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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, ORDER

In the Matter of the Petition for Determination of Boundary, Withdrawal of Lands and the Enlargement of the <u>Joe River</u> Watershed District.

A petition having been filed with the Minnesota Water Resources Board on September 19, 1963, asking for the redetermination of a boundary line for the Joe River Watershed District, for the withdrawal of certain lands, and for the enlargement of the said district by the inclusion of certain lands not previously in the Joe River Watershed District, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Laws of 1955, Chapter 799, as amended;

And the Board on January 21, 1964, having ordered that a hearing be held on said petition on the 20th day of February 1964, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall in Humboldt, Minnesota, and the Board having held said hearing pursuant to said order; and Mr. Erling Weiberg, Administrative Secretary of the Board and Mr. Frank Murray, Attorney General's Office having appeared with the Board, and Mr. Dennis Sobolik, Hallock, assistant County Attorney having appeared for the Kittson County Board of Commissioners;

And the Board having heard testimony and evidence offered on behalf of the petitioners, and by interested citizens, and having duly considered all the records and files of the Board relating to said petition, now makes the following

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

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I. The Joe River Watershed District is located in Kittson County, and a duly executed petition by the Kittson County Board of Commissioners was filed with the Minnesota Water Resources Board, and attached to said petition was an Affidavit of Service by Mail certifying that a copy of the said petition with attached exhibits was mailed to the Director of the Division of Waters, the Commissioner of Conservation and the County Auditor of Kittson County;

II. The petition was found sufficient by the Board on January 21, 1964, and a hearing was ordered to be held at 7:30 P.M. February 20, 1964, in the City Hall of Humboldt, Minnesota;

III. That the Director of the Division of Waters reviewed the petition and filed his report with the Board, which report was received in evidence at the hearing;

IV. The Board of Managers of the Joe River Watershed District intends to establish an organizational expense fund authorized by the Minnesota Watershed Act, as amended. In order to set up this fund it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax on the property within the district. The description of the lands of the district in the order establishing the district is not of sufficient particularity to enable the county auditor to make said levy;

V. It is the intention of the petitioners to include within the proposed amended boundary of the said district each forty-acre tract and government lot that is known to be within the natural drainage area of the Joe River Watershed, and certain lands contiguous to the

said watershed, west of the Joe River Watershed, which are tributary to the Red River of the North;

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VI. The territory requested to be included within the said district, as modified by the Board in view of testimony, is as listed in this order in paragraph XVIII below;

VII. The petitioners did request the release of the following described lands, now located within the district:

A. <u>Kittson County</u>

1. Township 163 North, Range 45 West (Caribou) All of the land

2. Township 164 North, Range 45 West (Caribou) All of the land

3. Township 163 North, Range 46 West (McKinley) All of the land

4. Township 164 North, Range 46 West (McKinley) All of the land

5. Township 164 North, Range 47 West (St. Joseph) All of the land

6. Township 164 North, Range 48 West (Richardville)

All of Sections - Section 25 and 36

The facts made known to the Board as to this matter are that the territory listed in items 1 through 6 above has not received and will not receive benefits from the operation of the said district, that the said district can perform the function for which it was established without the inclusion of said territory, and that said territory is not, in fact, a part of the watershed;

VIII. The petitioners did request the addition of the following described lands to enlarge the Joe River Watershed District, which territory is not now in the said district:

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 All of the lands in St. Vincent Township, not presently included in said Joe River Watershed District located in:

a. Township 163 North, Range 50 West
b. Township 163 North, Range 51 West
c. Township 164 North, Range 51 West
2. All of the lands in Hill Township, not presently included in the Joe River Watershed District
located in:

a. Township 162 North, Range 50 West

Sections 1 through 12 inclusive

b. Township 162 North, Range 51 West

All of the land therein in Kittson County, Minnesota.

