

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
 :SS
COUNTY OF POPE)

I, L. M. Landing, County Auditor of Pope County, Minnesota, as such, do hereby certify and return that I have in my custody and control all of the records and files of the office of County Auditor of said County and that I am the keeper of the records of the proceedings of the County Board of said County.

That attached hereto are true and correct copies of certain of said original files, records and proceedings which are so in my custody and control, to-wit:

Exhibit "A" attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the original petition for the incorporation of the proposed Village of Westport.

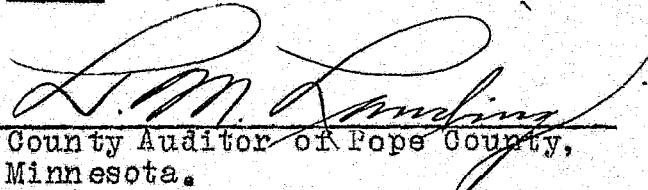
Exhibit "B" hereto attached is a true copy of a resolution of the County Board of Pope County, Minnesota, which resolution was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said County Board held on February 1st, 1926, and that said Exhibit "B" is a complete copy of said resolution as the same appears upon the records and minutes of said meeting.

Exhibit "C" hereto attached is a true and correct copy of the original notice of the election issued in said matter and filed in my office on February 7, 1926 and having attached thereto a copy of said petition and a true copy of the sheriff's return and proof of the posting of said election.

Exhibit "D" hereto attached is a true and correct copy of the return of the Inspectors and Judges of election which was filed in my office on March 1, 1926.

That this certificate is made in accordance with Chapter 9 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1923 to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota for the purpose of completing the incorporation of the said proposed Village of Westport.

Witness my official hand and seal at the Village of Glenwood in Pope County, Minnesota, on this 1st day of March, 1926.


County Auditor of Pope County,
Minnesota.

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EXHIBIT "A"

PETITION

To the County Board of Pope County, Minnesota:

For the purpose of organizing and incorporating the territory hereinafter described as a village, in accordance with Chapter 9 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1923, the undersigned respectfully request and petition that you call an election for the determination of such proposed incorporation, as provided by law.

Further, in accordance with said Chapter 9 of said revised statutes of Minnesota for 1923 and as a part of this petition, the undersigned do state and make known the following facts, to-wit:

1. That each of the undersigned is an actual resident and legal voter of and in the territory included in said proposed village.

2. That the territory included in said proposed village is situate in Township numbered One hundred twenty-six (126) of Range numbered Thirty-six (36) in said County of Pope and is bounded by the following described metes and boundary lines, to-wit: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$) of Section numbered Fourteen (14) in said Township and Range, and thence running East to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section numbered Fourteen (14) in said Township and Range; thence running South to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter ($NE\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section numbered Twenty-three (23) in said Township and Range; thence running West to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter ($NE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section numbered Twenty-three (23) in said Township and Range, and thence running North to the place of beginning; the subdivisions referred to being in accordance with the U. S. Government Survey and there being included in said territory the "Townsite of Westport" and "Northside Addition to Westport" according to the plats of said Townsite and said Addition on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds within and for said County of Pope.

3. That the quantity of land embraced in the boundary of said proposed village is Two hundred forty (240) acres.

4. That the number of actual residents within the territory of said proposed village is One hundred two (102).

5. That the name of said proposed village and the name proposed therefor is "Village of Westport".

Signatures

Wm. E. Volkmann
J. R. Frederick
Fred Judkins
Walter Welch
J. M. Frederick
Geo. B. Bowman
Max Kraus
Ed Welch
Beatrice Johnson
Mrs. Grace Thatcher

Signatures

H. J. Clemens
M. C. Frederick
Wm. Welch
Bert Frederick
Mik Welch
Mrs. Lillian H. Valkmann
Charley Kerski
Lillian Welch
L. J. Buckholz
Mrs. May Frederick

Signatures

Igola Welch
Grace Johnson
H. C. Peterson
Ina Juckins
Rupert Juckins
Edith Danielson

Signatures

A. E. Johnson
C. C. Thatcher
Mabel Frederick
Carl Danielson
Clara Williams
Mrs. Pearl Frederick

State of Minnesota)
 : ss
County of Pope)

Each of the subscribers to the foregoing petition signed his or her name thereto in my presence and at the time each of said persons so signed he or she was by me duly sworn and deposed and said that he or she had read and knew the contents of the foregoing petition and that each was a resident and legal voter within the territory of said proposed village of Westport as set forth in said petition; also that each subscribed said petition for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Further, I do certify that each of said subscribers is personally known to me and each is a resident and legal voter of said territory.

Further, that said petition was so subscribed and sworn to on this 25th day of January, 1926.

Witness my official hand and seal on this 25th day of January, 1926.

