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March 17, 2026

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

Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

I am pleased to offer my continued support to 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Mathews".

Andrew Mathews
State Senator
District 27



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

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Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

Founded in 1865, Cargill employs 150,000 people across 70 countries, united by a shared purpose to nourish the world in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way. While our reach is global, our commitment is firmly rooted in the local communities in which we operate.

Cargill has deep ties to Minnesota communities, including Big Lake where we employ more than 200 skilled workers who help us serve our farmer customers and maintain a critical food supply chain.

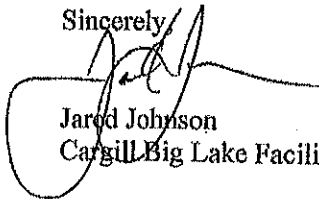
Cargill recognizes and values the leadership and partnership provided by the City of Big Lake as we continue to operate our campus and address growing product demand. For these reasons, Cargill fully supports the City's efforts to obtain funding to increase capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

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Although the City has made ongoing investments in maintenance and system upgrades, the existing plant capacity is insufficient to meet the community's current and projected needs. These past improvements were funded entirely through local user fees, without reliance on state or federal assistance. The City of Big Lake is now seeking initial federal funding to help offset the rising project costs while preserving affordability for residents.

Preserving and expanding the City's water infrastructure is key to ensuring the long-term success of Cargill and the many residents and businesses that rely on it. This WWTP project addresses a critical need for Big Lake, and we encourage approval of federal funding. Thank you for supporting the continued vibrancy and future growth of the Big Lake community.

Sincerely,



Jared Johnson
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Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

The Sherburne County Economic Development Authority (EDA) is pleased to offer this letter of support for the City of Big Lake's request for federal funding to expand capacity at the Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The City has demonstrated ongoing stewardship through years of maintenance and upgrades; however, the current facility capacity continues to constrain critical residential, commercial, and industrial growth within the community. As outlined in the Sherburne County EDA's 2026–2030 Strategic Plan, supporting infrastructure investments that enable orderly growth, workforce stability, and a diversified tax base is central to our mission. The Strategic Plan identifies the EDA's role in mitigating barriers to economic development and advocating for investments that improve quality of life and long-term resilience. The Big Lake WWTP expansion aligns directly with these objectives.

The Sherburne County EDA's Strategic Plan emphasizes the importance of adequate housing supply and workforce stability to maintain Sherburne County as a County of Choice for residents and businesses. Expanded WWTP capacity will allow the construction of additional housing units, accommodating local workforce needs and supporting regional economic vitality. Additionally, Consistent with the EDA's BRE Area of Focus, this project supports existing Big Lake businesses whose growth is currently limited by infrastructure capacity. Removing this barrier promotes long-term local competitiveness and retention of living-wage jobs within the County.

A key strategic objective for the Sherburne County EDA is expanding and diversifying the commercial and industrial tax base. Big Lake's WWTP expansion will support future industrial development in Big Lake, including existing facilities that rely on adequate wastewater treatment capacity to expand operations. The EDA's policy objectives highlight the need to allocate resources strategically toward technology and transportation infrastructure that enables sustainable growth. A modernized WWTP is essential infrastructure that positions Big Lake and Sherburne County for long-term economic resilience.

Big Lake continues to experience strong residential and business demand. Without expanded wastewater capacity, the community cannot meet its growth potential or fully serve the needs of the regional workforce. The EDA recognizes the WWTP expansion as a critical infrastructure priority for both the City of Big Lake and Sherburne County as a whole.

The Sherburne County EDA strongly supports the City of Big Lake's request for federal funding for the WWTP expansion project. We respectfully encourage favorable consideration of this application and appreciate the continued commitment to supporting projects that strengthen the long-term economic vitality of our region.

Sincerely,



Brian Fleming

Economic Development Coordinator
Sherburne County Economic Development Authority

cc: Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator
Ken Geroux, Sherburne County EDA Board Chair



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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). Although the City has invested in maintenance and upgrades over the years, we know the current plant capacity is limiting growth in the community and a substantial investment is needed to expand the facility. The City's request of federal funding is due to increased costs 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Brandt".

Julie Brandt, Executive Director
Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Board & Staff
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Dear City Administrator Hanna Klimmek,

Precera Medical 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.

Precera Medical 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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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 use 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 WWTF 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,



Jake Rohrbeck
BLEDA Vice-President



Marie Popp
Executive Director