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March 12, 2002

Mr. Ron Simsek
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Dear Mr. Simsek:

On behalf of Douglas County, I congratulate you on your efforts and success in achieving the most major and important component of the Douglas County Master Plan, that of the preservation and protection of Open Space.

Your unselfish dedication of nearly 2,600 acres as permanently deed restricted open space and conservation areas, along with your commitment to limit all future housing on over 3,000 acres of your holdings is a magnificent contribution.

With knowledge of the real possibilities of significantly more development on the Ranch in future years, I salute your vision and efforts. Unselfishly, you have agreed to limit your potential economic interests with your commitment to limit the number of residential units to less than 435, which current zoning allows.

Moreover, you have moved forward to further spare the environment, safeguard public health and insure our most precious water supply with your commitment to insure future residential units to be a part of our new regional wastewater and municipal water systems. Negating forever the health threats septic systems play in ground water supplies is truly forward thinking, and demonstrates concern for the health of your neighbors and our entire community.

These most significant contributions will improve and make your neighbors' existing water well systems more safe and abundant and provides the Town of Genoa with new and improved water storage and distribution, while enhancing our regional fire fighting capabilities in the region.

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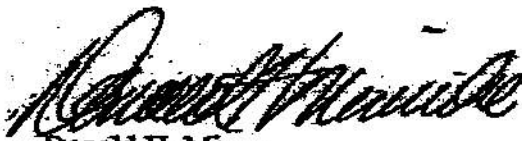
The presentation made at the meeting by your engineer, R. O. Anderson Engineering, was stellar! Complete in detail, presented in a thorough, professional and concise manner, his full and complete explanation of every question raised by the community and by the commissioners was one of the finest and most understandable I've ever witnessed in my over seven years as a member of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

I was truly favorably impressed by the testimony of your staff, especially that provided by Barbie. Her presentation was thoughtful, honest, sincere and compelling, which helped to provide a necessary balance to a most contentious and controversial development and environmental issue.

I am certain you are quite proud of all the efforts and effectiveness of your team, as am I, and for the professional contributions from the Douglas County professional staff. Collectively, our teams working constructively together have created a much improved and beneficial project, the first ever of this magnitude, achieving in one single transaction nearly 10% of our 20-year plan for deed restricted open space and conservation easements, thus ensuring 2,600 acres of open space and land conservation forever!

I applaud and thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Donald H. Miner
Chair
Douglas County Board of Commissioners