

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Orderly Annexation of
Certain Real Property to the City of
Madelia from Madelia Township
(MBAU Docket OA-1934-1)

**ORDER APPROVING
ANNEXATION**

A joint resolution for orderly annexation (Joint Resolution) adopted by the City of Madelia (City) and the Madelia Town Board (Township) on January 12, 2026, requests the designation and immediate annexation of certain real property (Property) pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.0325 (2024).

The City filed the Joint Resolution with the Court of Administrative Hearings on January 28, 2026. The Court received the filing fee on February 9, 2026, requiring an Order no later than March 11, 2026.

The Property is legally described as follows:

That part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 of SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Seven (107) North, Range Thirty (30) West, Watonwan County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section Twenty-two (22); thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) on the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Two (22) a distance of 2.85 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on said South line 987.66 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 427.65 feet to the Southerly right of way of Union Pacific Railway; thence South 66 degrees 35 minutes 16 seconds West along said right of way to the point of beginning; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described tract:

TRACT: That part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 of SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Seven (107) North, Range Thirty (30) West, Watonwan County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section Twenty-two (22); thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) on the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), a distance of 2.85 feet

to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on said South line, 597.66 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 258.78 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of the Union Pacific Railway; thence South 66 degrees 35 minutes 16 seconds West along said right-of-way, 651.28 feet to the point of beginning. Contains 1.78 acres and is subject to any and all easements of record.

Based upon a review of the Joint Resolution, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

ORDER

1. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.0325, the Joint Resolution is deemed adequate in all legal respects and properly supports this Order.
2. Pursuant to the terms of the Joint Resolution and this Order, the Property is **ANNEXED** to the City.
3. Pursuant to the agreement of the parties and as allowed by Minn. Stat. § 414.036 (2024), the City will reimburse the Township as stated in the Joint Resolution.

Dated: February 11, 2026



Jim Mortenson
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE

This Order is the final administrative order in this case under Minn. Stat. §§ 414.0325, .07, .09, .12 (2024). Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.07, subd. 2, any person aggrieved by this Order may appeal to Wantonwan County District Court by filing an Application for Review with the Court Administrator within 30 days of this Order. An appeal does not stay the effect of this Order.

Any party may submit a written request for an amendment of this Order within seven days from the date of the mailing of the Order pursuant to Minn. R. 6000.3100 (2025). However, no request for amendment shall extend the time of appeal from this Order.