



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-949

Agenda #: 5.3

Meeting Date: 4/19/2022

DEPARTMENT: Public Services and Revenue Administration

FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE

Public Hearing To Receive Comments On Redistricting Plan And Adoption Of Redistricting Plan For Dakota County Commissioner Districts

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Conduct public hearing to receive comments on Redistricting Plan and adopt the Redistricting Plan for Dakota County Commissioner districts.

SUMMARY

Following a national census conducted every ten years, state and local governments are required to redraw their elective districts. The constitutional basis for redistricting is to afford all citizens the equal protection of the law by providing population equality in each electoral district thereby providing for equal probability of representation. Since the 2010 census, Dakota County's population grew to 439,882, which is an increase of 41,330 residents or ten percent.

Dakota County will have seven Commissioner districts of like population. The districts:

- Must be bounded by precinct lines, which may also correspond with town, municipal and ward boundaries.
- Must be composed of contiguous territory and be as regular and compact as practicable.
- Should maintain areas with similar interests and shall not be drawn with the purpose of denying voting rights.
- Cannot vary in population more than ten percent from the average of all districts. The ideal population for commissioner districts is 62,840 residents. Commissioner districts must be between 56,556 and 69,124 residents.

The County Board of Commissioners announced their intention to consider and adopt a redistricting plan at the March 22, 2022 regular meeting. The Notice of Intent to Redistrict was published in the newspaper contracted to publish commissioner meeting proceedings (Dakota County Tribune) for three consecutive weeks on March 25, April 1 and 8, 2022. The notice was also published on the Dakota County website. Three redistricting options were posted on the Dakota County redistricting webpage on April 12, 2022, and are available for review in the Elections Department (See attachments for Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3).

The adopted redistricting plan is effective on the 31st day after filing with the County Elections Department. To be effective for the 2022 election, it must be filed on or before May 3, 2022. After

redistricting, commissioners must stand for election if the total shift of population in and out of the district is greater than five percent of the average population of all districts. Commissioner districts must have a total shift in population that is less than 3,142 residents. The County Board of Commissioners must determine the number of commissioners who shall be elected for two-year and four-year terms in order to provide for staggered terms on the board.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting Option 1 of the Commissioner Redistricting Plan.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested | |

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is required to adopt a Redistricting Plan for the county, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-138 (March 22, 2022), the County Board noticed its intent to adopt a Redistricting Plan, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025, at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 19, 2022, in the Board Room, Administration Center, Hastings, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025, the statutory requirements for publication of the County Board's notice of intent to adopt a Redistricting Plan were met; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent to Redistrict was published in the newspaper contracted to publish commissioner meeting proceedings (Dakota County Tribune) for three consecutive weeks on March 25, April 1 and 8, 2022, and posted on the Dakota County website at www.co.dakota.mn.us; and

WHEREAS, three redistricting options were posted on the Dakota County redistricting webpage on April 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments and informing the public of the Redistricting Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025, the Redistricting Plan adopted by the County Board must be placed on file with the County Elections Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Redistricting Plan for Dakota County Commissioner District Numbers One through Seven, to be effective in accordance with Minn. Stat. §375.025 and directs this plan be filed with the County Elections Department:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

Townships

Castle Rock Township, Precinct 1

Douglas Township, Precinct 1

Eureka Township, Precinct 1

Greenvale Township, Precinct 1
Hampton Township, Precinct 1
Marshan Township, Precinct 1
Nininger Township, Precinct 1
Randolph Township, Precinct 1
Ravenna Township, Precinct 1
Sciota Township, Precinct 1
Vermillion Township Precinct 1
Waterford Township, Precinct 1

Cities

Coates, Precinct 1
Farmington, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Hampton, Precinct 1
Hastings, Ward 1 - Precincts 1 and 2
Hastings, Ward 2 - Precincts 2 and 3
Hastings, Ward 3 - Precincts 1 and 2
Hastings, Ward 4 - Precincts 1 and 2
Miesville, Precinct 1
New Trier, Precinct 1
Northfield, Ward 3 - Precinct 2
Randolph, Precinct 1
Vermillion, Precinct 1

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Cities

Inver Grove Heights, Precincts 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
South Saint Paul, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
West Saint Paul, Ward 1 - Precincts 1 and 2
West Saint Paul, Ward 2 - Precincts 1 and 2
West Saint Paul, Ward 3 - Precincts 1 and 2

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Cities

Eagan, Precincts, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
Lilydale, Precinct 1
Mendota, Precinct 1
Mendota Heights, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
Sunfish Lake, Precinct 1

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

Townships

Empire Township, Precinct 1

Cities

Eagan, Precincts 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18

Inver Grove Heights, Precincts 2, 3, 11 and 12

Lakeville, Precincts 16 and 18

Rosemount, Precincts 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

Cities

Burnsville, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6

Cities

Lakeville, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 7

Cities

Apple Valley, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

Rosemount, Precincts 3 and 5

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025, elections are required to be held in 2022 for Dakota County Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 established by this resolution due to population shifts of more than five percent in those districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025. the members of the County Board to be elected in 2022 in Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3 and 6 shall be elected for four-year terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025, the members of the County Board to be elected in 2022 in Commissioner Districts 4 shall be elected for two-year terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025 an election is not required in District 5 and 7, and the incumbent shall continue to serve until expiration of the existing term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Manager is hereby directed to file this resolution, together with a map reflecting this Redistricting Plan, in the County Elections Department, no later than 4:30 P.M., on May 3, 2022, to be effective for the 2022 State Primary and State General Elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §204B.14 the Dakota County Elections Department shall publish a notice that describes congressional, legislative and county commissioner district boundaries in the Dakota County Tribune; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Minnesota Secretary of State, the Dakota County Legislative Delegation, and Dakota County cities and townships.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

