



# CITY OF BLAIR

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March 11, 2021

Kent Zimmerman  
Natural Resources Commission  
301 Centennial Mall South  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4676

RE: WSF 2020 Annual Report # 5252

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

The City of Blair, Nebraska appreciates the funding from the State of Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund program and offers the following update on our project. I offer this update to our project.

The City of Blair took bids for the construction of our new water intake structure on Tuesday February 9, 2021. We received two bids both under engineer's estimate. Please refer to the attached bid tab for results.

We have received all required State of Nebraska permits for the project and are only waiting on Corp of Engineer permits. Once we have the COE permits, we will be ready to award construction contract for the project which is anticipated to happen in early May of this year. Construction is scheduled to start on the project this summer and be completed by the end of 2023.

This project is very important to the City of Blair allowing the city to address future drought conditions that result in a reduced Missouri River level that would not allow Blair to draw water from the river as it currently does thus running the city out of potable water. The new intake design is being completed with a lower elevation as proposed to allow Blair to draw water from the Missouri River even during a sever drought condition. The new water intake is being designed to include an interconnect with the existing intake to allow Blair to draw water only from the new intake but provide water for the entire water treatment plant. This project will allow us to keep all of our water customers

with potable water providing a safe water source for residents and businesses keeping the public and jobs safe.

The project is on schedule and budget at the time of this update. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Schoemaker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allen Schoemaker  
Director of Public Works