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March 17, 2026

Office of Tom Emmer  
Otsego District Office  
9201 Quaday Ave NE  
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RE: Letter of Support for the Mayer Biosolids Project

To Whom It May Concern,

Bolton & Menk has worked closely with the City of Mayer to evaluate its current biosolids handling and treatment processes. Based on our engineering assessments, it is clear the existing system no longer provides the reliability, capacity, or operational efficiency needed to meet current and future regulatory requirements. A new biosolids facility is essential to meet new regulatory limits and ensure compliant, sustainable, and cost-effective treatment for the community.

The need for this project has been recognized at the state level. The Mayer Biosolids Project is ranked 96 on the Minnesota Clean Water Project Priority List, 32 on Part B of the Intended Use Plan, and 13 on the Point Source Implementation Grant Program List—strong indicators of both urgency and readiness.

Replacing the aging biosolids infrastructure with a properly sized, resilient system will significantly improve operational reliability, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and ensure continued environmental protection for the City of Mayer.

Sincerely,

**Bolton & Menk, Inc.**

**Jennifer Selchow, P.E.**  
Water/Wastewater Project Manager | Principal



The Honorable Tom Emmer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1415 6th Street NW, Suite 220  
Rochester, MN 55901

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Congressman Emmer,

On behalf of the City Council and residents of Mayer, Minnesota, I am writing to express our strong and unanimous support for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 1 Improvements project and to respectfully request your assistance in securing Community Project Funding for this critical infrastructure initiative.

The City of Mayer's Wastewater Treatment Facility, built in 1999 and upgraded in 2004, is now more than 20 years old and faces immediate challenges. The new, stricter phosphorus effluent limit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requires significantly increased biosolids storage capacity that our current undersized and aging tanks simply cannot provide. Phase 1 will construct a new 1.1 million-gallon aerated biosolids storage tank and loadout system, rehabilitate the influent lift station, replace the aging UV disinfection system, and upgrade electrical and SCADA controls. These targeted improvements will ensure regulatory compliance, protect public health, and support our projected 70% population growth from approximately 2,400 to over 4,100 residents by 2043.

The City Council has made this project our top capital priority. Engineering and final design is complete, and all federal environmental and historic reviews have been successfully cleared. The project is shovel-ready and positioned to begin construction in 2026 once funding is secured.

We are actively pursuing a combination of loans and Point Source Implementation Grants, but federal Community Project Funding is essential to reduce the burden on our local ratepayers and move the project forward without delay. This investment will deliver lasting benefits in the Sixth District.

Thank you for your continued leadership on infrastructure priorities and for considering our request. I am available at any time to discuss the project or provide additional information. Please feel free to contact me directly or City Administrator Nicholas Johnson at (952) 657-1502.

Sincerely,

Mike Dodge  
Mayor  
City of Mayer, Minnesota  
Mike.Dodge@cityofmayer.com

The Honorable Tom Emmer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1415 6th Street NW, Suite 220  
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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Congressman Emmer,

As a lifelong resident of Mayer, husband, and father raising our family here, and as the City's former employee and Public Works Supervisor for 12 years, I am writing to strongly support the Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements and respectfully request your help in securing Community Project Funding.

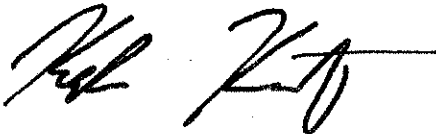
I ran the plant day-to-day from 2013 until my departure in 2025 and for most of my tenure the facility performed well. But in recent years the limitations became impossible to ignore. The repurposed biosolids storage tanks are undersized, difficult to decant and pump, prone to freezing every winter, and create real safety risks. With the new MPCA total phosphorus limits solids production will increase dramatically. Without more capacity we simply cannot stay in compliance long-term.

Even after stepping down to pursue other opportunities, I continue to support the City with my Class A wastewater operator license to help keep us in full MPCA compliance. The improvements directly solves these problems: a new biosolids storage tank with proper mixing, decanting, and truck loadout; full electrical/SCADA upgrades; replacement of the UV disinfection system; and improving the influent lift station. These are the exact upgrades the plant needs to handle our growth into the future.

As a private citizen who still lives here and whose family depends on reliable services, I know how important this is. I urge you to support this project.

Thank you for your time and for everything you do for the Sixth District. I'm happy to answer any technical questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,



Kyle Kuntz  
Class A Wastewater Operator & Lifetime Mayer Resident  
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**City of Mayer**  
**Resolution 2023-27**

**Resolution Authorizing the City of Mayer to Submit a Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) Application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) and to Authorize City Officials to Execute a Grant Agreement on Behalf of the City of Mayer for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project**

WHEREAS, the Point Source Implementation Program, established in Minnesota Statutes 446A.073, as amended provides funds for construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mayer (the "City") is hereby applying to the PFA for funds to be used for eligible costs for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project; and

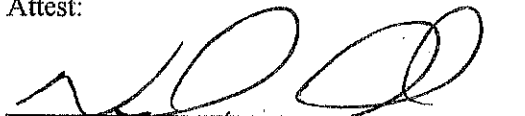
BE IT RESOLVED, that the City has the legal authority to apply for the grant, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for its design life.

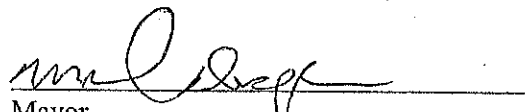
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the PFA, the City may enter into an agreement with the PFA for the above referenced project, and that the City certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in all contract agreements described in the Compliance listing of the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator and the Mayor, or their successors in office, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements, and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the above project on behalf of the City.

Adopted by the City Council for the City of Mayer, Minnesota this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Attest:

  
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City Administrator

  
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Mayor