22-138; 3/22/22

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Option 1 - Commissioner District Map

Attachment: Option 2 - Commissioner District Map

Attachment: Option 3 - Commissioner District Map

BOARD GOALS

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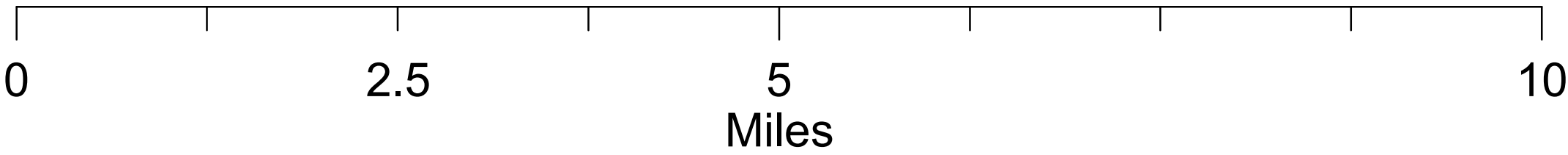
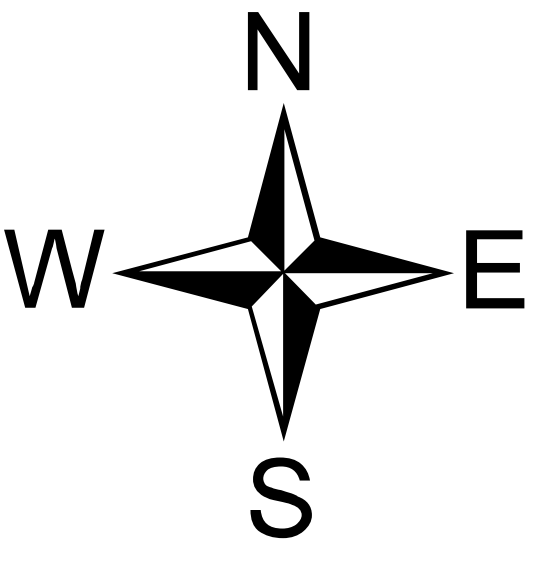
