



# CITY OF BLAIR

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March 6, 2023

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.

The City of Blair's new water intake structure is making good progress through construction and is scheduled to be completed by end of October 2023. The project is on schedule and within budget and will address a number of pending issues for the City of Blair water system including addressing current and future drought issues along with providing additional water pumping capacity for the current and future expansions of the Blair water treatment plant.

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 run 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 severe 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.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

Sincerely,

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Allen Schoemaker  
Director of Public Works