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Dredging at Milton and FRICO

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Subject: Formal Complaint and Request to Deny Mining Permit

We formally request that this permit be denied. The proposed 24-hour mining operation, with continuous lighting, truck traffic, and disruption, poses a severe risk to our community's quality of life, safety, and overall well-being.

A major concern is the huge conflict of interest involving Scott, who serves as the General Manager of FRICO, REI, and the D2 Authority Board. His overlapping roles create an undeniable bias, as he is positioned to profit from this mining operation while simultaneously controlling key decision-making bodies that should be advocating for the community's best interests.

Furthermore, Scott has failed to disclose or address critical aspects of this project:

- As the developer, he has not shared any details regarding the extent of major mining activities or the stockpile.
- He has not conducted any testing on the dredged material removed from Lake Milton, raising serious environmental and public health concerns.
- He has not resolved key issues identified in the application response that were required before any approval could be considered.

At the March 6th meeting, Scott made a deal with the authority board, which included:

- FRICO agreeing not to use the bridge.
- FRICO committing to clean up Lake Christina and conduct periodic pollution testing.
- FRICO stating they cannot prevent additional sludge or water from entering via the Evans Irrigation Ditch.
- The authority board being required to sign a statement agreeing not to protest the mining application.

These concessions are not enough and do not adequately protect our community. The fact that Scott used his influence across multiple boards to limit opposition to the mining permit is deeply concerning. Additionally, his failure to address stockpile testing and other unresolved issues further demonstrates a lack of transparency and accountability.

Unfair Extension and Lack of Community Response Time

It is also completely unfair that FRICO has been given a two-month (or longer) extension to submit its responses while we, as impacted residents, have had only two meetings in the past two weeks to even begin understanding the full scope of what FRICO is planning. This timeline has prevented many of our neighbors from engaging in the process, which appears to be intentional.

Given the significant new concerns that have emerged from these meetings, and the increasing number of community members who are now involved, we formally request that the timeline for public response be extended. This is necessary to allow the full neighborhood to review FRICO's responses and provide informed feedback.

Scott has kept this process deliberately quiet, which has only now come to light due to recent community efforts. This lack of transparency further underscores the need for more time to ensure that all impacted residents have a fair opportunity to respond.

We strongly urge you to deny this permit and, at a minimum, extend the response timeline to allow our community the same consideration FRICO has been given.

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

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