(Notarial Seal)

Chester A. Butler
Notary Public, Pope County, Minn.
My commission expires Apr. 14, 1930

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
 :SS
COUNTY OF POPE)

Bert Frederick, H. C. Peterson and H. J. Clemens, being first duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says as follows, to-wit:

That each of them is a resident and a legal voter of the territory described in the foregoing and attached petition and which territory said petition proposes to be incorporated as a village and called "Village of Westport". That on behalf of the subscribers to said petition, affiants have taken a census of the resident population within the boundaries of said proposed village and have carefully counted and enumerated each and every resident therein.

That such census and enumeration has been made and taken on this 25th day of January, 1926. That the number of actual residents on and in the territory included in the said proposed Village of Westport is One hundred two (102).

That said census was accurately taken by affiants on said date.

That each of the subscribers to said petition is personally known to affiants and is a resident and legal voter of the State of Minnesota and of the territory included in said proposed village and that each of said signatures is the genuine signature of the person whose signature it purports to be and that each of the signatures of said petition was subscribed thereto on the 25th day of January, 1926.

That each and all of the statements in said petition are true.

Bert Frederick

H. C. Peterson

H. J. Clemens

Subscribed and sworn to by Bert Frederick, H. C. Peterson and H. J. Clemens, before me on this 25 day of January, 1926.

Chester A. Butler

Notary Public, Pope County, Minn.
My commission expires Apr. 14, 1930

(Notarial Seal)

State of Minnesota)
 :SS
County of Pope)

I, L. M. Landing, County Auditor of said County of Pope, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of petition for incorporation of Village of Westport which was presented to the County Board and filed in my office on February 1st, 1926.

Witness my hand and official seal on this 1st day of February, 1926.

L. M. Landing
County Auditor, Pope County, Minn.

(Official Seal)

(Endorsed on same, filed in the office of the County Auditor of Pope County, Minnesota, Jan. 30, 1926. L. M. Landing
County Auditor

EXHIBIT "B"

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Pope County, Minnesota, as follows, to-wit:

THAT WHEREAS, A petition has been presented to said board requesting that an election be called to determine the matter of the proposed incorporation of a village of the territory situate within the following described metes and boundary lines, to-wit: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{2}$) of Section numbered Fourteen (14) and thence running East to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{2}$) of said Section numbered Fourteen (14); thence running South to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter ($NE\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{2}$) of Section numbered Twenty-three (23); thence running West to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter ($NE\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{2}$) of said Section numbered Twenty-three (23), and thence running North to the place of beginning, all being in Township One hundred twenty-six (126) of Range numbered Thirty-six (36), in said County of Pope, said village when incorporated to be known as "Village of Westport" and such election and proceedings being requested in accordance with Chapter 9 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1923, and

WHEREAS, Said County Board has carefully examined into the matters set forth in said petition and has referred the same to E. R. Sallness, County Attorney of said County, who has rendered an opinion to the Board in said matter, and

WHEREAS, In addition to the proposed territory and name of said village as above set forth, said petition shows that said boundary includes two hundred forty (240) acres, and that part of same is platted into lots and blocks, and that the number of actual residents within said territory is One hundred two (102), and

WHEREAS, Said petition has been signed by Thirty-two (32) voters residing within said proposed village and is verified as required by law and is also accompanied by a census which has been taken as to the resident population of said territory, and

WHEREAS, Said petition complies with, and is in the form required by, the law in such case made and provided and is in all things regular and complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is hereby determined that Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1926, at Modern Woodman of America Hall on Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) of Block Twenty-eight (28) in the Townsite of Westport, Pope County, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, and within the territory of said proposed village, is a suitable and proper time and place for holding an election as requested in said petition, and that an election be then and there held to ascertain the desire of the voters residing within said territory as to the incorporation thereof as such a village, and

The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to prepare necessary copies of said petition, as required by law, and to attach to each of such copies a notice of such election, which notice shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

"NOTICE OF ELECTION"

"NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1926 at Modern Woodmen of America Hall on Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) of Block Twenty-eight (28) in the Townsite of Westport, Pope County, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, an election will be held whereat the voters of the territory of proposed "Village of Westport", described in a certain petition of which a copy is hereto attached (and hereafter set forth) shall determine whether said territory shall be incorporated as a village in accordance with Chapter 9 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1923. The poles will be open for such election from Nine A. M. o'clock to Nine o'clock P. M. of said day.

By order of the County Board of Pope County, Minnesota.

Dated Feb. 1, 1926.

L. M. Landberg
County Auditor Pope County, Minn."

And there being no qualified newspaper published within the territory of said proposed village, the said County Auditor is hereby directed to cause copies of said petition, with such notice of election attached to each of same, to be posted in three public places within the boundaries of said proposed village, and

The said County Auditor is also directed to prepare and furnish for said election the necessary ballots to be used at said election, each of which ballots shall bear the words, "For incorporation--- Yes---No" with a square after each of said words "Yes" and "no" with directions to the voter to make a cross after one of said words to express his choice, and the following named persons J. R. Frederick, Granville Coffey, W. J. Sullivan, being residents and legal voters within the territory of said proposed village are hereby appointed "Inspectors" to act as judges of said election and to conduct the same, so far as practicable, in accordance with the laws regulating election of town officers, and to make certificates and returns of said election as required by law. The said inspectors may select a clerk to perform the duties provided by law to be performed by the Town Clerk at the election of town officers.

It is also resolved that the poles at said election shall be open from Nine o'clock A. M. to Nine o'clock P. M. on the date thereof as aforesaid, and that if at such election the majority of the votes cast are in the affirmative, the County Auditor shall make and transmit documents as required by law to the Secretary of State in order to complete such incorporation.

Filed in the Office of the County Auditor
of Pope County, Minn. Feb. 1, 1926

L. M. Landberg
County Auditor.
R. J. Smith, Deputy

EXHIBIT "C"

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1926 at Modern Woodmen of America Hall on lot seven (7) and eight (8), of Block Twenty-eight (28) in Townsite of Westport, Pope County, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, an election will be held whereat the voters of the territory of proposed "Village of Westport", described in a certain petition of which a copy is hereto attached (and hereafter set forth), shall determine whether said territory shall be incorporated as a village in accordance with Chapter 9 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1925. The poles will be open for such election from nine o'clock A. M. to nine o'clock P. M. of said day.

By order of the County Board of Pope County, Minnesota.

Dated Feb. 1st, 1926.

(Official Seal)

L. M. Landing
County Auditor Pope County, Minn.

PETITION

To the County Board of Pope County, Minnesota:

For the purpose of organizing and incorporating the territory hereinafter described as a village, in accordance with Chapter 9 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1925, the undersigned respectfully request and petition that you call an election for the determination of such proposed incorporation, as provided by law.

Further, in accordance with said Chapter 9 of said revised statutes of Minnesota for 1925 and as a part of this petition, the undersigned do state and make known the following facts, to-wit:

1. That each of the undersigned is an actual resident and legal voter of and in the territory included in said proposed village.

2. That the territory included in said proposed village is situate in Township numbered One hundred twenty-six (126) of Range numbered thirty-six (36) in said County of Pope and is bounded by the following described metes and boundary lines, to-wit: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section numbered Fourteen (14) in said Township and Range, and thence running East to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section numbered Fourteen (14) in said Township and Range; thence running South to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section numbered Twenty-three (23) in said Township and Range; thence running West to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section numbered Twenty-three (23) in said Township and Range, and thence running North to the place of beginning; the subdivisions referred to being in accordance with the U. S. Government Survey and there being included in said territory the "Townsite of Westport" and "Northside Addition to Westport" according to the plat of said Townsite and said Addition on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds within and for said County of Pope.

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3. That the quantity of land embraced in the boundary of said proposed village is Two hundred forty (240) acres.

4. That the number of actual residents within the territory of said proposed village is One hundred two (102).

5. That the name of said proposed village and the name proposed therefor is "Village of Westport".

Signatures

Mr. E. Volkman
J. S. Frederick
Fred Jenkins
Walter Welch
J. B. Frederick
Geo. B. Bowman
Max Kraus
Ed Welch
Beatrice Johnson
Mrs. Grace Thatcher
Egola Welch
Grace Johnson
H. C. Peterson
Ina Jenkins
Robert Jenkins
Edith Danielson

Signatures

H. J. Clement
M. C. Frederick
Wm. Welch
Dert Frederick
Hik Welch
Mrs. Lillian H. Volkman
Charley Korcki
Lillian Welch
L. J. Bushholz
Mrs. May Frederick
A. E. Johnson
C. C. Thatcher
Mabel Frederick
Carl Danielson
Clara Williams
Mrs. Pearl Frederick

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF DOUGLASS)

Each of the subscribers to the foregoing petition signed his or her name thereto in my presence and at the time each of said persons so signed he or she was by me duly sworn and deposed and said that he or she had read and knew the contents of the foregoing petition and that each was a resident and legal voter within the territory of said proposed village of Westport as set forth in said petition; and that each subscribed said petition for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Further, I do certify that each of said subscribers is personally known to me and each is a resident and legal voter of said territory.

Further, that said petition was so subscribed and sworn to on this 25 day of January, 1926.

Witness my official hand and seal on this 25 day of January, 1926.

(Notarial Seal)

Charles A. Boller
Notary Public, Douglas County, Minnesota
My commission expires Jan 14, 1930

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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 COUNTY OF POPE)

Hert Frederick, H. G. Peterson and H. J. Clemens, being First duly sworn, each for himself depose and say as follows, to-wit:

That each of them is a resident and a legal voter of the territory described in the foregoing and attached petition and which territory said petition proposed to be incorporated as a village and called "Village of Newport". That on behalf of the subscribers to said petition, affiants have taken a census of the resident population within the boundaries of said proposed village and have carefully counted and enumerated each and every resident therein.

That such census and enumeration has been made and taken on this 25 day of January, 1926. That the number of actual residents on and in the territory included in the said proposed Village of Newport is one hundred two (102).

That said census was accurately taken by affiants on said date.

That each of the subscribers to said petition is personally known to affiants and is a resident and legal voter of the State of Minnesota and of the territory included in said proposed village and that each of said signatures is the genuine signature of the person whose signature it purports to be and that each of the signatures of said petition was subscribed thereto on the 25 day of January, 1926.

That each and all of the statements in said petition are true.

Hert Frederick

H. G. Peterson

H. J. Clemens

Subscribed and sworn to by Hert Frederick, H. G. Peterson and H. J. Clemens, before me on this 25 day of January, 1926.

(Notarial Seal)

Charles A. Butler
 Notary Public, Pope County, Minn.
 My commission expires Feb 14 1930

State of Minnesota)
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 County of Pope)

I, L. M. Landing, County Auditor of said County of Pope, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of petition for incorporation of Village of Newport which was presented to the County Board and filed in my office on February 1st, 1926.

Witness my hand and official seal on this 1st day of February, 1926.

L. M. Landing
 County Auditor, Pope County, Minn.

Official Seal

Filed in the Office of the County Auditor
 of Pope County, Minn. Feb 11 1926

L. M. Landing
 County Auditor

EXHIBIT "C"

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF POPE) :SS

Henry Ness, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is a resident and the Sheriff of said County of Pope and that on the 4th day of February, 1926 he duly posted three true and correct duplicates of the foregoing and annexed notice of election together with the petition thereto attached and duly certified by the County Auditor of said County, at three of the most public places within the territory described in said petition, to-wit:

One at the front of the Modern Woodmen of America Hall which is more fully described in said notice of election as the place where same is to be held.

One at the front door of the Post Office in the Townsite of Westport, Pope County, State of Minnesota.

One at the front door of the Mrs. May Frederick Building located on Lot 2, Block 28, in the Townsite of Westport, Pope County, State of Minnesota.

Henry Ness

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 8th day of February, 1926.

P. H. Smith
Deputy County Auditor,
Pope County, Minnesota

(Official Seal)

(Endorsed on same, Filed in the office of the County Auditor of
Pope County, Minnesota, February 8th, 1926.

L. M. Landing
County Auditor.

EXHIBIT "D"

CERTIFICATE AND RETURN OF INSPECTORS

State of Minnesota)
County of Pope) :ss

We J. R. Frederick and Fred W. Judkins
F. C. Gaffaney, as Inspectors and as Judges
of an election held to determine the question of whether the proposed
Village of Westport should be incorporated, in accordance with a
resolution of the County Board of said County of Pope passed and
adopted on February 1st, 1926, do hereby make the following certificate
and return, to-wit:

That said election was held on Saturday, the 27th day of February,
1926 at Modern Woodmen of America Hall on Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8)
of Block Twenty-eight (28) in the Townsite of Westport, Pope County,
Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the
office of the Register of Deeds of said County, and that said election
began at Nine o'clock A. M. of said day and continued until Nine o'clock
P. M.

That said election was in all things conducted according to the
law of the State of Minnesota in such case made and provided.

That the total number of ballots cast at said election was
Sixty-two (62) of which number 41 of said ballots were in favor
of the incorporation of said proposed village and 20 of said
ballots were against the incorporation of said village and 1
of said ballots were blank and * thereof were defective.

That a majority of the votes cast at said election were in the
affirmative and were in favor of such incorporation.

J. R. Frederick
Fred W. Judkins
F. C. Gaffaney
Inspectors and Judges of Election

Attest: J. J. Duchholz
Clerk

State of Minnesota)
County of Pope) :ss

J. R. Frederick, Fred W. Judkins and
F. C. Gaffaney, being first duly sworn each for
himself deposes and says that he is one of the Inspectors and Judges
of the above mentioned election; that he has read and knows the
contents of the foregoing certificate and return and that the facts
set forth therein are in all things true.

J. R. Frederick
Fred W. Judkins
F. C. Gaffaney

(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 27th day of Feb, 1926.

Chester A. Butler
Chester A. Butler,
Notary Public, Pope County, Minn
my Commission Expires April 14th, 1928

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