

**Minutes of Meeting
Elections Department
February 9, 2022
11:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Elections Manager Asa Gray, Information Technology (IT) GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Manager Dave Christianson, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Kootenai County Residents Nathan Tull, Robin Gray and Summer Bushnell. Commissioner Brooks was present via teleconference.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Review of Precinct District Boundaries with GIS Manager Dave Christianson and Elections Manager Asa Gray per Idaho Code §34-301 (Action)

Information Technology (IT) GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Manager Dave Christianson reported that the new map of voter precincts had been completed. He announced that three new precincts had been added, making the total 73. He explained that they attempted to balance the number of registered voters in each of the precincts, striving to keep them between 1,300 and 1,700, with 1,500 as the ideal. He said they also tried to leave the old precinct boundaries in place as much as possible.

Kootenai County Resident Lynda Putz entered the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Clerk Jim Brannon praised GIS for the excellent work. He stated that the process of balancing voter precincts was done without reference to political affiliations. He stressed that the process was completely impartial and nonpartisan.

Mr. Christianson confirmed Clerk Brannon's statement.

Chairman Fillios also confirmed Clerk Brannon's statement.

Commissioner Bill Brooks praised Mr. Christianson and Elections Manager Asa Gray for their work and expressed his full confidence in their actions.

Mr. Gray explained that the court had reviewed the legislative districts as drawn by the Bipartisan Redistricting Commission at the State level. He said that they ruled unanimously in favor of the Commission's maps. He stated that this enabled Mr. Christianson to finalize the precincts within the legislative boundaries. He also explained the method behind the change in precinct numbering, which was modeled on Ada County's example.

Mr. Gray asked the Board to affirm the precinct map as presented and stated that the official resolution would be brought to a Business Meeting.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan moved that the Board approve the precinct district boundaries as outlined, per Idaho Code §34-301. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye

Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

- D. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing.

Kootenai County Resident Summer Bushnell asked why Precinct 515 was so oddly shaped.

Mr. Gray speculated that it might have to do with the apartment buildings in the area.

Mr. Christianson said he did not know exactly why. He stated that the shape was created during a process ten years ago. He suggested it might have to do with where the City boundaries had been at that time.

- E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk