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City Council
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, MS 39525

Dear City Council,

I am writing to request your approval and ratification of letters of support for Diamondhead Water and Sewer District. The grant deadline was July 31st, and the director did not ask for these letters until after the last July agenda.

As these projects will benefit all residents of Diamondhead, I felt it was necessary to show our support. The city has full faith and confidence in the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District in completing all projects that may be funded via these grants. I respectfully request that the Council approve and ratify this expenditure. Please let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions regarding this matter.

Your approval will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon McCraw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jon McCraw





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Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program
Mississippi Development Authority Financial Resources Division
501 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201

We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase I** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

The Water Rehabilitation Phase I Project is needed to replace aging infrastructure along the Southeast area of Diamondhead, specifically on Hilo Way, Hilo Street, Maui Circle, & Lanie Street. In addition to replacing 40–50-year-old pipe, the project will address necessary deficiencies in fire flow and pressure. The project was built from a Water Distribution Study in June 2020 which modeled the entire water system in Diamondhead and highlighted its deficiencies. The project will upsize the mains from the existing 6" pipe to 8" pipe and will also run new service laterals to all of the residences within the scope of the project.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase I**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw
City Manager, City of Diamondhead



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To Whom It May Concern,

We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase II** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

This project consists of replacing 50-year-old, Class 160 thin-wall, deteriorated pvc water piping with new, heavy duty pipe material along Kahala Drive, Bayou Drive, Haleiwa Place, Laa La Way, Lilinoe Place, Diamondhead Drive West, Pine Ridge Boulevard, Golf Club Drive, Moanalua Way, Ala Moana Street, Koloa Street, Kaimuki Court, Kahana Street, Pahoa Court, Apona Street, Oahu Street, Alakoko Dr., Kalaepohuku Drive, and Bayou Drive in Diamondhead, MS.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase II**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McDraw
City Manager, City of Diamondhead



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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase III** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

The Phase III Water Rehabilitation Project is needed to replace aging infrastructure along Hilo Way, Alawai Ave., and Diamondhead Drive East and connecting side streets in Diamondhead, MS. In addition to replacing 40–50-year-old pipe, the project will address necessary deficiencies in fire flow and pressure. The project was built from a Water Distribution Study in June 2020 which modeled the entire water system in Diamondhead and highlighted its deficiencies. The project will upsize the mains from the existing 6" pipe to 8" pipe and will also run new service laterals to all of the residences within the scope of the project.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase III**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw

City Manager, City of Diamondhead



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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase IV** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

The Water Rehabilitation Phase IV Project is needed to replace aging infrastructure along the Southeast area of Diamondhead, specifically on Diamondhead Drive East, between Golf Club Drive and Hilo Street. In addition to replacing 40–50-year-old pipe, the project will address necessary deficiencies in fire flow and pressure. The project was built from a Water Distribution Study in June 2020 which modeled the entire water system in Diamondhead and highlighted its deficiencies. The project will upsize the mains from the existing 6" pipe to 8" pipe and will also run new service laterals to all of the residences within the scope of the project.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase IV**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw
City Manager, City of Diamondhead



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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase V** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

The Water Rehabilitation Phase V Project is needed to replace aging infrastructure within the City of Diamondhead. In addition to replacing 40–50-year-old pipe, the project will address necessary deficiencies in fire flow and pressure. The project was built from a Water Distribution Study in June 2020 which modeled the entire water system in Diamondhead and highlighted its deficiencies. The project will upsize the mains from the existing 6" pipe to 8" pipe where needed; and will also run new service laterals to all of the residences within the scope of the project.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase V**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw
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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase VI** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

The Water Rehabilitation Phase VI Project is needed to replace aging infrastructure within the City of Diamondhead. In addition to replacing 40–50-year-old pipe, the project will address necessary deficiencies in fire flow and pressure. The project was built from a Water Distribution Study in June 2020 which modeled the entire water system in Diamondhead and highlighted its deficiencies. The project will upsize the mains from the existing 6" pipe to 8", 10", or 12" pipe where needed; and will also run new service laterals to all of the residences within the scope of the project.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase VI**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw
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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase VII** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

The Water Rehabilitation Phase VII Project is needed to replace aging infrastructure within the City of Diamondhead. In addition to replacing 40–50-year-old pipe, the project will address necessary deficiencies in fire flow and pressure. The project was built from a Water Distribution Study in June 2020 which modeled the entire water system in Diamondhead and highlighted its deficiencies. The project will upsize the mains from the existing 6" pipe to 8", 10", or 12" pipe where needed; and will also run new service laterals to all of the residences within the scope of the project.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase VII**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw
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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Waterline System Rehab Phase VIII** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

The Water Rehabilitation Phase VIII Project is needed to replace aging infrastructure within the City of Diamondhead. In addition to replacing 40–50-year-old pipe, the project will address necessary deficiencies in fire flow and pressure. The project was built from a Water Distribution Study in June 2020 which modeled the entire water system in Diamondhead and highlighted its deficiencies. The project will replace and upsize the mains from the existing 6" pipe to 8", 10", or 12" C900 pipe within some of the Commercial areas; and will also run new service laterals to commercial buildings within the scope of the project.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Waterline System Rehab Phase VII**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Sewer Improvements Basins No. 13, 16, & 17** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

This project includes the rehabilitation and repair of approximately six miles of sewer main as well as the attached services located in Sewer Basins 13, 16 & 17. Approximately 4.5 of the 6 miles of sewer system rehabilitation will be done by CIPP Lining. This process can be completed from manhole-to-manhole and does not require any open trenching aside from point repairs. The remaining 1.5 miles of sewer rehabilitation will be a complete pipe replacement. The pipe being replaced has deteriorated to a point that lining the pipe is no longer an option. The project also includes the replacement of 36 manholes and the interior lining of 41 manholes, as well as the replacement of approximately 1500 linear feet of force main.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure and provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Sewer Improvements Basins 13, 16, & 17 Project**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw
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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Sewer Improvements Phase III** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

This project includes the rehabilitation and repair of sewer main(s), as well as services located in Sewer Basins 3. This project seeks to solve severe problems within the City of Diamondhead that affect our residents, such as sewer backups and sewer overflows.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure. It will protect the environment from sewer overflows into the eco-systems of Rotten Bayou, Jordan River, the Recreational Waters of the Mississippi Sound, and ultimately the Gulf of America. Additionally, it will provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Sewer Improvements Phase III Project**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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We are pleased to be writing a letter in support of the proposed **Sewer Improvements Phase IV** being submitted to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant Program by Diamondhead Water & Sewer District.

This project includes the rehabilitation and repair of sewer main(s), as well as services located in Sewer Basin 4. This project seeks to solve severe problems within the City of Diamondhead that affect our residents, such as sewer backups and sewer overflows.

We strongly support this grant application as the approval of this grant will enhance the capacity and efficiency of our water and sewer infrastructure. It will protect the environment from sewer overflows into the eco-systems of Rotten Bayou, Jordan River, the Recreational Waters of the Mississippi Sound, and ultimately the Gulf of America. Additionally, it will provide economic growth for the residents of Diamondhead, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

We are confident that the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District has expertise and commitment to complete this **Sewer Improvements Phase IV Project**, improving our coastal region.

In closing, we would appreciate the Mississippi Development Authority's approval of this Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant, and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon McCraw
City Manager, City of Diamondhead