

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL BOARD
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Shirley J. Mihelich	Chair
John W. Carey	Vice Chair
Kenneth F. Sette	Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSOLIDATION)
PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CITY OF INTERNATIONAL)
FALLS AND THE CITY OF SOUTH INTERNATIONAL)
FALLS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)

MOTION TO INITIATE AND
RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT TO
CONSOLIDATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of International Falls, by resolution passed July 11, 1988, and the City of South International Falls, by resolution passed July 12, 1988, and subsequently forwarded to the Minnesota Municipal Board have indicated their desire to give the citizens of their respective communities the opportunity to express themselves on a proposed consolidation of the two cities pursuant to M.S. 414.041 and ensure for the residents of these cities the opportunity to participate in a referendum on this issue and on the adoption of a new proposed city charter; and

WHEREAS, the City of International Falls and the City of South International Falls share a common boundary and have conducted a locally directed joint consolidation negotiation process resulting in the development of a new city charter containing policies and procedures related to the organization of government, delivery of services, merger of personnel, handling of all monies, claims and properties, bonded indebtedness, impact on tax base and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the City of International Falls and the City of South International Falls have indicated their recognition that consolidation of the two cities could provide advantages and benefits over the short and long run

and will prove to be cost effective and a more efficient way of providing public services and accountable government functions including major benefits as articulated in their resolutions; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Board has been requested to initiate the city consolidation process on its own motion, to ensure a referendum on the consolidation and charter issue for the citizens of each city; the referendum would be held if the board approves the consolidation after a study commission report and a board hearing;

THEREFORE, the Municipal Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.041 hereby initiates consolidation proceedings involving the Cities of International Falls and South International Falls.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Board's motion begins procedures outlined in M.S. 414.041 to formally allow the residents of International Falls and South International Falls to explore the consolidation of their two cities pursuant to the requests of the two cities; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 414.041 requires that upon the board's motion to initiate consolidation proceedings, the board shall appoint a consolidation commission from a list of ten candidates entered by each affected city council; and

WHEREAS, the board shall also appoint a commission chairperson who is not a resident of an affected municipality, but who resides in an affected county from a list of candidates submitted by each affected city council; and

WHEREAS, said lists of names were submitted with the city resolutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Dale Peterson shall serve as chair for the consolidation commission, and that the following persons shall

serve on the consolidation commission and shall hold office until a consolidation report has been issued by the commission to the Municipal Board:

City of International Falls

Pat Roche
Larry Baron
Jack Murray
Larry Ross
Robert Frederickson

City of South International Falls

Lloyd Walls
Rick Blanchard
Jack Clarity
Bob Walls
Tom Schaaf

Alternates

Carol Anderson
Alec Kaviuk
Paul McLaughlin
Gail Rognerud
Edward Bernath

Alternates

Dennis Jenson
James Briggs
Francis Einarson
Ralph Ruelle
William Borden

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the consolidation commission shall conduct hearings regarding the proposed consolidation. The hearings shall include, but are not limited to, the subjects listed in M.S. 414.041, Subd. 3 and 5. Based on these subjects and factors, the consolidation commission shall issue its findings and recommendations to the Municipal Board within two years of the date of this resolution.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1988.

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL BOARD
165 Metro Square Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101


Patricia D. Lundy
Assistant Director

Resolution #88-09

Map submitted with
resolution too large
to scan.

Before The Minnesota Municipal Board

Resolution of the City of International Falls and the City of South International Falls stating their desire to consolidate the two cities into a single new City of International Falls.

WHEREAS, the City Council of International Falls and the City Council of South International Falls agree that consolidation of said City of International Falls and said City of South International Falls is in the best interests of both communities and their residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of International Falls and the City Council of South International Falls desire to accomplish such consolidation by joint resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of International Falls and the City Council of South International Falls desire to have a referendum vote of approval of the order for consolidation and adoption of the new city charter in one question on the ballot and are requesting such action under the State Municipal Board's own motion pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Section 414.041, Subd. 1(c); and

WHEREAS, the City of International Falls and the City of South International Falls share a common boundary and have conducted a locally directed, joint consolidation negotiations process resulting in the development of a new charter containing policies and procedures related to the organization of government, delivery of services, merger of personnel, handling of all monies, claims and properties, bonded indebtedness, impact on tax base and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the City of International Falls and the City of South International Falls recognize that consolidation of the two cities can provide advantages and benefits over the short and long-run and will prove to be a cost effective and more efficient way of providing public services and accountable government functions including the following major benefits:

- improved decision making that is more timely, focused and accountable for the area
- broadened tax base and ability to take advantage of state aids and other programs
- equity in utility rates
- economics of scale in purchasing of supplies and equipment
- expanded debt capacity and reduced capital expenditures
- potential for public service cost savings over next five to ten years
- greater capacity to handle unexpected events and public expenditures
- overall stabilization of the tax base and mill rates in the area

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of International Falls and the City Council of South International Falls:

1. That the City of International Falls and the City of South International Falls share a common boundary and desire to consolidate said cities into a new City of International Falls encompassing the entire area of the two Cities.
2. That such consolidation by joint resolution is in the best interests of the area and residents thereof.

