

## Ron Visser

Riverview is good for the dairy industry in Minnesota. I have watched the dairy industry exist the far north of Minnesota, nearly all of North Dakota and the Black Hills area of South Dakota. I have watched the dairy industry take off in part of Idaho, Texas, Indiana, South Dakota and currently in Kansas. The traditional heavy dairy areas of the Midwest and Northeast have had a transition away from small tri-stall barns to the addition of longer free stall barn. This will likely continue in these areas. The harsh reality is the areas that are losing cows are smaller farms. The areas that are gaining cows add larger farms. The traditional cow areas have a similar dynamic. Making large dairy permitting difficult or impossible, will only harm the dairy industry in Minnesota and move it somewhere outside of Minnesota. Making it easier to permit a dairy in Minnesota will improve the entire industry. The dairy industry is the dairy farms along with the processing, veterinarians, nutritionists, ag lenders-dairy, dairy shipment dealers/repairs, etc. that go with it. Riverview helps keep all of this in the state of Minnesota. I support the Riverview West River expansion. I feel like the plan is good and no EIS is needed.