

RESOLUTION NO. 2026

COUNCIL MEMBER ----- INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the City of Blair, Nebraska (the “City”), previously applied to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (“DED”) seeking designation as an Inland Port Authority pursuant to the Nebraska Inland Port Authority Act; and

WHEREAS, the City’s prior application, which was approved by Ordinance 2539 on August 13, 2024, creating an Inland Port Authority in Blair, was not approved by DED solely due to the statutory limitation at that time allowing designation of only five (5) Inland Port Authorities statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature has subsequently passed LB1114, which amends state law to increase the number of authorized Inland Port Authorities in Nebraska from five (5) to eight (8); and

WHEREAS, the expansion authorized by LB1114 provides the City with an opportunity to again pursue designation as an Inland Port Authority; and

WHEREAS, designation as an Inland Port Authority would support economic development, infrastructure investment, workforce growth, and enhanced freight, logistics, and transportation opportunities within the City and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to reaffirm their support for pursuing Inland Port Authority designation and to authorize City staff to take the necessary steps to resubmit the City’s application when the Nebraska Department of Economic Development reopens the application portal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA, that:

- 1) The Mayor and City Council hereby reaffirm their continued support for the City’s pursuit of designation as an Inland Port Authority under Nebraska law.
- 2) City staff are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and resubmit the City’s application for designation as an Inland Port Authority to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development when the application portal is reopened.

- 3) The Mayor, City Clerk, and other appropriate City staff are authorized to execute all documents and take all reasonable and necessary administrative actions to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval according to law.

COUNCIL MEMBER --- MOVED THAT THE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AS READ, WHICH SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ----. UPON ROLL CALL, COUNCIL MEMBERS ----- VOTING "AYE" AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ---- VOTING "NAY," THE MAYOR DECLARED THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA

BY: _____
MELINDA K. RUMP, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss:
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

BRENDA WHEELER hereby certifies that she is the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Blair, Nebraska, and that the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of said City, held on the 14th day of April 2026.

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK