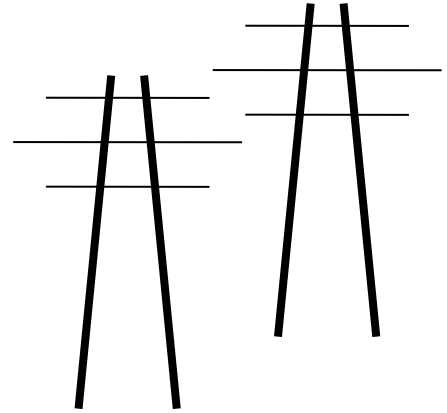


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RE: **Data Practices Act Request** of Port Authority and/or City of Red Wing  
re: Riverbend Market Cooperative

Dear Ms. Swanson and Mr. Klatt:

I am making this request as an individual, and not on behalf of or representing any party.

I watched the City Council meeting's Blue Water Farms agenda item last month, saw the effort to circumvent the Port Authority and customary process. On looking at the Blue Water website, I learned that Clarence Bischoff is a principal of Blue Water, as he was in Riverbend Market Cooperative (hereinafter "Riverbend"). The Port Authority has a job to do, and circumventing the Port Authority and standard process, especially given that financial history, is unwise at best.

It's my understanding that Riverbend received city dollars from the Port Authority and that some amount was written off.<sup>1</sup> The financial mess of Riverbend that I observed was stunning – at a Riverbend meeting I attended, I saw lack of fiscal responsibility and oversight in the extreme, and failure to keep the most basic business records was evident. It's disturbing that another Bischoff entity is now looking for a City handout, as bizarre as seeing Julie Jorgensen (Excelsior Energy boondoggle fame), Dennis Egan, and Mark Andrews before the City a few years ago.

**DATA PRACTICES ACT REQUEST:** I am looking for any and all documents in the possession of the City, its staff, and/or elected officials including but not limited to:

- Promotional materials from Riverbend, including grant and/or loan applications;

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<sup>1</sup> I also note that Bischoff is Secretary of East Phillips Neighborhood Institute, in my old neighborhood, promoting the East Phillips "roof depot" urban farm with former cohorts! It would be worth your while to track that project proposal and to check with City staff about what EPNI is seeking from the City.

- Any and all Riverbend business, investment campaign, and/or marketing plans;
- Records of meetings with Bischoff and/or agent of Riverbend and notes thereof;
- Any and all grant and/or loan agreements;
- Documentation of collateral, or if none, a statement that so states;
- Copies of checks to and from Bischoff and/or agent of Riverbend;
- Minutes of Port Authority meetings attended by and/or regarding Bischoff and/or Riverbend;
- Agenda packets for meetings attended by and/or regarding Bischoff and/or Riverbend;
- Presentations to City Council regarding Bischoff and/or Riverbend, packet materials for such meetings, and minutes of agenda item.
- Any other information and documentation in the possession of Port Authority and/or City staff regarding Bischoff and/or Riverbend.

**I'd like to schedule a file review of both Port Authority and City materials to identify what copies I'll need. Please let me know when this would be convenient.**

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol A. Overland".

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