

September 1, 2026

Verona Town Board
c/o Vanessa Gunzenhauser, Township Clerk
32070 165th Street
Winnebago, MN 56098

Re: MBAU D-690 Winnebago/VeronaTownship
(Jacob and Amanda Robertson Petition for Detachment)

Dear Vanessa Gunzenhauser:

The Court of Administrative Hearings has received the above-referenced petition for detachment. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.06, subd. 1 (2024), the petitioner must provide a copy of the petition to the city from which the land may be detached, the township clerk, the county recorder, and any property owners who have not signed the petition.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.06, subd. 2 (2024):

- If a city resolution supporting the detachment petition is received and no resolution of opposition is received from the township, no hearing is necessary and the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall grant the petition.
- If both the city and the township submit resolutions opposing the detachment petition, a hearing must not be held, and the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall deny the petition.
- In any other case, the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall designate a time and place for a hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.09 (2024); and shall order the parties to participate in a mediation session.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.06, subd. 1a (2024):

- The Township may submit a resolution to the Chief Administrative Law Judge stating that the Town Board supports, opposes or is neutral to the petition. The failure to submit a resolution must be deemed a position of neutrality. If the town submits a resolution of support for a petition opposed by the municipality from which the land is proposed to be detached, or a resolution in opposition to a petition supported by a resolution of the municipality, the town becomes a party to the hearing required under this section and is subject to the distribution of costs as provided in Minn. Stat. § 414.06, subd. 7.

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Please notify this office by or before September 15th as to the Town Board's position on the proposed detachment. If the Township submits a resolution opposing the detachment, a hearing must be scheduled within 30-60 days from receipt of the complete filing, which was October 7th.

If necessary, a conference call with the assigned Administrative Law Judge and a hearing will be scheduled in the near future.

Please contact me at mbauadministrator.oah@state.mn.us or 651-361-7900 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

JAMIE SMITH
Legal Assistant