#### STATE OF MINNESOTA

## OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION	)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS	) FINDINGS OF FACT
AND BELLE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO	) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414	) AND ORDER

The city resolution for orderly annexation submitted by the City of Little Falls was reviewed for conformity with applicable law. By delegation, the Chief Administrative Law Judge hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Little Falls and Belle Prairie Township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325 and duly filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit.
- 2. A resolution adopted and submitted by the City of Little Falls, requests annexation of part of the designated area described as follows:

That portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4), Section 26, Township 41, Range 32, described in Document 261645 on file in the Morrison County Recorder's Office, more particularly described as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4); thence North 01 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 183.00 feet along the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4); thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 18 seconds East, a distance of 193.0 feet to the northwest corner of the plat of Gonzalez Addition on file in the Morrison County Recorder's Office; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds West, a distance of 183.58 feet along the

west line of said Gonzalez Addition to the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4); thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 198.01 feet along the south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4) to the southwest corner, being the point of beginning. Except Pine Avenue right-of-way on the south and except County Road 260 right-of-way on the west. Containing .56 acres more or less.

- 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 or authorized designee annexing the area described herein.

### ORDER

- 1. The property described in Findings of Fact 2 is annexed to the City of Little Falls, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof.
- 2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.036, Belle Prairie Township will be reimbursed by the City of Little Falls in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution signed

by the City on February 10, 2003 and the Township on February 3, 2003; and City Resolution No. 2011-44.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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