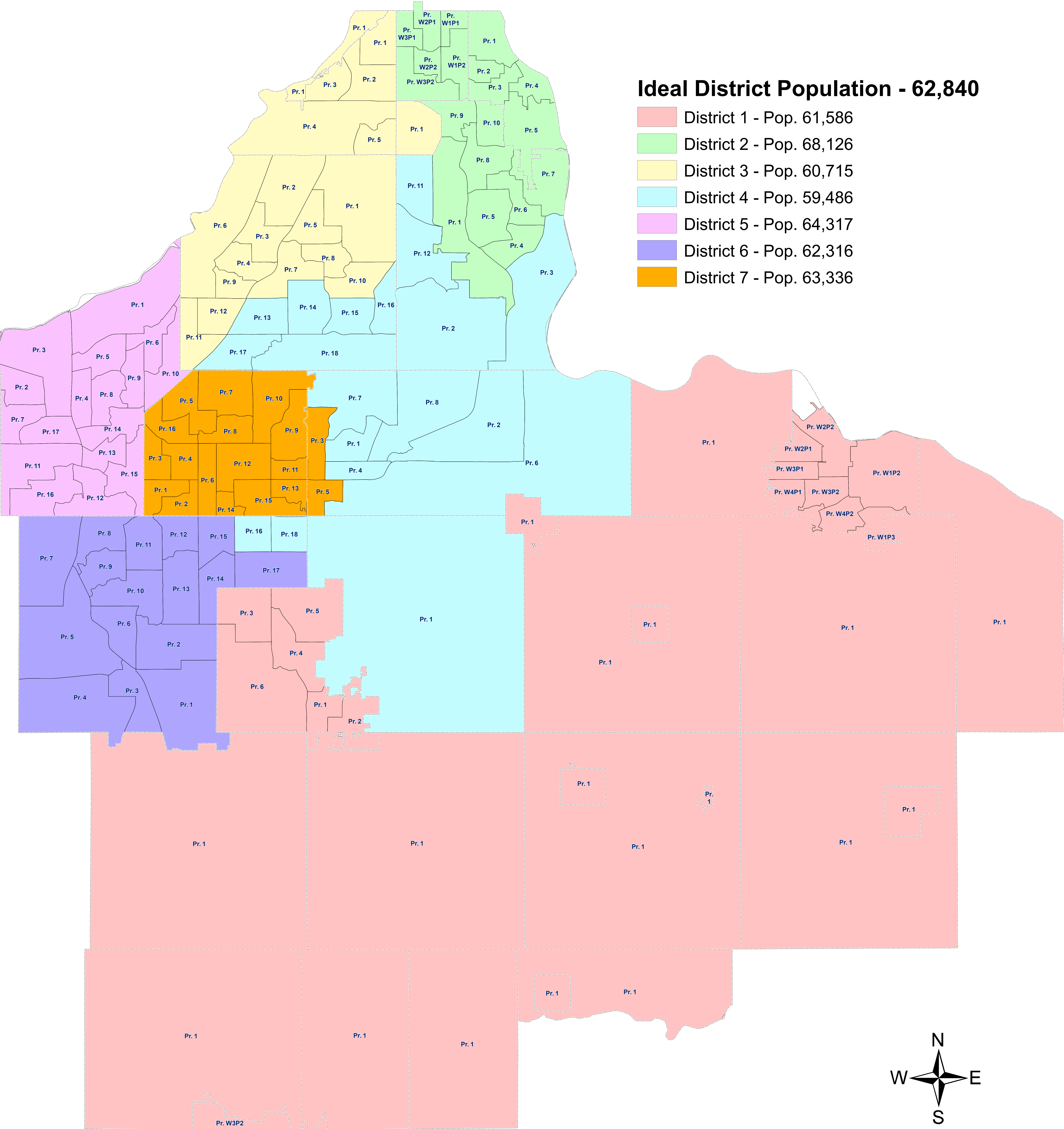
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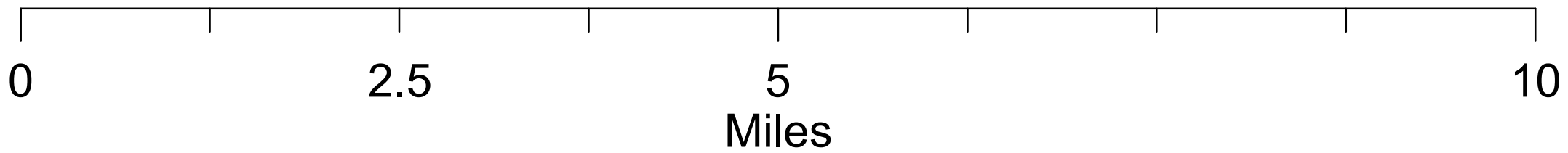
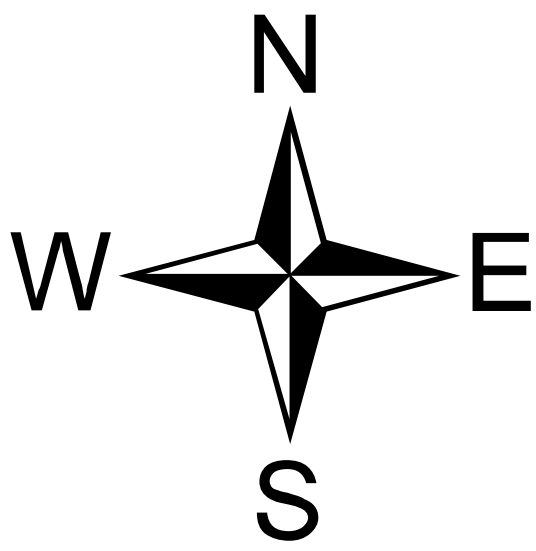
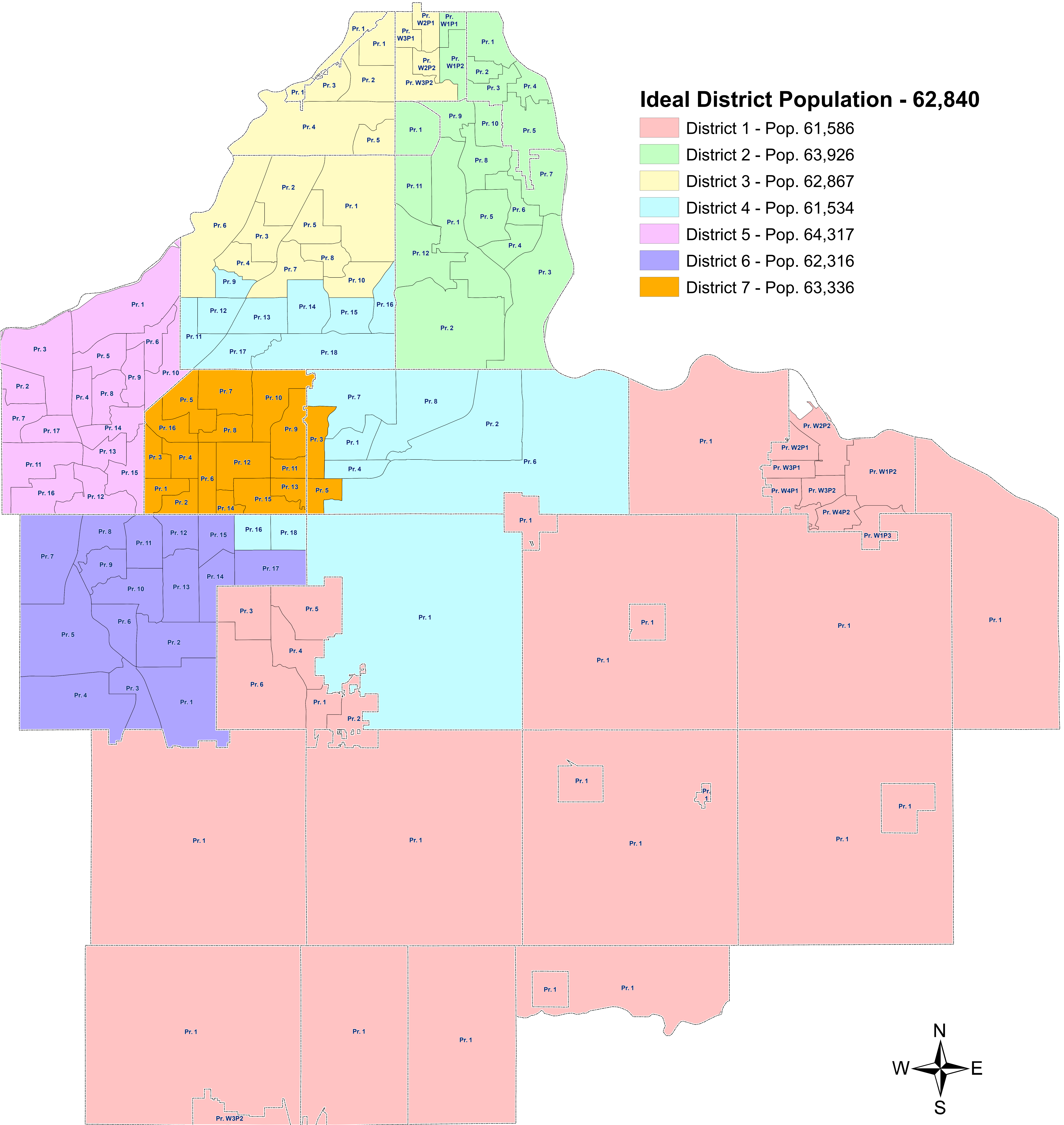
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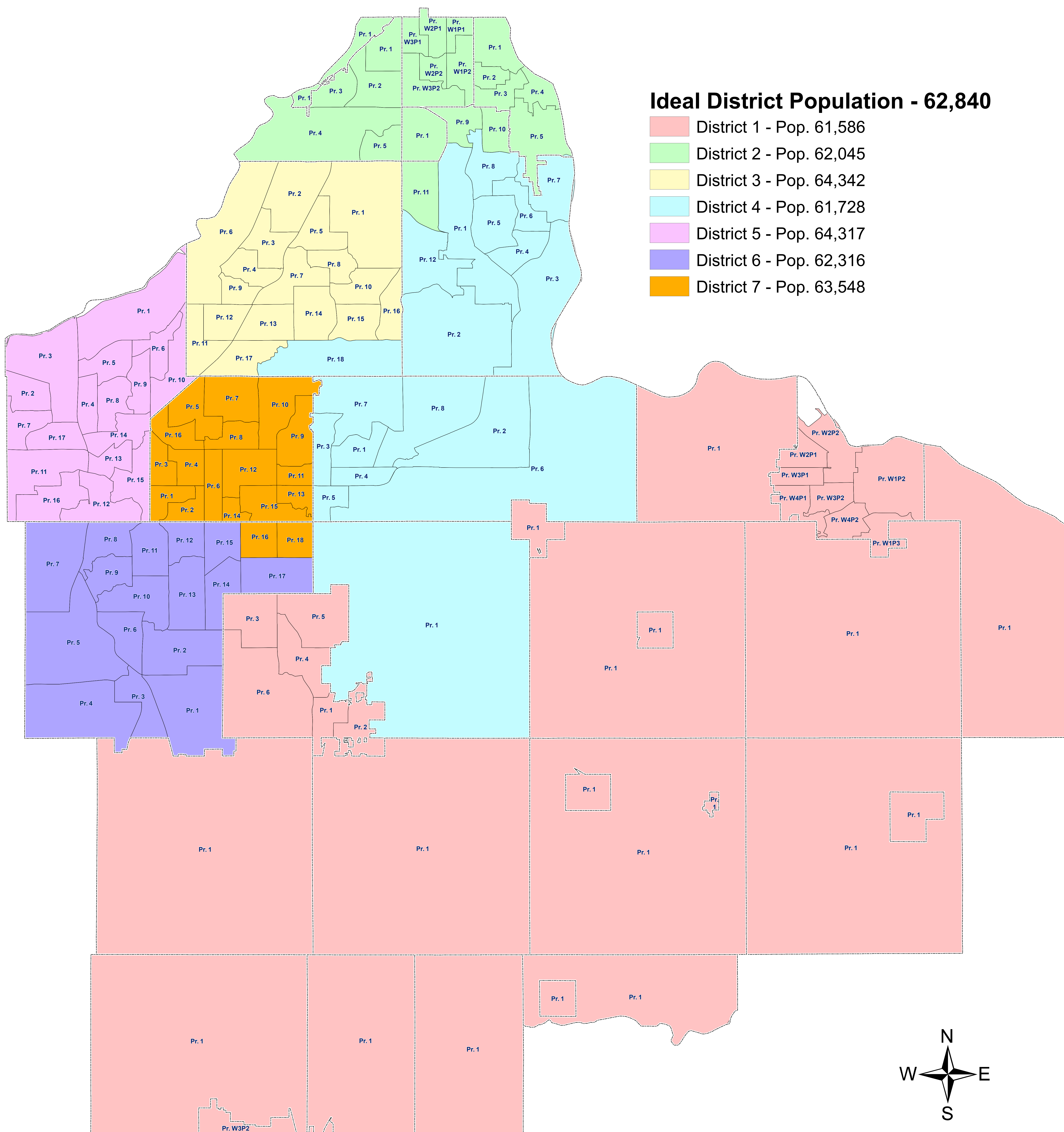
2022 Commissioner District Redistricting - Option 1



