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April 11, 2006

Red River Valley Water Supply Project  
 Bureau of Reclamation  
 P.O. Box 1017  
 Bismarck, ND 58502-1017

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

At their meeting on Monday, April 10, 2006, the City Council of Pelican Rapids reviewed the enclosed resolution entitled Resolution In the Matter of Opposing the Use of Ground Water from the Pelican Rapids Area to Supply Water to the Red River Valley During a Severe Drought.

The City Council voted to adopt the resolution and requests that it be considered as part of the testimony opposing use of ground water resources from the Otter Tail Outwash and Pelican River Sands Aquifer identified in the Red River Basin Alternative.

Sincerely,

*Glenys Ehlert*  
 Glenys Ehlert, CMC  
 Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION

In the Matter of Opposing the Use of Ground Water from the Pelican Rapids Area  
to Supply Water to the Red River Valley  
During a Severe Drought

Whereas, the Red River Valley Water Supply Project evaluates alternatives to supply water to for the Municipal, Rural and Industrial needs of 13 North Dakota Counties and Four Minnesota Cities bordering these Counties in the Red River Valley during times of severe drought, and

Whereas the Red River Valley Water Supply Projects includes an alternative to with draw water from the Ottertail Outwash and Pelican River Sands Aquifers, and

Whereas, the City of Pelican Rapids is located at the Pelican Sands Aquifers, and

Whereas the Draft EIS for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project has limited data concerning the impact on ground water resources in the Ottertail Outwash and Pelican Sands Aquifers, and

Whereas, it is unlikely a severe drought would be limited to the 13 Counties and the Cities identified in the Red River Valley Water Supply Projects, and

Whereas, ground water is the source of nearly all municipal, rural, industrial and irrigation uses in Pelican Rapids and the surrounding areas, and

Whereas use of ground water from the Ottertail Outwash and Pelican Sands Aquifers would result in an estimated 100, 150 or more public water supply wells being scattered throughout large areas of Otter Tail County, including those surrounding the City of Pelican Rapids, and

Whereas the implementation of Wellhead Protection measures through out such a vast area of the County would have significant impacts on existing and future residential, recreational and agricultural development in Pelican Rapids and the surrounding area, and

Whereas the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project has alternatives which are cost effective and for which available data allows for a better means to anticipate and measure the long term impacts

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pelican Rapids hereby opposes the use of ground water resources from the Ottertail Outwash and Pelican River Sands Aquifers identified in the Red River Basin Alternative set forth in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.

Adopted by the council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

Alena Eckert

Clerk

Wayne Runnison

Mayor