

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2022

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Tom Mooney, Ann Pluemer, Stephanie Robinson, Tom Schneider, Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: None

Commission Staff Present: Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director
Michael Hart, Legal Counsel

Others present: There was no public.

Chairman Wegert called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., January 25, 2022. The meeting was held online via Zoom and livestreamed to YouTube with accommodations made for the public to attend as well.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Ms. Dougherty.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021. Mr. Mooney seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated there was nothing to add to her report except she will be meeting with the City of Manchester and the Planning Department the next day via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Committee Appointments for 2022.

Chairman Wegert reappointed everyone to the same committee as in 2021.

Personnel – Rick Dorsey, Tom Mooney, Steve Wegert

Budget – Ann Pluemer, Ben Uchitelle, Steve Wegert

Nominating – Kathy Schweitzer, Stephanie Robinson, Tom Schneider

B. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Possible By-Laws Change for Elections

Ms. Dougherty explained that the Commissioners at the January meeting the Commissioners selected the option (in a contested election) that allowed for the winner to be the one who received the *most* votes and tabled final action on the by-laws change so that everyone would have the opportunity to review the proposed change and to vote for it

Ms. Schweitzer made a motion to approve the by-laws change. Mr. Uchitelle seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed*

B. Rules Procedure for Multiple Jurisdiction Consolidations/Annexations.

Ms. Dougherty reported that the subcommittee met between Christmas and New Year to review the draft put together by Mr. Hart. The subcommittee requested that an executive summary be created to go along with the Rules amendment document.

Mr. Hart reminded the Commission that this was precipitated by a question from a municipality about the ability to submit a proposal that had more than two entities. Mr. Hart stated the statute allows for it, but the Commission's rules don't spell out the procedure. The Commission decided at an earlier meeting that the procedures should be created.

Mr. Hart outlined several of the requirements that were modified for a combined proposal as opposed to a normal (two-area) proposal.

Mr. Hart stated the statute requires voters must approve a proposal in each voting jurisdiction or the whole proposal is defeated. Mr. Hart said the statute also allows for the Boundary Commission to approve a combined proposal for just the jurisdictions that approved it at the ballot box.

Mr. Hart said the Rules procedure sets out the parameters the Commission requires for the proposing entity to resubmit an amended proposal for the areas that voted in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Uchitelle asked Mr. Hart if he was satisfied that the Rules procedure meets the requirements of the statute. Mr. Hart said he was.

Discussion continued among the Commissioners about the differences among a consolidation, an annexation, transfers of jurisdiction and a Combined Proposal. Ms. Schweitzer asked if a municipality is always the proposing agent. Ms. Dougherty answered yes. Ms. Schweitzer asked how the voting jurisdictions were decided. Ms. Dougherty stated it was driven by the legal description and the voting precincts as determined by the Election Board. To summarize Mr. Hart and Ms. Dougherty identified the areas within the rules that had to be amended to include the Combined Proposal and what would

happen in the event if one or more of the jurisdictions voted against the proposal at the ballot box.

Mr. Uchitelle asked if there was any urgency to this Rules change. Mr. Dorsey stated it was brought up because there'd been talk that Ferguson was looking to combine with Kinloch and Cool Valley. Ms. Dougherty stated the Manchester effort was a regular annexation and the current Rules apply. Mr. Uchitelle suggested the commissioners review it for the next month and vote on it in February. Mr. Wegert asked if anyone had any modifications or if the group was happy with it as is. Mr. Uchitelle asked to table it to the next meeting. Mr. Dorsey agreed with Mr. Uchitelle to allow for all the commissioners to have time to digest it.

Mr. Wegert said the commission would hold it until next month. Mr. Uchitelle asked for Ms. Dougherty to send the amendment again to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: February 22, 2022