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October 2nd, 2018

Bridget Durst, Source Water Community Facilitator Conservation Districts of Iowa DNR Field Office 3 1900 Grand Ave Suite E17 Spencer, Iowa 51301

Dear Ms. Durst,

Please accept this letter of commitment from the Woodbury Board of Supervisors to promote and support Source Water Protection (SWP) planning for the City of Pierson. We agree to work with you as Source Water Community Facilitator throughout this process. We also understand that this is a volunteer led project carried out by the city, its community members, and local agricultural producers. We recognize that in order to implement the Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP or Phase 2 Assessment) we must dedicate time and monetary funding when necessary.

We recognize that by investing in Source Water Protection we are working to decrease the need for substantial costs to this community in the future. We are aware of the purpose of creating our SWPP is to initially address the rising nitrate levels in Pierson's public water system and that this plan will include steps to address the need for best management practices in areas that effect aquifers that supply drinking water to Pierson.

We have been given information regarding the 7 Steps for Source Water Protection:

- 1. Organize a Source Water Team
- 2. Identify Source Water Capture Zones
- 3. Inventory Well Contaminant Sources
- 4. Prioritize Contaminant Sources
- 5. Develop an Action Plan

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- 6. Sign Affidavit for Emergency Response Plan
- 7. Submit and Implement Plan

We realize that by following the SWP Guidebook and SWP Workbook the City of Pierson has the direction necessary to complete the SWPP to the standards created by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in order to have the SWPP approved by the Iowa DNR. We also understand that implementation of steps within the plan can happen before submission and approval from the Iowa DNR.

We understand that the process is potentially lengthy, but we understand the City of Pierson to be committed to completing and submitting a SWPP in a timely manner with an ideal deadline of June 30, 2019. In order to do this, the City of Pierson intends to rely on your role as our Source Water Community Facilitator, involvement of members of the community, as well as other organizations who are committed to Source Water Protection and conservation of natural resources. We recognize the importance of maintaining clear and prompt communication with you while you work to acquire resources on the behalf of the community, organize Source Water Team meetings, and assist in the development our SWPP as needed.

We understand the significance of viewing Pierson's Phase 2 Assessment (SWPP) as a living document and we acknowledge the importance of reviewing it on a regular basis to see if goals are being met and to update it as needed. It is our pleasure to support this work.

Sincerely,

Rocky De Witt, Chairman

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