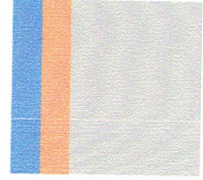


## Cross Lake Area Water and Sanitary Sewer District

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Dear Representative Nelson,

The Cross Lake Area Water and Sanitary Sewer District (CLAWSSD) was created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1994 as a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota. The "district" provides wastewater collection and treatment for over 500 customers around Cross Lake in the townships of Pine, Pokegama and Chengwatana. Collected wastewater is then pumped into the Pine City Treatment Facility, the PONDS, for treatment and eventual discharge into the Snake River. The last significant improvement in the PONDS treatment facility was in 1972 – 24 years before CLAWSSD was even created.

As stated previously, CLAWSSD provides wastewater services for over 500 customers within the district. In addition, developers are looking at 2 potential development areas which could add another 80 homes.

The southern Pine County area has seen significant development in the past 10 years. It's location provides access to multiple lakes, the Snake River and easy access to both Minneapolis and Duluth. CLAWSSD sees growth almost daily and one of the significant contributing factors, according to real-estate agents, is access to a municipal sewer system. Obviously, our system could not exist if we did not have access to the PONDS for the treatment of our wastewater.

The Cross Lake Area Water and Sanitary Sewer District wholeheartedly supports Pine City's request for bonding funds for the repair and upgrades to the PONDS wastewater treatment facility.

With Best Regards,

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Cross Lake Area Water and Sanitary Sewer District