

## Minette M. Genuchi

---

**From:** Marcy Graybill <mjgraybill2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:07 AM  
**To:** Commish  
**Subject:** HPRM: "Costco" Chicken plant

**Record Number:** 01-01-02-003339

Hello,

I'm a resident of Lincoln, NE and I support the chicken plant. I realize the residents in the area didn't expect people to actually farm in the country, but let's face it, that's what farmland is for.

I might feel differently if the company were trying to build it in downtown Lincoln, but that's not the case. It will bring economic growth and possibly more jobs to the area.

I really feel you should keep supporting it.

Marcella Graybill

3011 Starr St

Lincoln, NE 68503

--

Marcy Graybill

Eatinrocks Captain Honor CD CGC (Lady 1988-1999)

UACH UCDX Gita CD NAP ASCA CD FD CGC (1996-2005)

Eatinrocks Sunshine Dancer RN CGC (Danny 2000-2009)

Eatinrocks Lil MissMarkr RA TKI (Missy)

Eatinrocks My-D Quinn PCD BN RE (Quinn)

Grainger's Right Cross Ketch RN CGC (Jojo)

Roubidoux Fool Me Once (Fergus)



## *Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska*

5225 S. 16th Street     Lincoln, NE 68512

---

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (AFAN), along with our partner organizations, we appreciate the opportunity to share our full support for Randy Essink's proposed poultry farm in Lancaster County.

Livestock, including poultry, are the perfect complement to raising grain and Nebraska is a great place for both to thrive. Nebraska is a top producer of both corn and soybeans, both essential livestock feeds. From an economic standpoint, it makes sense for producers to expand livestock operations close to where these inputs are grown. As a result, livestock expansion is a critical part of sustaining and growing Nebraska's rural communities. This proposed poultry barn project would create jobs, diversify the local agriculture economy and provide another market for grain as feed. Perhaps most importantly, it will ensure a local family is able to provide for themselves and potentially make plans for the next generation that may want to return to Lancaster County and work in agriculture.

Based on a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension study, that looked at expanding poultry production in the state one can begin to see the potential economic a four barn project like the one proposed here would have on Lancaster County.<sup>1</sup> Per this UNL study, best guess estimates this project and its multiplier effect in the county would provide:

- +3.6 direct/indirect jobs
- +\$320,000 direct/indirect labor income
- +\$90,000 direct/indirect local property and sales tax annually

Lancaster County's own conditional use permit process and regulations set by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality will also closely monitor the practices used by the Essink family to ensure they are protecting the environment.<sup>2</sup> This poultry operation will use a nutrient management plan that will guide the land application of the waste from the poultry barns. They will be required to follow best management practices to minimize odor, dust and other potential impacts to air and water. I would encourage the board to engage with Lincoln

---

<sup>1</sup> Johnson, Bruce; Thompson, Eric; Giri, Anil; and Kabata, Tsheypelayi, "Nebraska's Animal Agriculture: Economic Impacts of Cattle, Hog, Dairy and Poultry Industry Changes." (2014).

<sup>2</sup> Nebraska Rev. Stat. 54-2416 et al.

Premium Poultry along with the Essink family to find out more about what types of practices they will be adopting to protect the environment and be a good neighbor to all. I know they have been upfront throughout this process and would be happy to share any additional information that may be asked of them.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of the Essink's poultry project. This truly is a great opportunity for Lancaster County. The intersection of livestock and grain production is what has driven Nebraska's economy, communities and families for generations and it is exciting to stand behind this proposed project looking outward to what the next generation of Nebraska livestock producers might be able to accomplish.

We would welcome any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact AFAN. Our contact information is included with this letter.

Sincerely,



Will Keech  
AFAN



Kathi Schildt  
NE Poultry Industries



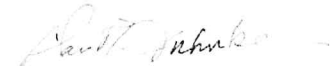
Pete McClymont  
NE Cattlemen



Rob Robertson  
NE Farm Bureau



Lori Luebke  
NE Soybean Assn.



Al Juhnke  
NE Pork Producers Assn.



Kelly Brunkhost  
NE Corn Growers Assn.



Rod Johnson  
NE State Dairy Association



**Monet J. McCullen**

---

**Subject:** FW: Randy Essink Permit

---

**From:** [bbevans@windstream.net](mailto:bbevans@windstream.net) <[bbevans@windstream.net](mailto:bbevans@windstream.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 3:17 PM

**To:** County Clerk <[CoClerk@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:CoClerk@lancaster.ne.gov)>

**Subject:** Randy Essink Permit

To The Clerk of Lancaster County:

For your awareness, my family has been raising turkeys within 2 miles of Waverly for about 70 years. 3 years ago we added broiler chickens to our farm. To my knowledge, there have not been any complaints from our neighbors concerning these activities. I know from my experience that the facility proposed by Randy Essink can be operated in a neighbor friendly manor.

Regards,

William Bevans  
7900 N148th St  
Waverly, NE 68462

402-432-0039 Cell