

Redistricting – New Director District Plan

Background:

The proposed director district plan for Belmond-Klemme CSD appears on the next page.

Note the population statistics in the upper left corner. An inset map of Belmond is included to show the divisions within the city.

There are lots of options in how the city could be divided. Cornerstone Geospatial Consulting kept districts 4 and 5 wholly within the city, and they are a tad lower in population – which is often desirable since urban areas will likely see more growth over the next decade.

We could choose to take more township area population out of district 2, which is on the larger size, to better equalize the districts. Cornerstone recommends keeping districts wholly within the city where possible, which is favorable for an electoral efficiency standpoint since with combined city-school elections, it reduces the need for additional ballots.

Cornerstone did take a bit of township area into district 3, since it helps reduce the overall plan variation, since otherwise district 1 and 2 are at the high end of allowable deviation - though it could still be done if preferred.

Recommended Action:

After the Board has had a chance to review the plan, Cornerstone recommends following the next steps:

- A. If the plan is acceptable, schedule the date for final approval via Board Resolution. This can occur between November 15, 2022 and May 15, 2023. If the Board has questions, I will communicate with Cornerstone.
- B. Communicate this date to Cornerstone, and they will have the materials prepared for the Resolution: the written descriptions of each director district, the map, a GIS shapefile and redistricting worksheet required by the Secretary of State (also language for the Resolution, if requested).
- C. Once it is approved, we will submit the Resolution and supporting materials to the Secretary of State for their approval.
- D. Once we get confirmation from the SOS, the same set of paperwork will need to be sent to each county Auditor, and the AEA.

One additional thing to note, Cornerstone is offering an interactive map for schools to review their proposed director district boundaries.