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Iowa Financial Incentive Program Maintenance/Performance Agreement
Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship - Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the MADISON SWCD Soil and Water Conservation District, herein called district, and ROBERT WITT JR., herein called landowner.

Witnesseth:

District and landowner are executing this agreement to satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code Section 161A.7(3). Iowa Code Section 161A.7(3) requires this agreement as a condition for receiving financial assistance and provides that the landowner(s), present or future, of the property described in this agreement is responsible if the soil and water conservation practice is not maintained or is removed, altered or modified while this agreement is in effect.

For a period of 20 years, beginning upon final inspection of the practice by the certifying technician on September 2, 2021, the landowner or landowner's successors:

1. Acknowledge financial assistance as part of FARMS Agreement Number #73301 has been used to fund soil and water conservation practice(s) on land legally described as follows: Quarter NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section 18 Township Grand River Tier T74N Range R29W County Madison, in the State of Iowa.
2. Agree not to remove, alter or modify the practice as built. As built practice(s): Grade Stabilization Structure, 1 Quantity.
3. Agree to maintain the practice(s). Maintenance includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Maintaining seeding associated with the practice and ensuring sufficient cover or stand;
 - b. Removal of invasive plants/vegetation that could interfere with the performance of the practice;
 - c. Repairing damage caused by wind, water or burrowing animals;
 - d. Ensuring intakes and outlets are free of debris or sediment and function properly, including emergency spillways and outlets;
 - e. Avoiding tillage, chemical drift or any other action that could threaten the integrity of a practice; and
 - f. Cover crops shall not be mechanically or chemically terminated prior to the spring of the following planting season.
4. Agree that if the practice is removed, altered or modified, they will repair or reconstruct the practice at their own expense. In lieu of repairing or reconstructing the practices, the district, at its sole discretion, may allow landowner or landowner's successors to refund to the Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality the entire amount of the financial incentive payment made to implement the conservation practice.
5. Agree to notify any prospective purchaser of the property of the landowner's obligations created by this agreement before legal or equitable title to any portion of this property is transferred.
6. Agree to exclude all livestock from being on or around the installed practice for the life of the practice, and that any failure to do so constitutes a failure to maintain and an alteration to the practice.

Signature of Landowner(s), Agent or POA

Robert Witt

ROBERT WITT JR.

Signature of SWCD Chairperson

Michael D. Koch

Michael D. Koch

Acknowledgement

State of Iowa

County of Madison

This instrument was acknowledged before me on September 23, 2021 by Robert Witt, Jr.
(Date) (Name of Landowner(s), Agent or POA)

Anna L.M. Golightly (Seal or Stamp)
(Signature of notary public)

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