2022 Commissioner District Redistricting - Option 2



2022 Commissioner District Redistricting - Option 3



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Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-951

Agenda #: 5.4

Meeting Date: 4/19/2022

DEPARTMENT: Public Services and Revenue Administration

FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE

Public Hearing To Receive Comments On Redistricting Plan And Adoption Of Redistricting Plan For Dakota County Soil And Water Conservation Districts

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Conduct public hearing to receive comments on Redistricting Plan and adopt the Redistricting Plan for Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

SUMMARY

Following a national census conducted every ten years, state and local governments are required to redraw their elective districts. The constitutional basis for redistricting is to afford all citizens the equal protection of the law by providing population equality in each electoral district thereby providing for equal probability of representation. Since the 2010 census, Dakota County's population grew to 439,882, which is an increase of 41,330 residents or ten percent.

Dakota County will have five Soil and Water Conservation districts of like population. The districts:

- Must be bounded by precinct lines, which may also correspond with town, municipal and ward boundaries.
- Must be composed of contiguous territory and be as regular and compact as practicable.
- Should maintain areas with similar interests and shall not be drawn with the purpose of denying voting rights.
- Cannot vary in population more than ten percent from the average of all districts. The ideal population for Soil and Water Conservation districts is 87,976 residents. Soil and Water Conservations districts must be between 79,179 and 96,773 residents.

The County Board of Commissioners announced their intention to consider and adopt a redistricting plan at the March 22, 2022 regular meeting. The Notice of Intent to Redistrict was published in the newspaper contracted to publish commissioner meeting proceedings (Dakota County Tribune) for three consecutive weeks on March 25, April 1 and 8, 2022. The notice was also published on the Dakota County website. Three redistricting options were posted on the Dakota County redistricting webpage on April 12, 2022, and were available for review in the Elections Department. (See attachments for Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3.)

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on April 14, 2022, recommending the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopt Option 2 of the Soil and

Water Conservation District Redistricting Plan. (See attachment.)

The adopted redistricting plan is effective on the 31st day after filing with the County Elections Department. To be effective for the 2022 election, it must be filed on or before May 3, 2022. After redistricting, supervisors must stand for election if the total shift of population in and out of the district is greater than five percent of the average population of all districts. Soil and Water Conservation districts must have a total shift in population that is less than 4,399 residents. The County Board of Commissioners must determine the number of supervisors who shall be elected for two-year and four-year terms in order to provide for staggered terms on the board.

RECOMMENDATION

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors recommends adopting Option 2 of the Soil and Water Conservation Redistricting Plan.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested |

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is required under Minn. Stat. §103C.311 Subdivision 1 to determine the number of supervisor districts to be contained within the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §103C.311 was amended in the 2014 Legislative Session to require all counties within the seven county metropolitan area to have Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors nominated and elected by individual district instead of nominated by district and elected at large; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §103C.311 requires that the boundaries of the districts from which Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors are to be elected from shall be established by the Board of Commissioners, using statutory redistricting principals, and after consultation with the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-138 (March 22, 2022), the County Board noticed its intent to adopt a Redistricting Plan, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025, at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 19, 2022, in the Boardroom, Administration Center, Hastings, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.025, the statutory requirements for publication of the County Board's notice of intent to adopt a Redistricting Plan were met; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent to Redistrict was published in the newspaper contracted to publish commissioner meeting proceedings (Dakota County Tribune) for three consecutive weeks on March 25, April 1 and 8, 2022, and posted on the Dakota County website at www.co.dakota.mn.us; and

WHEREAS, three redistricting options were posted on the Dakota County redistricting webpage on April 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments and informing the public of the Redistricting Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103C.311, the Redistricting Plan adopted by the County Board must be placed on file with the County Elections Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, after consulting with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Board, hereby adopts the following Redistricting Plan for Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors Numbers One through Five, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §103C.311 and directs this plan be filed with the Dakota County Elections Department:

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1

Townships

Douglas Township, Precinct 1
Hampton Township, Precinct 1
Marshan Township, Precinct 1
Nininger Township, Precinct 1
Randolph Township, Precinct 1
Ravenna Township, Precinct 1
Vermillion Township Precinct 1

Cities

Apple Valley, Precincts 6, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
Coates, Precinct 1
Hampton, Precinct 1
Hastings, Ward 1 - Precincts 1 and 2
Hastings, Ward 2 - Precincts 2 and 3
Hastings, Ward 3 - Precincts 1 and 2
Hastings, Ward 4 - Precincts 1 and 2
Lakeville, Precincts 16 and 18
Miesville, Precinct 1
New Trier, Precinct 1
Randolph, Precinct 1
Rosemount, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
Vermillion, Precinct 1

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2

Cities

Inver Grove Heights, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
Lilydale, Precinct 1
Mendota, Precinct 1
Mendota Heights, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

South Saint Paul, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
Sunfish Lake, Precinct 1
West Saint Paul, Ward 1 - Precincts 1 and 2
West Saint Paul, Ward 2 - Precincts 1 and 2
West Saint Paul, Ward 3 - Precincts 1 and 2