3. That the City of International Falls and the City of South International Falls initiate a consolidation proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 414.041, Subd. 1(a), before the Minnesota Municipal Board by joint resolution.
4. That the City Council of International Falls and the City Council of South International Falls request that a referendum vote of approval of the order for consolidation and adoption of the new city charter in one question on the November 8, 1988 general election ballot be authorized under the Minnesota Municipal Board's own motion pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Section 414.041, Subd. 1(c).
5. That the Minnesota Municipal Board proceed forthwith to select a consolidation commission, conduct its hearing and issue its order pursuant to Chapter 414 of the Minnesota Statutes.
6. That this proceeding is being initiated pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Section 414.041, and that the City Clerks are authorized and directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Minnesota Municipal Board, including a \$200.00 filing fee to be cost shared by the respective cities on a two-thirds City of International Falls (\$133.00) and one-third South International Falls (\$67.00) basis.
7. That the following support information is being attached and shall be part of this resolution and petition to the Minnesota Municipal Board.
 - a. Corporate boundary Map showing the property proposed for consolidation and its relationship to surrounding units of government.
 - b. Description of the boundaries which are subject to consolidation.
 - c. List of the parties entitled to receive notice under Minnesota Statute 414.09.
 - d. Plat maps of affected area.
 - e. List of names of ten members from each city to be nominated to serve on the consolidation commission and three names from each city to be nominated to be chair of the consolidation commission for consideration by the Minnesota Municipal Board.

The above is an exact copy of the resolution passed by City of

International Falls at their regular meeting held on July 11,
1988.

Jack E. Murray
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary B. Dawson
City Clerk

Resolution #88-10

Whereas, The cities of International Falls and South International Falls agree that consolidation is in the best interest of both communities,

Whereas, The City Councils of both communities desire to have a referendum vote of approval for consolidation and adoption of the new city charter,

Whereas, The City Councils of both communities are requesting the Minnesota Municipal Board to get referendum on the General Election pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Section 414.041,

Whereas, The Minnesota Municipal Board has requested names to serve on the consolidation commission and also nominations to serve as chair of the commission,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the City of International Falls submit the following names to serve on the consolidation commission:

- 1) Consolidation Committee members
 - Pat Roche Larry Ross
 - Larry Baron Robert Frederickson
 - Jack Murray

- 2) Consolidation Committee Alternates
 - Carol Anderson Gail Rognerud
 - Alec Kaviuk Edward Bernath
 - Paul McLaughlin

- 3) Nominations to chair the Consolidation Commission
 - Chuck Spoden
 - Roger Bloomquist
 - Dale Peterson

This is to certify the above is an exact copy of a resolution passed by the International Falls City Council at a regular meeting held July 11, 1988.

Gary B. Davison
Clerk-Treasurer

Rodger Bloomquist - Mayor of City of Littlefork, MN

6 years - Mayor of Littlefork, MN
10 years - City Council member
10 years - Volunteer Fire Department
Served on numerous other misc. municipal committees
with regard to bonding and special assessments
Profession: education
Masters Degree in business administration

Dale Peterson - City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator, Littlefork, MN

24 years - City Clerk
18 years - City Treasurer
11 years - City Administrator
22 years - Volunteer Fire Department
3 years - Littlefork Planning Commission
9 years - Zoning Administrator
2 years - Koochiching Planning Commission
3 years - Director of Kooch/Itasca Action Council
24 years - Building Inspector
11 years - Hospital/Nursing Home Board
6 years - City Council member
10 years - Community Education and Recreation Commission
3 years - Citizen's Committee on Voyageur National Park
4 years - State Land Evaluation Review Board
1 year - St. Louis County Hazardous Waste Review Committee
4½ years - Vice President and Director of Koochco
7 years - Littlefork Industrial Development Corp.
9 years - Littlefork Economic Development Committee
1 year - Economic Development Task Force (Bob Anderson's)
Other numerous municipal committees

Charles Spoden - Area Supervisor of Department of Natural Resources
Forestry Division

2 years - Mayor of Littlefork, MN
6 years - City Council member
10 years - Volunteer Fire Department
Served on numerous other misc. municipal committees
with regard to bonding and special assessments
Profession: 20+ years with the State of Minnesota in
Supervisory positions



CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS

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OFFICE OF CITY CLERK-TREASURER
GARY B. DAVISON
CITY CLERK-TREASURER

July 21, 1988

Minnesota Municipal Board

The following is the support information for the City of International Falls Resolution #88-09 asking for a referendum on the General Election concerning consolidation.

- a) Corporate boundary map - to be sent by Randy Lasky.
- b) Description of the boundaries - to be sent by Randy Lasky.
- c) List of the parties entitled to receive notice under Minnesota Statute 414.09.
 - 1) Larry Chezick
Board Chairman
Koochiching County Court House
Int'l Falls, MN 56649
 - 2) Carol Dalton
Int'l Falls Planning Commission Chairman
1414 - 11th Street
Int'l Falls, MN 56649
 - 3) Joy Briggs
Clerk/Treasurer
South Int'l Falls, MN 56679
 - 4) Gary B. Davison
Clerk/Treasurer
P.O.Box 392
Int'l Falls, MN 56649
- d) Plot maps - to be forwarded
- e) List of names for commission.
Find enclosed Resolution #88-10 naming the International Falls five current consolidation committee members, the five alternates and the three nominations to chair the commission. You will also find enclosed a brief resume of the three chair nominees.

I hope this information is what you need to start the proceedings for the referendum.



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Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary B. Davison".

Gary B. Davison
Clerk-Treasurer