

## James Lubenow

My name is Jamie Lubenow, and I am the owner of Wagner Company, an excavating company that works alongside agricultural operations throughout West Central Minnesota. I am writing in support of the proposed West River Dairy expansion in Stevens County.

Through my work, I have had the opportunity to work with Riverview Dairy and have seen firsthand how they operate. They run a professional, well-managed operation and take their responsibilities seriously, both from a construction standpoint and in how they approach long-term planning and compliance.

Projects of this scale require detailed engineering, careful site preparation, and strict adherence to environmental and construction standards. In my experience, Riverview Dairy has consistently worked with qualified professionals and followed those standards closely. These are not casual projects, and the level of coordination and oversight involved reflects that.

I also want to speak to their environmental approach. Based on my experience working with them, they take environmental responsibility seriously and are continually working to improve their practices and reduce their impact. That commitment shows in how they plan and execute their projects.

This type of expansion also plays an important role in supporting rural economies. It creates steady work for local contractors, suppliers, and service providers, and contributes to the overall stability of communities that rely on agriculture.

I strongly encourage the MPCA to approve this project and allow the expansion to move forward. This is a well-run operation with a proven track record, and this project represents responsible growth that will benefit both the local economy and the broader community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.