

APPENDIX H – SELECTION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The Lake County Board appoints ~~280~~336 people to over 60 boards, commissions and local units of government – over 20 of which have authority to levy property taxes, including:

- 8 drainage districts
- ~~43~~ sanitary districts
- ~~101~~ fire protection districts
- Numerous entities focusing on a wide-range of subject matters

The attached spreadsheet is a ~~draft~~-working document that identifies with a roster of the board and commission appointments. Please ~~let us know if you find any errors, review and advise if you have questions and/or concerns with the information therein.~~

Most importantly, the spreadsheet shows the percentage of constituents from each county board district that comprises each appointed unit of local government. The percentages are now based on the overlap in **population** instead of the overlap in **landmass** that was previously used.

The purpose is to **enhance board members' ability to oversee the appointments** to boards that have a direct impact on their neighbors and communities. Additionally, this increases accountability for appointments that have a countywide reach by improving the process by which ~~committee chairs~~board members give input on appointments.

In order to accomplish this, a new reporting structure will be communicated to the appointees. The county board chair is the statutory appointing authority and, accordingly, appointees will continue to report to the county board chair. However, they will now report to the chair through the local board member or pertinent committee chair as noted on the spreadsheet. This will not only increase accountability for appointees, but it also is likely to expose members, and particularly committee chairs, to new issues and subject areas as well as the management of a ~~336~~280-member volunteer group.

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A new internal process will be implemented for advancing appointments and reappointments for board consideration.

1. ~~Heidie County Board Office staff~~ will notify the local board member or pertinent committee chair at least one-two months prior to the expiration of an appointee's term so that they ~~member~~ can either approve a reappointment or begin looking for a replacement.
2. ~~Heidie will have a "hot list" of appointments that I feel strongly about so that we keep everyone on the same page.~~
- 3.2. The board member with the highest percentage of constituents within the appointed district will lead the process for appointments and reappointments and will seek the input of other members who represent the ~~appointed~~ districts.
- 4.3. If an appointee's term is expired for more than two months, the county board chair reserves the right to place ~~the appointment~~ an appointment of the chair's choosing on the county board agenda.
- 5.4. ~~As you know,~~ All appointed units of local government that have authority to levy property taxes are required by ordinance to submit annual financial reports to Lake County government. No appointments will be made ~~for districts for units~~ that have not submitted ~~their~~ its annual financial report.
- 6.5. ~~Heidie County Board Office staff~~ will provide members with an updated copy of the spreadsheet periodically and members can receive a copy upon request.
- 7.6. Congratulatory and thank you notes will continue to be processed promptly to ensure proper recognition is given to the appointees.