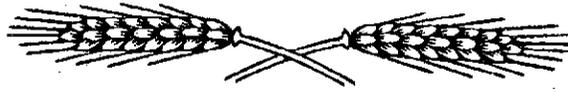


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Ladies & Gentlemen:

I am Lillian Alfson, Mayor of the Town of Fairfield. I thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today concerning our proposed Wastewater project.

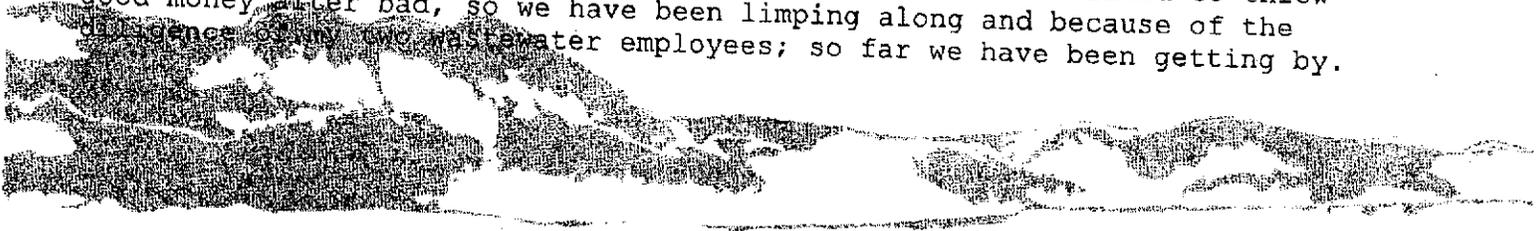
The Town of Fairfield has a population of 659 people and serves some 340 customers at different times throughout the year.

Our current wastewater system is 50 years old and has some definite problems, which we are trying to stay on top of but they grow each year and become more and more expensive. Even though our system is still marginally functional its days are limited, and our Town Council is looking to the future. My council recognizes the need for upgrading and we want to be proactive rather than reactive. At this time our system would not be able to stand any major growth which is happening around our area. We have been more fortunate in that we are seeing growth through requests for annexation to our town and it is our wish to be able to continue to grow and serve new customers.

We have looked at all the options and of course money is the one thing that we must consider. Many of our town residents are retired people on fixed income and we have many young families who are not in the high income group, therefore, we must also consider the cost of this system that would in turn be passed along to our rate payers. We don't want to add to their burden but we still want to provide a system that is as modern as we can make it. Our townspeople are wholeheartedly behind this project because many of them remember when it was built.

After taking a long, hard look at upgrading our wastewater system, and we did pass along an increase to our ratepayers sometime back from \$7.00 to \$20.00 per month. We also set up a reserve account, which unfortunately is not growing as fast as we would have liked, but it will assist in helping defray some of the construction costs through matching funds. Even though we are trying to do as much as we can on our own, we still very much need help from outside funding sources.

Our engineers have a given us a good plan with several alternatives, and we know the whole system will have to be replaced over a period of time but our lagoon is not able to meet State standards and our outfall is seriously in need of repairs. Any piece-meal repairs would not be compatible with the requirements of the proposed new system. We can not afford to throw good money after bad, so we have been limping along and because of the absence of any wastewater employees; so far we have been getting by.

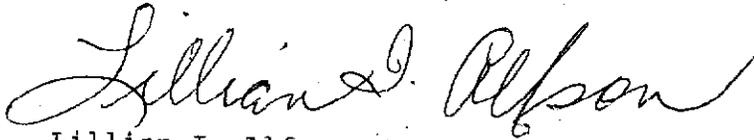


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I respectfully request that you keep us in the grant process and we appreciate the consideration we have been given to date. Thank you again for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lillian I. Alfson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lillian I. Alfson, Mayor
Town of Fairfield