The facts brought to the attention of the Board in its consideration of the above areas are that the lands are contiguous to the existing district; the lands can be feasibly administered by the Board of Managers of the existing district, the public health will be served and the public welfare will be improved;

IX. That at the time of the establishment of the said district, the boundary of said district was located in such a manner that all or part of sections 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 in Township 162 North, Range 49 West (Hampden) were included in the Joe River Watershed District,

which were previously placed in the existing Two Rivers Watershed District; and the petitioners did request that a common boundary be determined so as to place the lands in question in one watershed district;

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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X. The Minnesota Water Resources Board concludes that it has jurisdiction over the matter of proposed boundary changes, including withdrawals of lands and enlargement of territory of the Joe River Watershed District, and the authority to order changes in said boundary, to release lands and to add territory thereby enlarging the said district;

XI. The Board concludes that the description used in the order establishing the said district as to defining the boundary of the Joe River Watershed District was not in sufficient detail to enable the County Auditor to levy an ad valorem tax as authorized by the Minnesota Watershed Act, as amended; the additional territory to be included within the district along the boundary as determined by forty-acre tracts and government lots is relatively minor, and the boundary should be changed to enable the Board of Managers of the Joe River Watershed District to create an organizational expense fund.

XII. The Board concludes that the lands in Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 of Township 162 North, Range 49 West (Hampden) are located properly in the Joe River Watershed, and that the sections 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 of Township 162 North, Range 49 West are not in the Two Rivers Watershed.

XIII. Certain lands described in paragraph VII above, now in the watershed district, are petitioned to be withdrawn. The Board concludes that:

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A. Such lands have not and will not receive any benefits from the operation of the said district;

B. The Joe River Watershed District can perform the functions for which it was established without inclusion of said territory;

C. Said territory is not, in fact, a part of the watershed; XIV. Certain lands described in paragraph VIII above, previously not in the Joe River Watershed District, are petitioned to be added to the said district to enlarge the said district. The Board concludes that:

A. The public interest and the public welfare will be served by the addition of said lands;

B. The purposes of the Minnesota Watershed Act, Chapter 112, will be served by the inclusion of said lands;

C. That the lands to be added are contiguous to the existing district;

D. That the lands to be added can be feasibly administered by the Board of Managers of the existing district;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

XV. That the lands described in paragraph VII above are hereby released from the Joe River Watershed District, subject to the requirement of law concerning indebtedness and levies, if any exist;

That the lands, described in paragraph VIII above, are hereby XVI. added to the Joe River Watershed District, and the said district is enlarged to include these lands;

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That the lands in Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 of Township XVII. 162 North, Range 49 West, (Hampden) are removed from the Two Rivers Watershed District, and said lands do remain in the Joe River Watershed District.

XVIII. That the lands to be included in the Joe River Watershed District, approximately 124 square miles in area, are the sections, fractions of sections, and government lots described as follows:

A. Kittson County

1. Township 163 North, Range 48 West (Richardville)

All of Sections Section 4, 5, 6

Township 164 North, Range 48 West (Richardville) 2.

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All of Sections Section 26 through 35 inc.

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Township 162 North, Range 49 West (Hampden) 3.

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4. Township 163 North, Range 49 West (Clow)

All of Sections Section 1 through 12 inc.

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area described in paragraph XVIII.

(Township 163 North, Range 49 West (Clow) continued)

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All of Sections Section 15 through 22 inc. Ħ W12 23 Wj 11 26 All of Sections Ħ 27 through 34 inc. 财吉 11 35 5. Township 164 North, Range 49 West (Clow) All of Sections Section 25 through 36 inc. Township 162 North, Range 50 West (Hill) 6. All of Sections Section 1 through 12 inc. Township 163 North, Range 50 West (St. Vincent) 7. All of Sections Section 1 through 36 inc. Township 164 North, Range 50 West (St. Vincent) 8. All of Sections Section 25 through 36 inc. 9. Township 162 North, Range 51 West All of the land therein in Kittson County, Minnesota. 10. Township 163 North, Range 51 West (St. Vincent) All of Sections Section 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 36. 11. Township 164 North, Range 51 West (St. Vincent) All of Sections Section 25, 26, 35, 36 The amended boundary of the Joe River Watershed District is hereby declared to be determined by the extremities of the whole land

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Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 6th day of April 1964

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and effective immediately.

MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

G. E. Loughland, Chairman STATE OF MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD 353 Centennial Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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In the Matter of a Petition for Determination of Boundary, Withdrawal of Lands and the Enlargement of the Joe River Watershed District.

