



CITY OF BLAIR

March 7, 2022

RE: WSF 2020 Annual Report # 5252

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.

There has been significant progress in the past year for the Blair Water Intake Structure project. First, we have obtained all the Corp of Engineers permits necessary to construct the project. Second the City of Blair has entered a construction contract with Kissick Construction of Kansas City for the construction of the new water intake structure. Third construction has begun as of February 14, 2022, so we are excited to see this much progress on our project.

I am in the process of submitting reimbursement requests for the funding provided to our project by the Nebraska Sustainability Fund program drawing down the grant funds as our project progresses through construction.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023 which cannot come soon enough. This past winter the Corp of Engineers reduced the flow releases from the Gavins Point Dam to 12,000 cfs which has required Blair to use supplemental pumping to pump water into our existing intake structure to allow the raw water pumps to draw sufficient source water for our water treatment plant meeting our customer's needs. The intake structure will provide for this pumping without supplemental pumping. Further, if the Corp of Engineers decide to lower their releases at the Gavins Point Dam will further

inhibit Blair from obtaining source water from the Missouri River for our water treatment plant, so we are very excited to see our new intake under construction.

Our 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".

Allen Schoemaker
Director of Public Works