

RESOLUTION NO.

COUNCIL MEMBER ---- INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY WATERWAY AS "CARTER VALLEY CREEK" AND SUPPORTING CONSIDERATION OF THAT NAME BY THE UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

WHEREAS, the City of Blair recognizes the importance of preserving local history and maintaining clear and consistent geographic references for public safety, planning, environmental management, engineering, recreation, education, and historical recordkeeping; and

WHEREAS, a tributary waterway located within and adjacent to the Carter Valley area of Washington County, Nebraska, is not known to have an officially recognized geographic name in federal records and has commonly been referred to as a "no-name creek" or unnamed tributary; and

WHEREAS, the area through which the waterway flows has long been associated with the name "Carter Valley," a geographic and cultural landscape known to residents of the Blair area and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the designation "Carter Valley Creek" reflects the established local identity of the surrounding valley and provides a meaningful geographic association that is one of the former names for this area before the City of Blair was created in 1869; and

WHEREAS, assigning an official name to the waterway will improve consistency among maps, planning documents, engineering reports, environmental studies, emergency management resources, public infrastructure records, educational materials, and future development planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blair has determined that the proposed name "Carter Valley Creek" is locally appropriate, geographically descriptive, non-duplicative within the immediate area to the best of the City's knowledge, and reflective of the historical character of the surrounding landscape; and

WHEREAS, the United States Board on Geographic Names is the federal authority responsible for standardizing geographic names used by the federal government and considers recommendations from local governments and stakeholders when evaluating naming proposals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA: that the City of Blair formally supports the designation of the currently unnamed tributary waterway associated with the Carter Valley area as "Carter Valley Creek" and the proposed name is geographically appropriate and reflects the long-recognized Carter Valley area. This Resolution is hereby adopted and accepted by the City of Blair and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the municipality. The City Clerk or her designee is authorized to provide copies of this Resolution to appropriate county, state, regional, and federal agencies, including entities participating in the geographic naming review process.

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 _____ AND VOTING ‘NAY,” THE MAYOR DECLARED THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 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 Ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of said City, held on the 11th day of August 2026.

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK