

March 13, 2025

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

City Administrator, Hanna Klimmek -

The Big Lake Economic Development Authority (BLEDA) strongly supports the City of Big Lake's initiative to secure funding for expanding capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While the City has diligently invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, the plant's current capacity is restricting essential community growth. A significant investment is now necessary to expand the facility and meet the growing demands of our city.

To date, all improvements to the WWTP have been funded locally through user fees, with no previous federal funding support. Given the substantial increase in project costs, the City is seeking federal assistance to ensure that rates remain affordable for residents while addressing the facility's capacity limitations.

Big Lake is rapidly becoming a preferred destination for both families and businesses. Expanding the WWTP will support new housing developments, accommodate the regional workforce, and meet the needs of expanding industrial operations in the area.

The BLEDA recognizes this project as a vital step for the continued growth and vitality of Big Lake, and we wholeheartedly encourage the approval of this much-needed funding. Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing support of Big Lake's development and prosperity.

Sincerely,



Alan Heidemann
Big Lake Economic Development Authority, President

Cc: Marie Pflipsen, BLEDA Executive Director



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March 24, 2025

City of Big Lake
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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.

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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tim Truebenbach", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Truebenbach
Superintendent



160 Lake St. N Big Lake, MN 55309

March 25th, 2025

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 ongoing 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 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

Becky Jacobs

Stacey Stanley

Oscar Cooper

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Julie Brandt



Date 13 March 2025

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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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Sincerely,

Shane Hybben

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Senate

State of Minnesota

March 17, 2025

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

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Mathews".

Andrew Mathews
State Senator
District 27



Sherburne County EDA

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March 20, 2025

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,

Brian Fleming, Sherburne County EDA Executive Director

cc: Dan Weber
Ken Geroux



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March 20, 2025

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Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

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Sincerely,

Brian Fleming, Sherburne County EDA Executive Director

cc: Dan Weber
Ken Geroux



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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
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