

March 6, 2023

RE: Letter of Support for HF 145

Dear Members of the House Capital Investment Committee,

I am writing this letter to share the City of Eagle Lake's support for the bonding request of the City of Mankato Wastewater Recovery Resources Facility (WRRF).

The City of Eagle Lake provides sewer and wastewater services to our residents and that water and wastewater is treated at the WRRF to ensure that the water meets state and federal water quality standards before it is discharged into the Minnesota River. Eagle Lake is one of six other partners in the Greater Mankato region that has avoided building a separate facility and has been able to save its ratepayers and the state from the additional cost of building and operating a separate facility by sending our wastewater to WRRF. The WRRF is aging and requires upgrades to continue meeting current and future water quality regulations.

I respectfully request that you consider the bonding request of the WRRF to help make possible the critical upgrades needed. The bonding bill will help keep sewer rates affordable for our ratepayers in Eagle Lake and will also ensure the protection and preservation of Minnesota waters downstream.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important bonding request.

Sincerely,

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