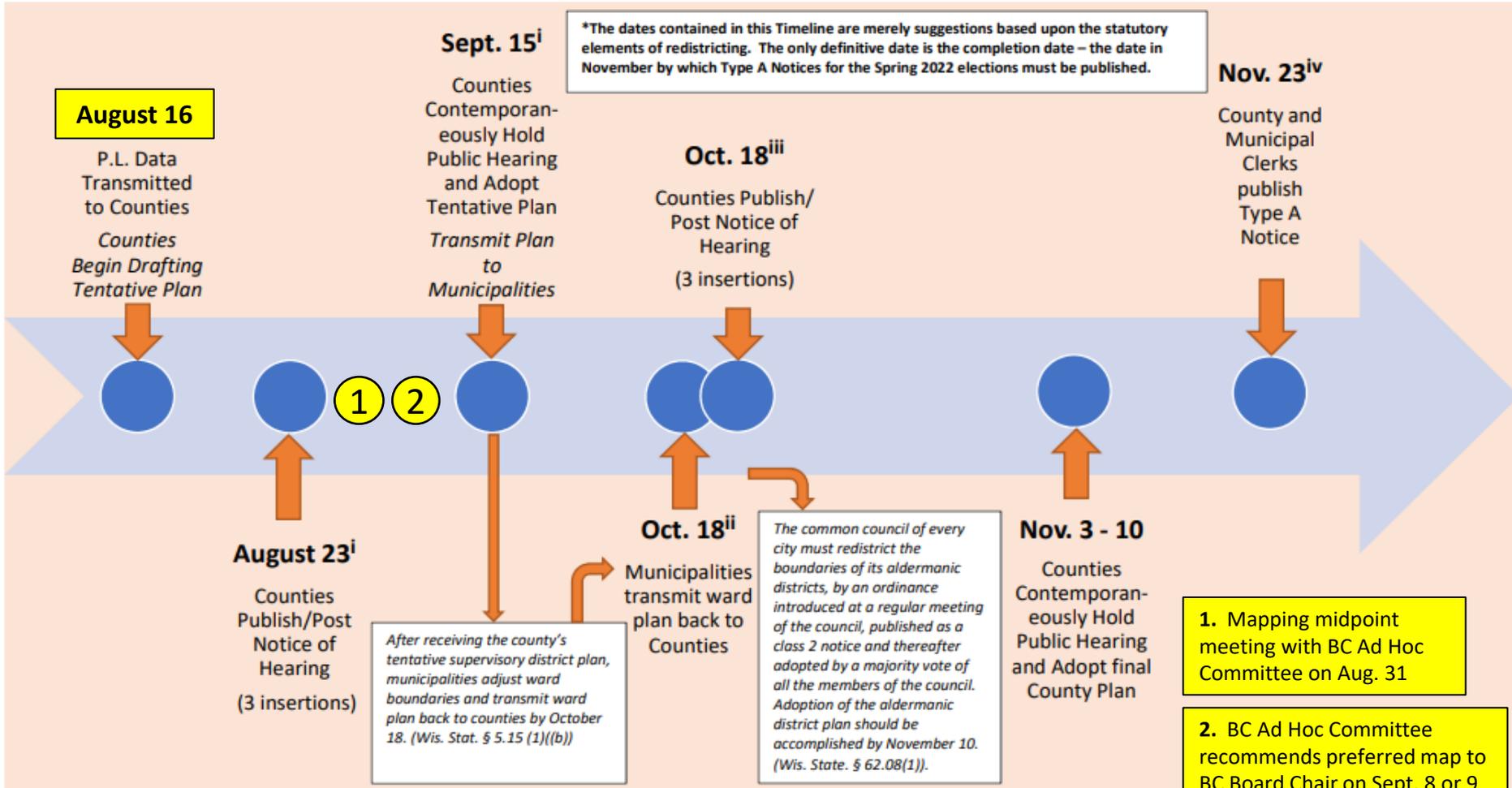
C. Runge asked the committee members if they could meet at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 9 to accommodate a committee member's schedule. The committee members stated that they could meet at 4:30 p.m. on September 9, and Chairperson S. Kaczmarek scheduled the next committee meeting for this time and date.

C. Runge stated that staff will develop a map that includes 27 supervisory districts and a map that includes 28 supervisory districts for the committee's consideration at the September 9 meeting. He also stated that staff will develop large prints of all of the new supervisory district map options, a large print of the current supervisory district map, and a large print of the committee's weighted mapping criteria to display at the September 9 meeting.

4. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

# 2021 COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REDISTRICTING TIMELINE\*



i Wis. Stat. § 59.10(3)(b)1. (NOTE: Publication/posting requirements are being discussed with LRB. Review publication/posting requirements and alternatives under ss. 985.02 and 985.05 with corporation counsel.)

ii Wis. Stat. § 5.15(1)(b).

iii Wis. Stat. § 59.10(3)(b)2. (NOTE: Publication/posting requirements are being discussed with LRB. Review publication/posting requirements and alternatives under ss. 985.02 and 985.05 with corporation counsel.)

iv Wis. Stat. § 10.06(2)(a). Some counties may publish earlier depending upon publication frequency. (NOTE: Elections commission must deliver Type A Notice regarding state offices to county clerk pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 10.06(1)(a))