

## Hein Enslin

My name is Hein Enslin, and I've lived in Stevens County for over five years. As someone who lives near the existing West River Dairy, I take a strong interest in how water resources are managed in our area. Water availability matters not only for agriculture, but also for households like mine, local wells, and the long-term health of the community.

After reviewing the available information, I'm encouraged by the level of thought that has gone into this project. The plans clearly reflect a responsible approach to water use, including conservation-focused practices, monitoring systems, and operational measures aimed at using water efficiently and only as needed.

What gives me additional confidence is Minnesota's strict water use permitting and reporting requirements. Projects of this scale are held to high standards, and ongoing monitoring of groundwater levels and usage provides important safeguards. These layers of oversight help ensure that water use remains sustainable and that both the farm and surrounding community are protected. Overall, I believe this expansion demonstrates a strong balance between agricultural growth and long-term water stewardship. I support the project and am confident that local water resources can continue to be managed responsibly as it moves forward.

Thank you.