

**Redistricting Board (Tuesday, November 30, 2021)**

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**Members present**

Richard Johnson, Chair

Matthew Burgan, Vice Chair

Dr. Patricia Richardson, Board Member

Paul Thompson, Board Member

Lance Johnson, Board Member

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

Diane Gleissner, Staff Support

Sharon Ferris, Staff Support

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Richard Johnson, Chair, called the Redistricting Board meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Johnson introduced each Board Member stating the Commissioner who appointed them.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

I move to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion by Richard Johnson, second by None.

Final Resolution: Motion died on floor.

I move to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion by Matthew Burgan, second by Dr. Patricia Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 1:** I move to approve the Redistricting Board Minutes of October 18, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

**MOTION 2:** I move to approve the Redistricting Board Public Hearing Minutes of November 8, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

**MOTION 3:** I move to approve the Redistricting Board Public Hearing Minutes of November 10, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

**MOTION 4:** I move to approve the Redistricting Board Public Hearing Minutes of November 16, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

**MOTION 5:** I move to approve the Redistricting Board Public Hearing Minutes of November 18, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

**MOTION 6:** I move to approve the Redistricting Board Public Hearing Minutes of November 23, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Richard Johnson - Review of Redistricting Board Guidelines**

Mr. Johnson referred to the Resolution that established the Redistricting Board and discussed the tasks that were to be completed.

**MOTION:** I move for a 5 minute recess.

Motion by Matthew Burgan, second by Dr. Patricia Richardson.

Final Resolution: No vote was taken

**MOTION:** I move that we move to the Proposed Redistricting Map.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: No vote was taken

**MOTION:** I move that we move to B the proposed Redistricting Map.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Matthew Burgan.

Final Resolution: No vote was taken

The Chairman suggested the map that was taken to public hearing must be rescinded prior to revision of the map.

**MOTION:** I make a motion to rescind the draft map.

Motion by Matthew Burgan, second by Dr. Patricia Richardson.

Final Resolution: No vote taken

Discussion continued.

**MOTION:** I make a motion to rescind the draft map.

Motion by Matthew Burgan, second by Lance Johnson.

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

Nay: Richard Johnson

## **B. Proposed Redistricting Map**

Following the 5 Redistricting Board Public Hearings, Mr. Burgan documented input from the public. He displayed a chart he created showing the major concerns: (1) Splitting Great Mills and Lexington Park; (2) extending Rt 4 up 235N dilutes minority/democratic vote; (3) too many citizens affected; and, (4) moving Chestnut Ridge back to district 2. Mr. Burgan then revised the map presented at the public hearings and presented a new proposed draft map to reflect input from the public and displayed the revised version to use as a working draft.

I move that we adopt this as a working draft.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Paul Thompson.

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. REDISTRICTING PLAN DISCUSSION**

**Present:** John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

Mr Houser suggested a final map was not needed at this meeting; however, he needed geographical boundaries and a draft redistricting plan to put in BoardDocs. Edits can be made at the meeting on December 7 and finalized. He requested that each Board member who explain their rationale for the map.

## **5. ADJOURN**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Matthew Burgan, second by Dr. Patricia Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Matthew Burgan, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson