

Senator Andrew Mathews
Senate District 27

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March 7, 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

I am pleased to support the City of Big Lake in their effort to pursue funds to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the current plant capacity is limiting much needed growth in the community and a substantial investment is needed to expand the facility. All prior investment in the facility was completed with local funding supported by user fees, and the facility has received no prior federal funding. The City is requesting federal funding for the first time because of the increased cost of the project and to keep rates affordable for residents.

Big Lake is a growing community of choice for many families and businesses. Expanding the WWTP will allow additional housing to be constructed; meeting the needs of the regional workforce and to meet the needs of growing industrial facilities located in Big Lake.

Members of the Minnesota State Senate understand wastewater projects are a critical need for the Big Lake community and would encourage approval for funding. Thank you for your interest and support for continued vibrancy and growth for the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,



Andrew Mathews
State Senator
District 27



Senate

State of Minnesota



Cargill, Inc.
15407 McGinty Rd. W.
Wayzata, MN 55391

February 15, 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

Founded in 1865, Cargill's 155,000 employees across 70 countries work to achieve our purpose to nourish the world in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way. However, as much as we are a global company, we are a local company.

Cargill has deep ties to Minnesota communities, including Big Lake where we employ more than 160 skilled workers who help us serve our farmer customers and maintain a critical food supply chain.

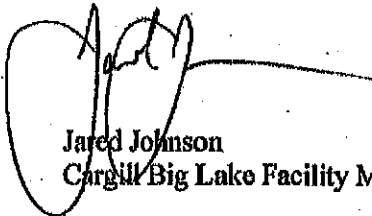
Cargill appreciates the partnership and leadership the City of Big Lake offers as we continue to operate our campus and meet the growing demand for our products. For this reason, Cargill is pleased to support the City of Big Lake in their effort to pursue funds to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Big Lake is a growing community of choice for many families and businesses. Expanding the WWTP will allow additional housing to be constructed, meeting the needs of the regional workforce and the needs of growing industrial facilities located in Big Lake.

While the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the plant capacity is unable to meet the current and future needs of the community. These prior investments were funded by local user fees, with no state or federal funding requested. The City of Big Lake is now requesting inaugural federal funding to support the increased cost of the project while maintaining affordability for residents.

Maintaining and expanding the City's water infrastructure is vital to ensuring the longevity and sustainable operation of Cargill and the community, on which so many people rely. This WWTP project is a critical need for the Big Lake and we encourage the pursuit and approval of federal funding. Thank you for your interest in the continued vibrancy and growth for the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,



Jared Johnson
Cargill Big Lake Facility Manager



March 5, 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

Lupulin Brewing is wholeheartedly committed to the well-being and sustainable growth of Big Lake, a community we are proud to be part of. It is with this spirit of community stewardship and partnership that we express our robust support for the City of Big Lake's efforts to secure federal funding for the vital expansion of the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

We recognize the significant investments the City has made in maintaining and upgrading the WWTP over the years, funded by local resources and user fees, without federal assistance. These efforts have laid a strong foundation, yet, as our community stands on the cusp of significant residential and industrial growth, the existing capacity of our WWTP has become a bottleneck that must be addressed.

The expansion of the WWTP is not just an infrastructure project; it is a gateway to fulfilling the aspirations of Big Lake's residents and businesses. By increasing the plant's capacity, we unlock the potential for new housing developments, support the expansion of current businesses, and attract new industries, all of which are critical for our community's future prosperity and to accommodate the needs to grow our local workforce.

Lupulin Brewing understands the importance of this project and its impact on keeping utility rates affordable for all residents while fostering economic development and environmental stewardship. We stand with the City in their request for federal funding, recognizing that such support is now essential to meet the project's increased costs without placing undue burden on our community members.

We encourage the approval of funding for the WWTP expansion and look forward to the opportunities this project will bring to our community. Together, we can ensure the continued vibrancy, growth, and resilience of Big Lake.