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 3

Cities

Apple Valley, Precincts 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10
Eagan, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 4

Cities

Apple Valley, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 16
Burnsville, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17
Lakeville, Precincts 11 and 12

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 5

Townships

Castle Rock Township, Precinct 1
Empire Township, Precinct 1
Eureka Township, Precinct 1
Greenvale Township, Precinct 1
Sciota Township, Precinct 1
Waterford Township, Precinct 1

Cities

Farmington, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Lakeville, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 17
Northfield, Ward 3 - Precinct 2

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103C.311, elections are required to be held in 2022 for Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 established by this resolution due to population shifts of more than five percent in those districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103C.311. the members of the Soil and Water Conservation Board to be elected in 2022 in Soil and Water Conservation Districts 4 and 5 shall be elected for four-year terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103C.311, the members of the Soil and Water Conservation Board to be elected in 2022 in Soil and Water Conservation Districts 1, 2 and 3 shall be elected for two-year terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Manager is hereby directed to file this resolution, together with a map reflecting this Redistricting Plan, in the County Elections Department, no later than 4:30 P.M., on May 3, 2022, to be effective for the 2022 State Primary and State General Elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. §204B.14 the Dakota County Elections Department shall publish a notice that describes congressional, legislative, county commissioner and county soil and water conservation district boundaries in the Dakota County Tribune; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minnesota Secretary of State, the Dakota County Legislative Delegation, and Dakota County cities and townships.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

22-138; 3/22/22

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Option 1 - Soil and Water Conservation District Map

