



5 ward boundaries changed

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All Cardston West Stake Wards and Bishoprics were affected as sweeping changes were made to all ward boundary lines to accommodate the creation of the new Eighth Ward in Cardston.

Speaking to the membership of the Cardston West Stake Sunday evening, President Cameron Leavitt announced changes in Stake leadership, the creation of five new bishoprics and one new ward, and the boundary line changes for all wards.

In the Stake Presidency Delbert Payne was released as first counsellor. Jan Atwood, who had previ-

ously served as second counsellor in this Presidency was released and subsequently called as first counsellor. Noel Pilling was called to fill the position of second counsellor.

The new Bishopric for First Ward is Bishop Blaine Bunnage, Max Oertli and Mel Salmon; for Second Ward Bishop Greg Burt, James Schaffer and Shane Phillips; for Third Ward Bishop Delbert Payne, Mark Heninger and Lonnie Lochart; for Fifth Ward Bishop Joe Paulson, Ralph Salmon and Max Hardy.

In the new Eighth Ward Ken Sommerfeldt was called to be the new Bishop, with Don Jensen and Mike McMurray as counsellors.

It was the boundary line changes that affected a large number of people. The new Eighth Ward now comprises an area once covered by First, Second and Fifth Wards. To accommodate the shift of membership Third Ward boundaries were also shorted so Fifth and First Ward boundaries could be extended.

President Leavitt said the changes will affect a large number of people, some who have lived a great deal of their lives in the same ward, but he urged the membership to accept the changes in the proper spirit and to accept the challenge that new callings will bring.

"I hope you and I can accept this

in the proper spirit. It's my prayer."

The changes in ward boundaries was originally proposed by a committee headed by High Council member Dr. Kim Taylor. The committee put forth three proposals to the Stake Presidency.

The Stake Presidency then chose

and modified one of the proposals.

This, said President Leavitt, was sent to Area President H. Burke Petersen who approved it and forwarded it to the Quorum of the Twelve. Final approval to the Boundary changes was given by the

First Presidency of the Church.