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## Review and Approval of the Mineral Area College Redistricting Plan

Coordinating Board for Higher Education  
June 15, 2022

### BACKGROUND

Section 178.820.4, RSMo, requires that community colleges with subdistricts complete a redistricting process within one year of the publication of the decennial census figures.

Mineral Area College (MAC) must complete the redistricting process by or before the September 2022 CBHE meeting.

The process provided in statute is as follows:

1. The affected community college district board of trustees must vote to adopt a resolution calling for the formation of a redistricting committee. (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
2. "Upon adoption of the resolution, the secretary of the board of trustees shall forward a certified copy [of the resolution] to the CBHE with the request that the redistricting committee be appointed in order to divide the community college districts into at least two and not more than six subdistricts for the purpose of electing trustees" (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
3. The board of trustees appoints three residents within the affected district to the redistricting committee (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
4. The CBHE appoints three residents within the affected district to the redistricting committee (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
5. The redistricting committee then meets and adopts a redistricting plan (§ 178.820.2, RSMo)
6. Once the plan is approved by a majority of the redistricting committee, the committee forwards a certified copy, via the board of trustees secretary, to the CBHE for approval or disapproval (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)
7. "The CBHE shall approve any redistricting plan in which the population of any subdistrict divided by the number of trustees to be selected therefrom substantially equals the population of any other subdistrict divided by the number of trustees to be elected therefrom" (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)
8. "If the plan is not approved, then it shall be returned to the redistricting committee for revision and resubmission" (§ 178.820.4, RSMo)

### CURRENT STATUS

The CBHE previously appointed three members to the MAC redistricting committee. The MAC redistricting committee met and voted to approve the attached redistricting plan. The plan is before the CBHE for approval.

DHEWD staff have reviewed the plan and determined it meets the statutory criteria for approval in that the MAC redistricting plan divides the population into substantially equal subdistricts relative to the number of trustees to be elected therefrom.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Once approved by the CBHE, MAC can move forward with the updated subdistricts. If not approved, MAC must revise the plan and submit it for approval. If the plan is not approved before the September 2022 deadline, all MAC trustees must run at-large.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on DHEWD's review of the of the MAC redistricting plan, staff recommend the Coordinating Board vote to approve the MAC redistricting plan.

## **ATTACHMENT**

- MAC Redistricting Plan



April 26, 2022

To: Kristin Stokely, General Counsel, Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development

From: Dr. Joe Gilgour, President, Mineral Area College *JG*

RE: Proposed Mineral Area College Redistricting Plan for CBHE Approval

Mineral Area College formed a committee of residents of the taxing district to review census data and recommend changes to the subdistricts for the college. The total population of the taxing district is 82,004, an increase of nearly 2,000 residents since the last census.

Prior to this review, Mineral Area College's taxing district was divided into five subdistricts with one at-large member.