Thank you for considering our support for this crucial initiative.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zierdt
President & Co-Founder
Lupulin Brewing Company
570 Humboldt Drive, Ste. 107
Big Lake, MN 55309

CC: Matt Schiller



Date 27 Feb 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

Lisi Medical Remmele is pleased to support the City of Big Lake in their effort to pursue funds to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the current plant capacity is limiting much needed growth in the community and a substantial investment is needed to expand the facility. All prior investment in the facility was completed with local funding supported by user fees, and the facility has received no prior federal funding. The city is requesting federal funding for the first time because of the increased cost of the project and to keep rates affordable for residents.

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Lisi Medical Rimmel understands this project as a critical need for the Big Lake community and would encourage approval for funding. Thank you for your interest and support for continued vibrancy and growth for the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,

Shane Hybben

Shane Hybben

Director of Engineering & Operations

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March 4th, 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the City of Big Lake in their effort to pursue funds to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the current plant capacity is limiting much needed growth in the community and a substantial investment is needed to expand the facility. All prior investment in the facility was completed with local funding supported by user fees, and the facility has received no prior federal funding. The City is requesting federal funding for the first time because of the increased cost of the project and to keep rates affordable for residents.

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The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce understands this project as a critical need for the Big Lake community and would encourage approval for funding. Thank you for your interest and support for continued vibrancy and growth for the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Board & Staff

cc: Tim Truebenbach
Brenda Geldert
Scott Driscoll
Marissa McKee
Yvonne Olderbak
Becky Jacobs
Stacey Stanley
Oscar Cooper
Ryan Benjamin
Julie Brandt

**SHERBURNE
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Sherburne County EDA

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February 15, 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

The Sherburne County EDA is pleased to support the City of Big Lake in their effort to pursue funds to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the current plant capacity is limiting much needed growth in the community and a substantial investment is needed to expand the facility. All prior investment in the facility was completed with local funding supported by user fees, and the facility has received no prior federal funding. The City is requesting federal funding for the first time because of the increased cost of the project and to keep rates affordable for residents.

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The Sherburne County EDA understands this project as a critical need for the Big Lake community and would encourage approval for funding. Thank you for your interest and support for continued vibrancy and growth for the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Barthel".

Jessica Barthel, Sherburne County EDA Executive Director

cc: Dan Weber
Ken Geroux



Superintendent Truebenbach
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March 11, 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

Big Lake Schools is pleased to support the City of Big Lake in their effort to pursue funds to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the current plant capacity is limiting much needed growth in the community and a substantial investment is needed to expand the facility. All prior investment in the facility was completed with local funding supported by user fees, and the facility has received no prior federal funding. The City is requesting federal funding for the first time because of the increased cost of the project and to keep rates affordable for residents.

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Big Lake Schools understands this project as a critical need for the Big Lake community and would encourage approval for funding. Thank you for your interest and support for continued vibrancy and growth for the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,

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Tim Truebenbach
Superintendent

February 12, 2024

City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

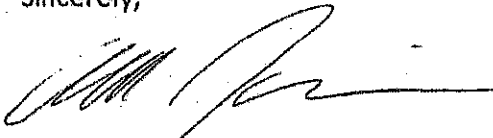
Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

The Big Lake Economic Development Authority (BLEDA) is pleased to support the City of Big Lake in their effort to pursue funds to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the current plant capacity is limiting much needed growth in the community and a substantial investment is needed to expand the facility. All prior investment in the facility was completed with local funding supported by user fees, and the facility has received no prior federal funding. The City is requesting federal funding for the first time because of the increased cost of the project and to keep rates affordable for residents.

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The BLEDA understands this project as a critical need for the Big Lake community and would encourage approval for funding. Thank you for your interest and support for continued vibrancy and growth for the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,



Alan Heidemann
Big Lake Economic Development Authority, President

cc: Therese Haffner, BLEDA Executive Director