MEMORANDUM

1. Upon review of the files, transcripts and letters concerned with the matter of boundary redetermination of the Joe River Watershed District, the Minnesota Water Resources Board comments upon its action with regard to boundary establishment. The boundary location of concern is the common boundary between the Joe River and Two Rivers Watershed District. This boundary is essentially the south and east boundary of the Joe River Watershed District and the northwest boundary of the Two Rivers Watershed District. One problem of concern is the boundary location in the vicinity of County Ditch No. 22. The Director of the Division of Waters reported on this matter, there was testimony at the hearing on February 20, 1964, and subsequent correspondence from the counsel of the two districts. The Board at its meeting on March 18, 1964, determined the insufficiency of information and facts to establish a boundary in this area and did instruct its administrative secretary to further investigate this matter.

2. Another boundary problem, that of moving the south boundary of the Joe River Watershed District northward, was brought to the attention of the Board first at the hearing on February 20, 1964, which raised a study of a number of new considerations. The Board did likewise instruct their administrative secretary to obtain additional information about this matter.

(Memorandum)

3. During the latter part of March 1964, it was brought to the attention of the Board's Chairman and administrative secretary that a need existed to proceed on project construction within the Two Rivers Watershed District involving action with cooperating federal agencies before the end of the 1964 fiscal year; that the execution of necessary procedure in project development, it was pointed out, was contingent upon the establishment of the boundary of the Two Rivers Watershed District, and of an Order from the Board declaring the boundary. There being a common boundary between the Joe River and the Two Rivers Watershed District, as noted in paragraph one above, it then appeared to the Board that its boundary decisions on the Two Rivers Watershed District would relate directly to the Joe River Watershed District south and east boundary.

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4. The Water Resources Board received a letter in late March 1964 from the counsel of the Joe River Watershed District and Two Rivers Watershed District making known to the Board the wishes of the Board of Managers of above-mentioned districts, who, having considered the situation as outlined in foregoing paragraph, reiterated their desire of boundary definition in accordance with the original petition as well as an explanation as to the need to set the boundary in County Ditch No. 22 at the present time.

5. The Board's order on this matter reflects, therefore, the known current position of the petitioners, and Boards of Managers, and the facts as presented to the Board.

6. This memorandum is attached to Minnesota Water Resources Board's Order on the above matter dated the 6th Day of April 1964, and made a part thereof. (Memorandum)

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Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 6th day of April 1964.

MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

G. E. Loughland, Chairman

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STATE OF MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD 353 Centennial Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

In the Matter of Enlargement of the territory of the Joe River Watershed District.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW. ORDER

A Petition having been filed with the Minnesota Water Resources Board asking for withdrawal of lands from the Two Rivers Watershed District and, the enlargement of the Joe River Watershed District by the inclusion of said lands, and,

The said Petition having been executed by the Board of Managers of the Joe River Watershed District and the Board of Managers of the Two Rivers Watershed District and the owners of the real estate involved, all notices hereby waived, and,

The Minnesota Water Resources Board having read and considered said Petition dated May 23, 1966, at a Board meeting on May 27, 1966, and,

The Minnesota Water Resources Board being fully advised in the premises hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions.of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ι,

That a description of the lands are as follows, to wit:

All that part of Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Sixty-two (162), North, Range Forty-nine (49) West (Hampden Township), lying Northerly and Easterly of the Great Northern Railway Right of Way and Trunk Highway 75, and

The Northwest one-quarter (NW_{\pm}^{1}) of Section Sixteen (16) lying Northerly and Easterly of Great Northern Railroad Right of Way and Trunk Highway 75; The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter $(W_{\pm}^{1}NE_{\pm}^{1})$ all in Section Sixteen (16), Township One Hundred Sixty-two (162) North, Range Forty-nine (49) West, (Hampden Township),

II. That the lands set forth in the Petition heretofore referred to are contiguous to the Joe River Watershed District. III. That the lands can be feasibly administered by the Board of Managers of the Joe River Watershed District.

IV. That the public health and welfare will be served in that the proposed works of improvements within the Joe River Watershed District, which would include benefits of said lands, are now pending before the Board of Managers of the Joe River Watershed District.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

V. That the Petition dated May 23, 1966, confers jurisdiction in said matter upon the Minnesota Water Resources Board.

VI. That said lands are contiguous to the Joe River Watershed District.

VII. That the public welfare and public interest and the purpose of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 112, would be served by enlargement of the Joe River Watershed District to include said lands.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

VIII. That the following described lands are hereby added to the Joe River Watershed District and that its territory is hereby enlarged to include the following land:...

