

March 3, 2026

Charles Peterson

520 Lafayette Road N

St. Paul, MN 55155

Mr. Peterson,

I am writing to support the approval of the permit allowing Riverview LLP to expand their West River Dairy in Section 1 of Synnes Township in Stevens County. I am a farmer and landowner near several existing Riverview sites and have twenty six years of experience with Riverview and their dairy sites in west central Minnesota. I support the permit for the West River Dairy for several reasons.

1. We live less than two miles from one of Riverview's existing sites and have experienced few if any nuisance issues. No flies, minimal odor, and only slight increase in traffic.
2. Their existing sites are impeccably neat, and runoff is contained.
3. Manure application is done by injection, soil tests are used to determine the quantity applied and manure is a renewable product that replaces thousands of tons of commercial fertilizer.
4. The West River Dairy will require hundreds of acres of alfalfa. An alternative crop for the area's corn and soybean farmers. It is a perennial crop that prevents soil erosion, promotes soil health, sequesters carbon, and provides excellent bee habitat.
5. I have toured multiple dairies from the southwestern United States to New England. None are as well operated as a Riverview dairy.
6. The West River Dairy would have a positive effect on our communities, environmentally, economically, and socially.

I strongly support the proposed West River Dairy permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Michael W. Yost