Attachment: Option 2 - Soil and Water Conservation District Map

Attachment: Option 3 - Soil and Water Conservation District Map

Attachment: Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Resolution

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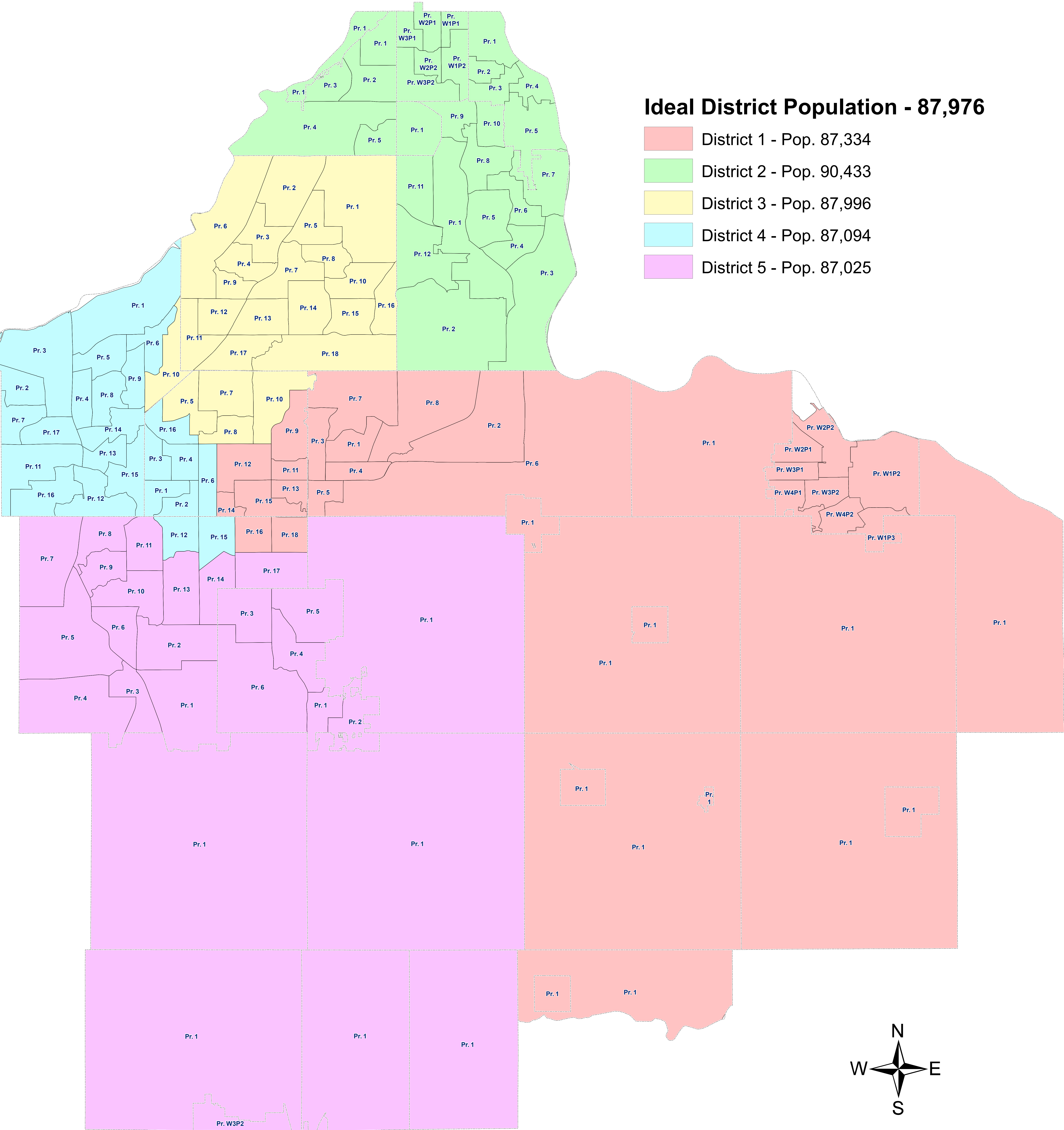