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All that part of Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Sixty-two (162) North, Range Forty-nine (49) West, (Hampden Township), lying Northerly and Easterly of the Great Northern Railway Right of Way and Trunk Highway 75 and,

The Northwest one-quarter (NW_{4}^{1}) of Section Sixteen (16) lying Northerly and Easterly of Great Northern Railway Right of Way and Trunk Highway 75; The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter $(W_{2}^{1}NE_{4}^{1})^{-1}$ all in Section Sixteen (16), Township One Hundred Sixty-two (162) North, Range Forty-nine (49) West, (Hampden Township),

IX. Minnesota Water Resources Board order dated April 6, 1964, entitled "In the Matter of the Petition for Determination of Boundary, Withdrawal of Lands and the Enlargement of the Joe River Watershed District", paragraph XVIII, A. <u>Kittson County</u>, 3. Township 162 North, Range 49 West (Hampden) (Page 7) shall now read:

ᄡ Section 2 All of Sections 3,4,5 N SE N, 6 R 6. All of the section lying northerly and easterly of the right-of-way of Trunk Highway 75 in the Section 11 8 All of Sections n 9,10 NWH H. 11 Nh of SWA п 11 Wa of NEA 16 That part of the NWH lying northerly and easterly of the right-of-way of Trunk n Highway 75 in the NW4 1.6

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X. The amended boundary of the Joe River Watershed District is hereby declared to be determined by the extremities of the whole. land area described as its territory in the said April 6, 1964 order of the Board and as modified by this order.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 27th day of May 1966.

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MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

G. E. Loughland Chairman

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STATE OF MINNESOTA) County of Ramsey

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VIRGIL C. HERRICK, Being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says:

} ss.

That he is executive secretary of the Minnesota Water Resources Board;

That he has compared the attached copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, the 31st day of January, 1958, with the original thereof on file and in his official custody; and

That said copy is a true and correct copy of said original and the whole thereof.

Virgil C. Herrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January

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STATE OF MINNESOTA MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

In the Matter of the Establishment of a Watershed District in Kittson County and Appointing Managers thereof

FINDINGS OF FACT CONCLUSIONS OF LAW ORDER

Nominating petition having been heretofore filed with the State Water Resources Board praying for the establishment and creation of a watershed district and appointment of managers thereof for the general purpose of regulation and control of flood waters and conservation of waters for various beneficial uses, pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1955, Chapter 799, as amended by Laws 1957, Chapter 279, and

The board having ordered that a hearing be held on said petition on the 5th day of November, 1957, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in the City of Hallock, Kittson County, Minnesota, and the board having held said hearing pursuant to said order on November 5, 1957, and

Virgil C. Herrick, attorney and Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Water Resources Board, appeared for the Water Resources Board; Lyman A. Brink, Hallock, Minnesota, having appeared for the proponents, and

The board having heard the testimony and evidence offered and received on behalf of the petitioners, no objectors being present, and having duly considered the same, and having considered all the records and files of the board relating to said petitions, now makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW and ORDER:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ι.

That a duly executed petition of the County of Kittson was filed on the 18th day of September, 1957, with the secretary of the Minnesota Water Resources Board and proof of service of said petition upon the Director of the Division of Waters in the Department of Conservation, the Commissioner of Conservation, the county auditor of Kittson County, was filed on September 18th, 1957 with the secretary of said board, together with a map of the proposed district attached. That on October 8, 1957, said petition was found sufficient by the board and a hearing thereon was ordered to be held at 9:00 in the forenoon, November 5, 1957, in the Court House in the City of Hallock, Kittson County, notice was given by publication in a legal newspaper in the county affected as required by statute and in addition thereto, notice was sent to the county auditor of the affected county, the chief executive official of the affected municipalities, and to various legislators and public officials that might be interested therein.

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II.

That the Director of the Division of Waters, Department of Conservation, made a study of the area considered in the proposed watershed and filed his report with the board recommending the establishment of the proposed watershed district as being sound, practical and feasible from an engineering and economic standpoint, which report was received in evidence at the hearing and supported by oral testimony.

IV.

