OA-1496-1 Blooming Prairie Joint Resolution Signed 7-12-10/7-6-10

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMING) PRAIRIE AND BLOOMING PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP) PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)

<u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u> <u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u> <u>AND ORDER</u>

The joint resolution for orderly annexation submitted by the City of Blooming Prairie and Blooming Prairie Township was reviewed for conformity with applicable law. By delegation, the Chief Administrative Law Judge's designee hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 21, 2010, the Chief Administrative Law Judge reviewed and accepted the joint resolution which was adopted by the City on July 12, 2010 and the Township on July 6, 2010, and duly filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustments on September 15, 2010.

2. The joint resolution requests the designation and immediate annexation of certain property to the City of Blooming Prairie described as follows:

All That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 105 North, Range 19 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the point of beginning of a tract described in a Warranty Deed to Farmers Cooperative Elevator Association recorded in Book 135 of Deeds, page 75 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, hereinafter referred to as Tract A;

thence South 89° 48'43" West a distance of 290.00 feet, on the North line of said

Tract A, assuming a bearing of North 89° 51'02" East on the North line of said NE ¹/₄, to the point of beginning;

thence South 00° 11'17" East a distance of 150.00 feet, on the West line of said Tract A;

thence South 89° 48'43" West a distance of 361.00 feet;

thence North 00° 11'17" West a distance of 150.00 feet, to a point on the westerly extension of the North line of said Tract A;

thence North 89° 48'43" East a distance of 360.95 feet, on the westerly extension of the north line of said Tract A, to the point of beginning.

3. Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h) states that in certain circumstances the

Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation pursuant to the terms of a joint resolution for orderly annexation.

4. The joint resolution contains all the information required by Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h), including a provision that the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment but shall order the annexation within 30 days in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Office of Administrative Hearings has duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.

2. An order should be issued by the Chief Administrative Law Judge annexing the area described herein.

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The property described in Findings of Fact 2 is annexed to the City of Blooming Prairie, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof. 2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.036, Blooming Prairie Township will be reimbursed by the City of Blooming Prairie in accordance with the terms of the Joint Resolution signed by the City on July 12, 2010 and the Township on July 6, 2010.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2010.

For the Chief Administrative Law Judge's designee P. O. Box 64620 St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

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