

## **CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**

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The Honorable XXXXX XXX State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Representative XXXXXXX,

My name is Cole Loewen and I am the Administrator for the Clearwater River Watershed District. I am contacting you both to see if you would be able to attend a listening session being developed specifically for you to hear from your constituents, whom are being affected by recent MN Pollution Control Agency action on an operating permit for the Clearwater Harbor/ Hidden River Sanitary Sewer Systems. The CRWD owns and operates these systems, which were constructed in the early 2000s at a cost of ~\$2 million, paid for by the residents via special assessments.

The CRWD Board of Managers were asked by the residents of these systems to hold this listening session on their behalf so they could voice their concerns directly with you. These residents are facing a very large cost in order to comply with the MPCA permit requirements, and they need your help.

I am currently in the process of setting up a meeting space, and would like to ascertain your availability. Listed below are several suggested dates and times for such a session. I would greatly appreciate hearing back from you soon on what dates and times (if any) work for you. I will then set the date, reserve the space, and send out invites to the residents.

- March 18: any time between 9am-1pm (not longer than 2 hours total)
- March 25: any time between 9am-1pm (not longer than 2 hours total)
- April 1: any time between 9am-1pm (not longer than 2 hours total)
- April 8: any time between 9am-1pm (not longer than 2 hours total)

Finally, attached is background information on the operating permit requirements with the MPCA, and what the CRWD has done so far in regards to the permit.

Thank you in advance for your reply!

Cole Loewen Administrator Clearwater River Watershed District

Attachment (1)