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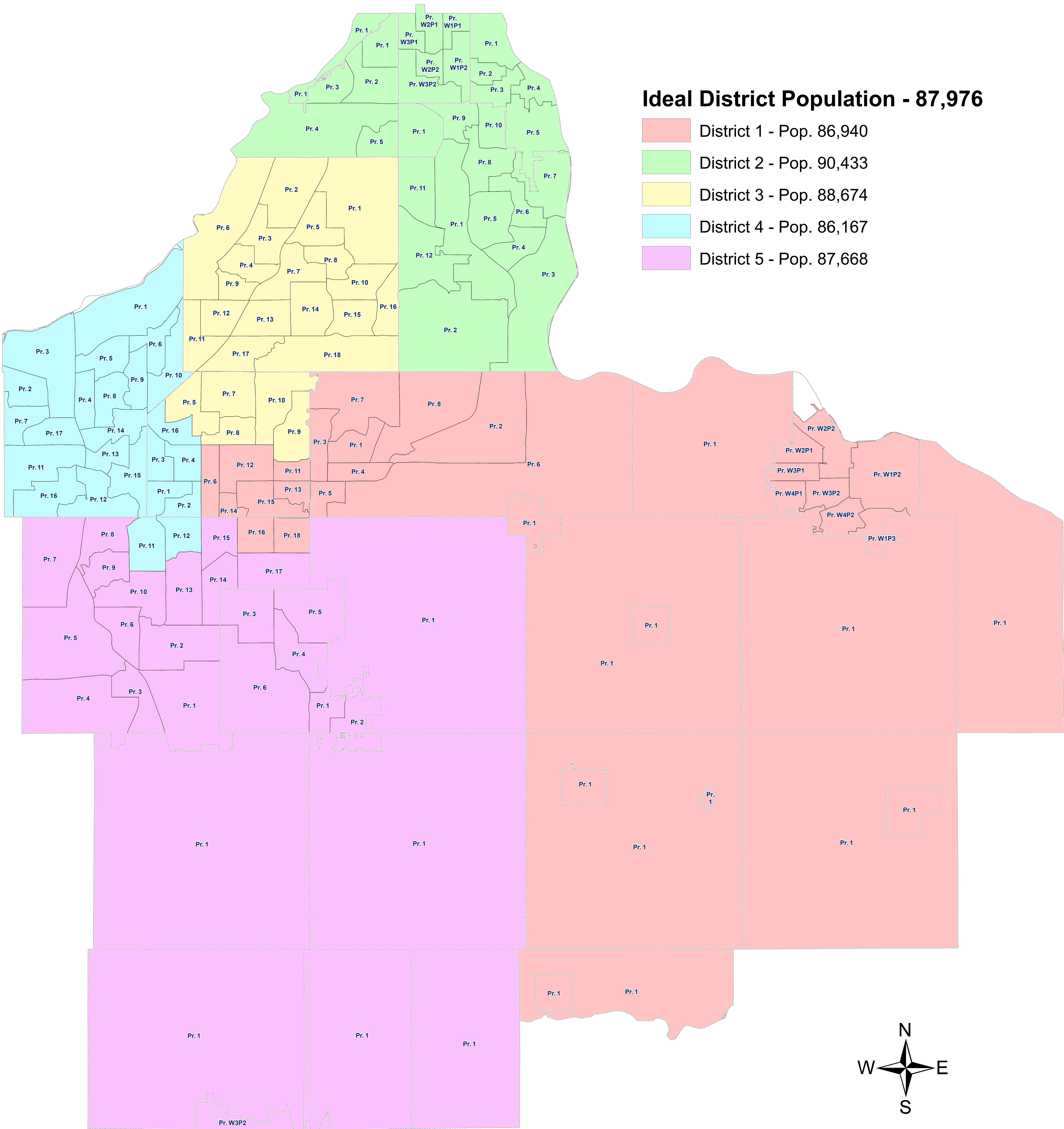
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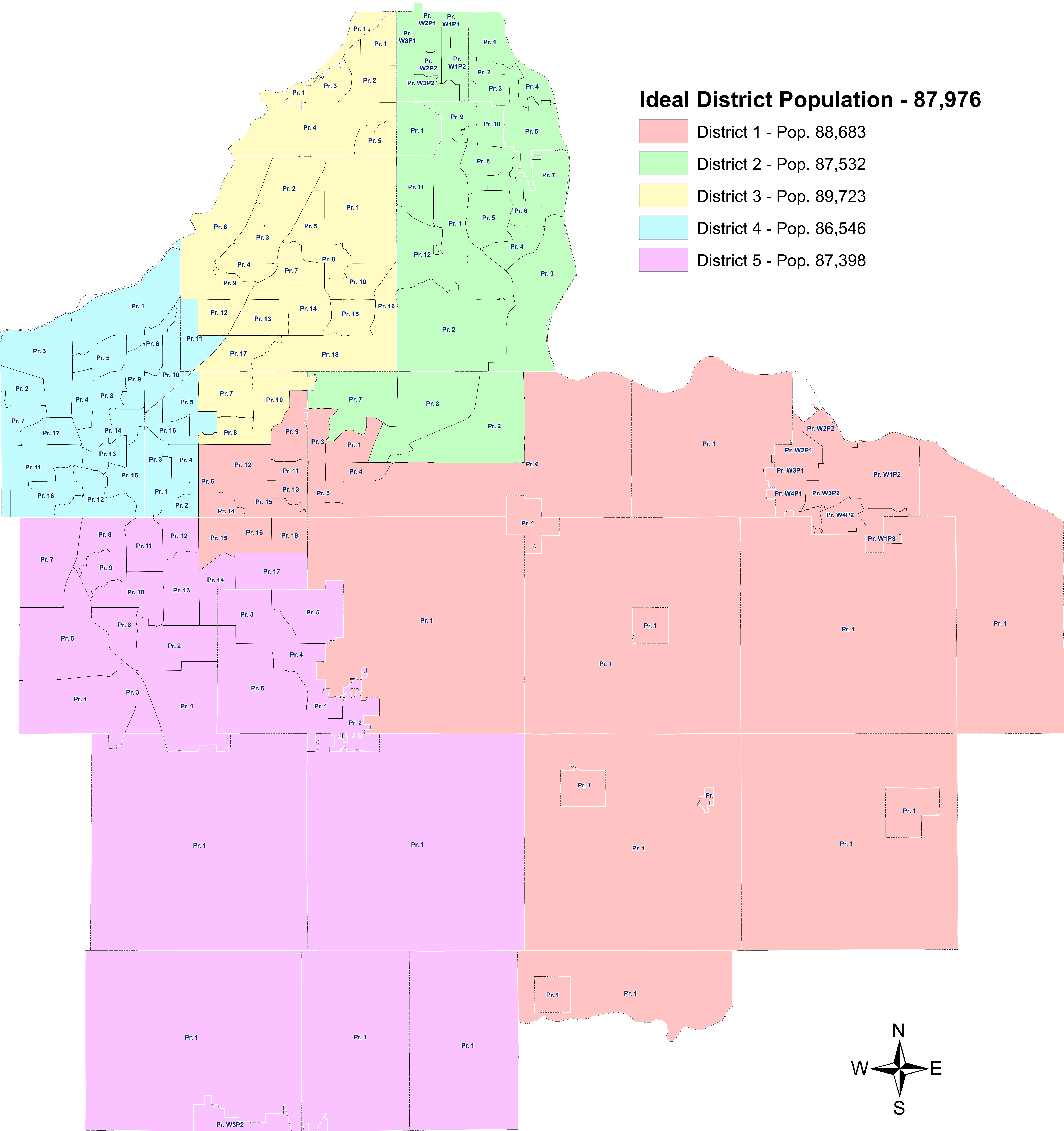
2022 SWCD Supervisor District Redistricting - Option 1



