

August 5, 2026

Russell Kazmierczak
Oregon Health Authority- Public Health Division- Drinking Water Services
2080 Laura St.
Springfield, OR 97477

Re: City of Boardman Final Draft Source Water Protection Plan

Dear Mr. Kazmierczak:

The City of Boardman (City) is pleased to submit the Final Draft Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for review. The City sincerely appreciates the Drinking Water Source Protection Fund grant support provided by OHA in 2024, which made it possible to complete this important effort to help protect Boardman's groundwater source and to support the long-term reliability and quality of drinking water for the Boardman community.

The City contracted with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to facilitate development of the SWPP. The City also assembled an advisory team representing diverse local interests and technical experts to help guide the planning process, which began with a team kickoff meeting in October 2025. The team met regularly through April 2026 to review and discuss the various components of the SWPP.

In addition to the advisory team process, the City held public meetings in January and May 2026 to share information about the SWPP process, components, and progress, and to gather public input. Both meetings included in-person and virtual attendance options and were held in the evening to encourage broad community participation. The City promoted the public meetings through outreach materials and by posting meeting information and draft documents on the City's website for public review.

The City is grateful for the opportunity to develop this important, forward-looking planning document and appreciates DEQ's and OHA's continued partnership and investment in protecting Oregon's drinking water sources. Boardman City Council reviewed and approved the Final Draft Source Water Protection Plan on [date]. The City looks forward to working collaboratively with DEQ and OHA throughout the review process.

If you have any questions regarding the SWPP, please contact Roy Drago, Jr., Public Works Director for the City of Boardman, at 541-481-9252 or dragojr@cityofboardman.com, or Suzanne de Szoeki with GSI Water Solutions, Inc., at 541-257-9006 or sdeszoeki@gsiws.com.

Sincerely,

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