

BRAD FINSTAD
1ST DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

2418 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-2472

2746 SUPERIOR DR. NW, SUITE 100
ROCHESTER, MN 55901
(507) 577-6140

110 N. MINNESOTA ST., SUITE 5
NEW ULM, MN 56073
(507) 577-6151

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District Wastewater Facility in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pine Island, MN, located at 250 South Main Street, Pine Island, MN 55963.

The funding would be used to construct a new, regional wastewater treatment facility, the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District Wastewater Facility, which will efficiently serve the needs of four municipalities, including Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota, and will improve service and reduce costs. The facility would also serve fee and trust land owned by the Prairie Island Indian Community. Development of this regional wastewater treatment facility will allow for all five of these communities to better manage population and economic growth that is overtaxing current systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing treatment facilities in Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota are outdated and nearing the end of their useful life cycles, they have high operation and maintenance costs, and no viable space to expand. Further deterioration of their facilities is making it even more difficult to manage ongoing growth and development in these communities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Brad Finstad
Member of Congress