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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Mediation of the Detachment of Certain Real Property from the City of Hills to Martin Township {MBA No. D-691} {D-692} {D-693}.

ORDER FOR MEDIATION

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.06, subd, 2, the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall order mediation in detachment matters where a hearing is necessary. A hearing is necessary in the above-captioned matter.

Based upon the record, the Chief Administrative Law Judge Jessica Palmer-Denig issues the following

ORDER:

1. Megan McKenzie, Administrative Law Judge, Court of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, via Teams, is appointed as mediator in this matter.

2. The mediation shall be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026**,** beginning at 9:30 a.m.**,** via Teams.

3. No later than October 20, 2026, each party shall file with the mediator a confidential mediation statement which shall set out (1) a brief summary of the facts and issues, (2) a description of settlement discussions to date, and (3) a list of the names and titles of persons who will attend the mediation. The mediation statement need not be served on the other party. It is strongly recommended that the person with authority to settle this case for each party be present. If that is not possible that person shall be immediately available by telephone.

4. The chief administrative law judge shall apportion the costs of the mediation and hearing in an equitable manner. Unless the chief administrative law judge makes specific findings as to why a party shall be responsible for a greater share, the petitioning landowners are responsible for at least 50 percent of the total costs.

5. After termination of the mediation, the mediator shall forward to the presiding Judge either a signed settlement agreement or, if no agreement is reached, a request to schedule a contested case hearing.

Dated: October 15, 2026

JESSICA A. PALMER-DENIG
Chief Administrative Law Judge