2022 SWCD Supervisor District Redistricting - Option 2



2022 SWCD Supervisor District Redistricting - Option 3





Resolution on Redistricting Plan for the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District

Motion Number: 22.136 – Adopt Recommendation on District Boundaries
22.137 – Adopt Recommendation on Staggered Terms

Motion: Jayne Hager Dee - Motion 22.136
Jayne Hager Dee - Motion 22.137

Second: Kevin Chamberlain
Bruce Johnson

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §103C.311 was amended in the 2014 Legislative Session to require all counties within the seven county metropolitan area to have Soil and Water Conservation District Boards nominated and elected by individual district instead of nominated by district and elected at large; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §103C.311 requires that the boundaries of the districts from which Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors are to be elected from shall be established by the County Board of Commissioners, using statutory redistricting principles and after consultation with the Soil and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has consulted with the Soil and Water Conservation District and has developed three redistricting options for the Soil and Water Conservation District Board to consider; and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisor districts that change in population by more than five percent shall be elected at the next general election as required in Minnesota Statute §103C.311 Subdivision 2(e); and

WHEREAS, all districts of the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors will change by more than five percent; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §103C.311 Subdivision 2(e) requires a local Soil and Water Conservation to determine by lot which supervisor districts shall be elected to two-year terms and which supervisor districts shall be elected to four-year terms in order to provide staggering terms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Option 2 is the preferred redistricting option after consultation with Dakota County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board Supervisor Districts 1, 2 and 3 shall be elected to two-year terms, and Board Supervisor Districts 4 and 5 shall be elected to four-year terms.

Motion 22.136

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion 22.137

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Scenario 2

Ideal District Population - 87,976

- District 1 - Pop. 86,940 - Deviation: -1,036
- District 2 - Pop. 90,433 - Deviation: 2,457
- District 3 - Pop. 88,674 - Deviation: 698
- District 4 - Pop. 86,167 - Deviation: -1,809
- District 5 - Pop. 87,668 - Deviation: -308
- SWCD Supervisor Districts (2016)
- 2397** Precinct Population

The map displays five districts, each with a unique color and a thick dark red outline. District 1 is light red, District 2 is light green, District 3 is light yellow, District 4 is light blue, and District 5 is light purple. Each district is further divided into smaller precincts, which are outlined in thin grey lines. Precinct populations are labeled in blue text within each precinct. The map also includes a north arrow in the bottom right corner and a scale bar in the bottom left corner.