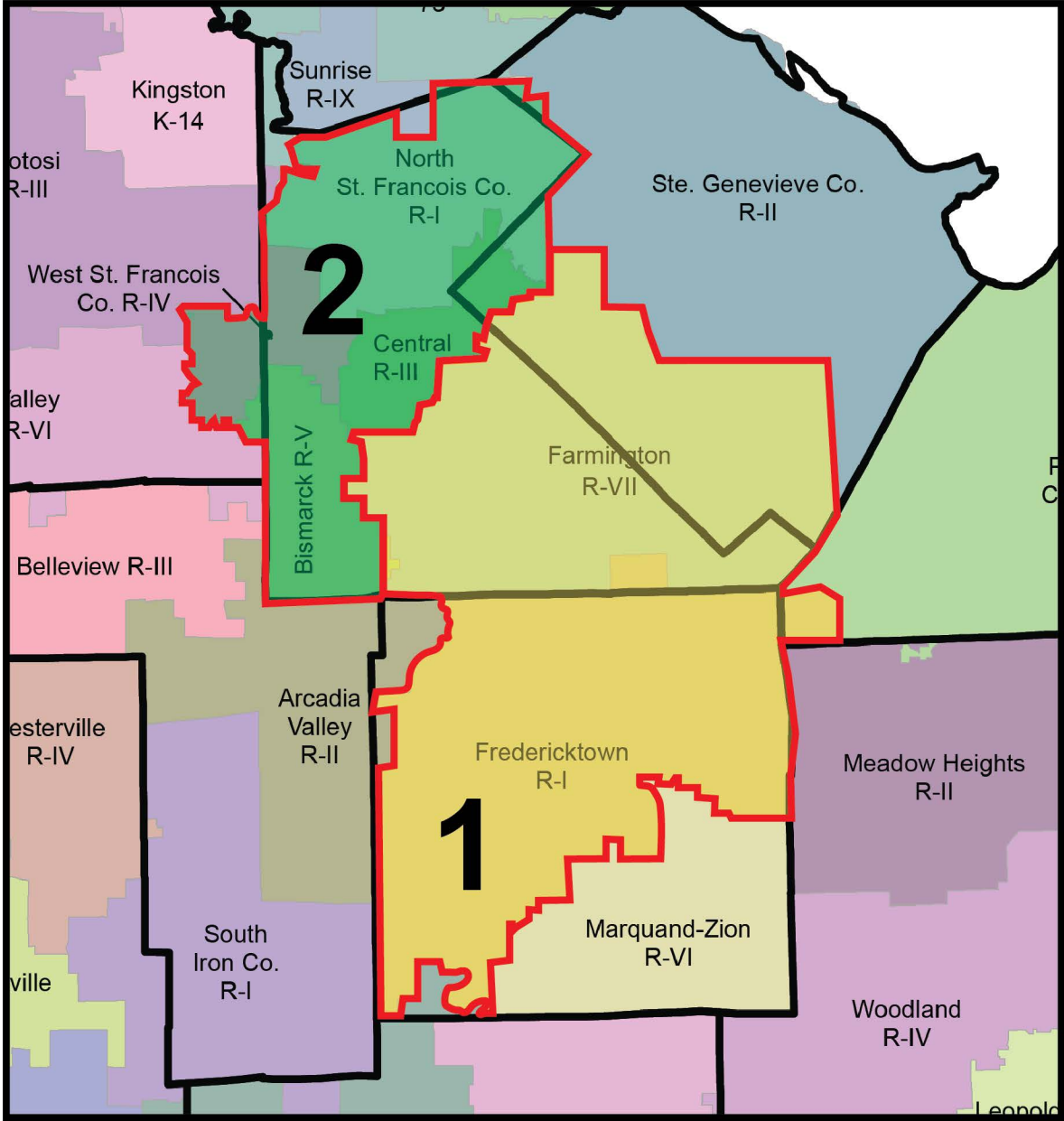
The committee met on April 11, 2022, to review census data and determined the best course of action was to adjust the subdistricts from five to two and eliminate the at-large board position. The subdistricts are within 0.2% of population and are contiguous. By aligning with school districts, the process of elections will be easier for the voter and county officials. Each subdistrict will elect three trustees.

The recommended subdistricts are as follows:

Subdistrict 1 – School districts of Farmington R-VII and Fredericktown R-I with a combined population of 41,103 or 50.1% of the population of the taxing district

Subdistrict 2 – School districts of North St. Francois County R-I, West St. Francois County R-IV, Central R-III, and Bismarck R-V with a combined population of 40,901 or 49.9% of the population of the taxing district

Attached is a map of the proposed subdistricts along with their current populations.



Mineral Area College  
School Districts within the Taxing District  
Current Populations

Farmington R-VII	29,594
Fredericktown R-I	11,509
Central R-III	12,065
Bismarck R-V	3,179
West County R-IV	5,507
North County R-I	20,150