



*Benton County's Mission:
Quality Public Service*

April 28, 2025

Ms. Sarah Brunn
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Ms. Brunn:

I am writing on behalf of Benton County to offer my support for the City of Foley's proposed Water Treatment Plant and Well 6 Construction. As the City of Foley's County Commissioner, I recognize the importance of being able to provide critical services to city residents. Water infrastructure is necessary to sustain and grow communities like Foley in addition to meeting the latest water quality standards.

A water treatment plant and new well will also help the city foster additional economic development by adding new businesses and much needed housing development. Federal funding can also be combined with an emerging contaminant grant and revolving loan provided by the State of MN's Public Facilities Authority.

Thank you for considering the City of Foley for federal funding. Together, we can work to support Foley's vision of a strong, vibrant and growing Minnesota city.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson
Benton County Commissioner District 1

cc: Benton County Board

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Ms. Brunn:

I am writing on behalf of Benton Economic Partnership, Inc. to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed Water Treatment Plant and Well 6 Construction in the City of Foley. As an organization dedicated to fostering sustainable development and enhancing the economic vitality of our region, we recognize the critical importance of investing in infrastructure to promote growth, improve quality of life, and ensure long-term prosperity for all residents.

Infrastructure serves as the backbone of any thriving community, facilitating transportation, commerce, communication, and access to essential services. By modernizing and expanding infrastructure networks, communities can unlock new opportunities for economic development, attract businesses, create jobs, and enhance the overall well-being of residents.

The proposed infrastructure updates align closely with our Region 7W Community Economic Development Strategies, addressed under the Water Quality Water-Related Infrastructure Goals and Strategies. We commend your proactive approach in identifying and addressing the infrastructure needs of your community. We firmly believe that these investments will yield significant benefits, not only for your locality but also for the broader region as a whole.

In addition to the tangible economic benefits, investing in infrastructure contributes to environmental sustainability, resilience, and social equity. By integrating principles of sustainability and inclusivity into infrastructure planning and design, communities can reduce their environmental footprint, enhance resilience to climate change, and ensure that infrastructure projects benefit all residents, including underserved and marginalized populations.

Furthermore, by collaborating with regional partners, stakeholders, and funding agencies, communities can leverage resources, expertise, and best practices to maximize the impact of infrastructure investments and achieve shared development objectives. As a regional development commission, we are committed to supporting these collaborative efforts and assisting communities in accessing funding, technical assistance, and other resources to advance their infrastructure priorities.

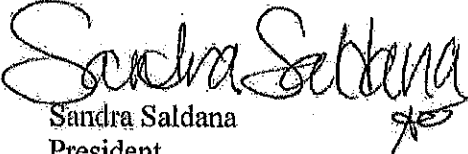
Our mission is to promote economic development in Benton County so the county will grow and prosper

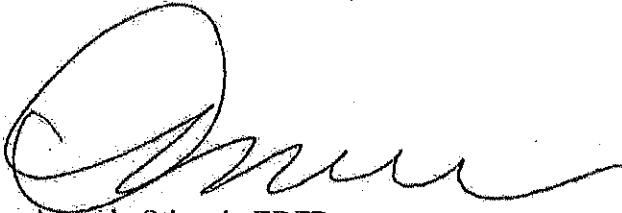
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In conclusion, Benton Economic Partnership, Inc. stands ready to provide any assistance or support necessary to advance the proposed infrastructure updates within your community. We are excited about the potential of these projects to catalyze positive change, stimulate economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to building stronger, more resilient communities. We look forward to working together to realize our shared vision of a prosperous and sustainable future for all.

Sincerely,


Sandra Saldana
President


Amanda Othoudt, EDFP
Executive Director

Senate

State of Minnesota

To Congressman Tom Emmer,

I want to express in no uncertain terms my support for the City of Foley's application for federal funding regarding their Water Treatment Project. Upon completion of the project, a current existing well will be refurbished and a new well will be constructed. This modernized well and newly completed well would bring the City of Foley back into State requirements, provide better quality and safer drinking water to the residents of Foley, and help mitigate the current water discrepancy.

There have been numerous complaints from residents that the current water quality is subpar due to the colored water stemming from iron and manganese. The issue is so prevalent that the MN Dept. of Health has issued a Health Risk Advisory to the City of Foley. Moreover, the current water storage tank in Foley can only support 230,000 gallons, but the city has consistently consumed 230,000 over the past five years. This water discrepancy has not only created consumption issues but has placed the City of Foley outside of the State Standards requirement. Furthermore, the City of Foley completed their own system study in 2016 and the additional water storage and well would provide direct help to residents by: improving redundancy, reliability, and fire flow.

Any federal support for this project would not only be much appreciated by myself, but also the people directly benefiting from this. Everyone deserves to have safe and clean drinking water.

Sincerely,

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