That the territory to be included in the proposed district is as follows: The entire Joe River and St. Vincent Watershed, within Kittson County, containing an area of approximately 123 square miles, and including all or part of the following townships:

> Township 162; Range 49 - 50 Township 163; Range 48 - 51 Township 164; Range 45 - 51

as shown on Director of Water's Exhibit 1, introduced at the hearing herein, subject to further changes as provided by law.

That the name of the proposed district shall be "The Joe River Watershed District."

V.

That the facts set forth in the petition are found to exist

and that the proposed works of the districts, and the purpose of the proposed works are as follows:

- 1. Changing, widening, deepening, straightening or otherwise improving the branches of the Joe Rivers and its tributaries in order to improve the use and capacity thereof and thereby alleviate damage caused by floods.
- 2. Regulation, control and conservation of the waters within the watershed by the construction of reservoirs or by other appropriate methods to hold and control the waters for certain beneficial uses, including domestic, industrial, and recreational uses, wildlife propogation and fire protection.
- 3. Construction and operation of necessary works to insure a more uniform stream flow, to provide the proper sewage disposal.

VII.

That the watershed district proposed herein will serve as a qualified state agency to cooperate with the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture in the construction of the foregoing improvements, much of the cost of which may be born by the aforementioned federal agency in conjunction with their Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program, or other conservation programs.

VIII.

That the proposed watershed district will serve the public interest in the conservation of its natural resources within the proposed district, including wildlife, water resources, forests, and soils, and the engineering and economic practicability of creating the district will be sound and feasible when considered in relation to the public interest and resulting costs and that the creation of the watershed district will serve the purposes of the watershed act.

IX.

That despite publication of notice as required by law, no persons objecting to the creation of the Watershed District appeared, and no testimony or other evidence in opposition to the creation of the district was offered at the hearing.

Upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the board <u>Concludes</u> and <u>Orders</u>:

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That the board has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the proposed watershed district.

XI.

That the public interest and the conservation of the natural resources within the proposed district including wildlife, water resources, forests, and soils will be served and protected by the organization of the same, if properly managed; that the engineering and economic practicability of creating the district will be sound and feasible when considered in relation to the public interest and the resulting costs; and the purposes of the watershed act would be subserved by the creation thereof.

XII.

That the said watershed district is hereby ordered established and is entitled, "The Joe River Watershed District", which shall hereafter be known and it shall have all the authority, powers and duties provided by law.

XIII.

That the territory to be included in the proposed district is as follows: The entire Joe River and St. Vincent Watershed, within Kittson County, containing an area of approximately 123 square miles, and including all or part of the following townships:

> Township 162; Range 49 - 50 Township 163; Range 48 - 51 Township 164; Range 45 - 51

as shown on Director of Water's Exhibit 1, introduced at the hearing herein, subject to further changes as provided by law.

The first Board of Managers of said district, whose terms shall be for one year, are as follows:

1. Ed Johnson - Orlean

2. Roger Ward - St. Vincent

3. Arnold Wiese - Humboldt

4. Andrew Anderson - St. Vincent

5. Anton V. Olsonawski - St. Vincent

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to have all the powers, duties, obligations and responsibilities provided by law.

XV.

That the principal place of business of said district shall be located in the Village of Humboldt , County of Kittson within the said district.

XVI.

That said Board of Managers within a reasonable time after qualifying shall adopt an overall plan for projects and improvements within the district for reclamation, drainage, erosion, and flood control and improvement of lands, soils, forests, waters, wildlife, and projects therein. A copy of such plan shall forthwith be transmitted to the county auditor of the county affected, the secretary of the board, the Commissioner of Conservation, and the Director of the Division of Waters of the Department of Conservation. Thereupon the managers shall forthwith cause a notice that such plan has been adopted to be posted at three (3) conspicuous places within the district. Upon receipt of such copy the said commissioner and director shall examine the same and within twenty (20) days thereafter shall transmit to this board their recommendations in connection therewith a copy of which shall be transmitted to the managers and the county auditor of each county affected. Within forty-five (45) days thereafter, the board shall have a hearing upon the proposed plan. Notice of such hearing shall be given by the board. All freeholders within the district

affected thereby and interested therein shall be heard and all objections shall be determined.

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Dated at Saint Paul, this 31 day of January, 1957.

JOHN DALEY, Chairman

CHARLES L. HORN, Secretary

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