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IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA NEWSLETTER

August 1980

Dear Iowa Tribal Member,

Another year has past, and its time we inform you of the happenings concerning the Iowa Tribe and its operation. We hope that each member of the tribe will take pride in some of the following accomplishments.

- Howard Simmonds, Chairman
- Leon Campbell, Vice Chairman
- Aquila Tilton, Secretary
- George Ogden, Treasurer
- John Kreitzer, Member

Amendments To The Constitution

An election conducted by mail ballot, administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Horton Agency, is presently under way. The one amendment which is probably of greatest concern to members deals with the term of office. Presently, the term of office for an Executive office is one year. The proposed amendment is for a three year term. The Committee along with some members of the tribe felt that the one year term did not allow sufficient time in establishing any goals that may have been set, regardless of whom the Committee is.

The average amount of time it takes to get a new program contracted from the Federal Government is usually 18 months. The actual implementation of the program from the date of contract application could run into the second year. This is the primary reason for the amendment to the Constitution. We sincerely hope that everyone understands the problem that the Executive Committee is faced with, by being elected only to a one year term. We will probably not know the outcome of the election until after this letter is already published.

### HUD Grant for New Community Facilities

The Iowa Tribe received a grant in the amount of \$140,000.00 from H.U.D. for the construction of a Community Facility on the Reservation, and for a Facility in Rulo, Nebraska.

The Contract for a 50' X 100' building to be built just east of the Community Building and school house has recently been let. Lester's Inc. will soon be starting construction and will take about 4 weeks to be completed. It is in the plans to conduct the General Council Meeting in the fall, in the new facility. After the project is completed on the Reservation, then construction will begin in Rulo.

Also, from this grant, H.U.D. allowed the tribe \$6,000.00 to buy the House and one acre of ground  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of the Community Building. The purpose of acquiring this land and house was for the water supply. The well that was supplying the Community Building and the Tribal Office went dry. We had to have water for the new facility and with the past history of the well located on this property, H.U.D. officials advised us this would be more sensible and less costly than trying to locate another well.

The employees dug and installed the water line from this location to the Community Building, Tribal Office and New Building Site.

### Renovation of Old Grandview School

We stated in the Newsletter last year that through the tribes Indian Action Team Contract we were renovating the old school to be utilized for Tribal Offices. We received a total of \$14,000.00 through this project and were able to completely remodel the old building inside, outside, and downstairs. Shortly after the completion of the project, the Tribal Offices were moved from Hiawatha to the newly remodeled offices on the Reservation.



### Indian Action Team Contract

The Indian Action Team Contract is one of the most important contracts the tribe operates. Thru this contract we have been able to help the tribe and the Reservation as a whole in many ways. Howard Simmonds is the director of the program and has been responsible and very successful in acquiring several pieces of equipment vital in the operation of our Indian Action Team. This equipment is valued at \$450,000.00.

There have been several individuals approach the Committee, wondering where the money comes from to get this equipment. Please note and understand, this equipment does not cost the tribe anything at all. We acquired this equipment thru excess property from the Federal Government. Thru the successful operation and the proven tract record of the Indian Action Team and its operation we have no problem in getting this equipment. Thru the Director, Howard Simmonds, and his close relationship with the officials in Denver, connected with the government freeze program the Iowa Tribe has benefited greatly.

### Senior Citizen Transportation

Louis Campbell has resigned as bus driver. At the present time we are taking applications for a new driver. We realize that some people are anxious for us to hire a new driver, but whoever we hire must be a highly responsible person. We must make sure he or she will take care of all the responsibilities involved.

### Park and Recreation Area

The park work is coming along at a very slow pace. The main reason for this is that the Indian Action Team has been tied up with work on the new Tribal Office and with work being done for tribal members, however, we have been clearing trees and brush in preparation for the building of roads thru the area.

The Committee sold some walnut timber which consisted of very small trees from the area. There were 25 trees sold at a price of \$1200.00. We took bids and sold to the highest bidder. The money was sent to BIA and put in the IM account.

Within the next week or so we will be finishing up our work on tribal members farms. We thin plan to move into the park area until we get the project completed. We will be building a shelter house and several picnic tables, also two outhouses will be constructed from concrete blocks.

#### Future Planning

Next years contract of the Indian Action Team will be devoted to the Tribal farms on the Reservation. We plan to clear some timber and build waterways and terraces. There is much farm ground being wasted, due to the growth of brush and the cutting of big ditches. We also want to do some repair work on the houses and farms.

Due to the fact that the Indian Action Teams funds have been cut somewhat, any work that we do for tribal members other than land owned by the Iowa Tribe, we must have the individual furnish their own fuel. This will be arranged before any work will begin. As we stated earlier that the first priority will be the Tribal owned land.

#### Tribal Farming Operation

This year additional land was withheld from the lease program and added to the tribes farming operation.

The tribe now has the DeRoin place in its own operation which was planted to soybeans. The Marvin Murphy place which was planted into corn, and the farm just west of the Murray Campbell assignment which we had last year.



The committee is working toward a grant for the purchase of farm machinery that we might be able to have it's employees farm the ground, also to be able to create more employment on the Reservation.

We already have three tractors which was acquired thru the freeze program, and are hoping in the future to have some additional machinery.

#### Fencing from the B.I.A.

The Horton Agency, thru Mr. Loudner, provided the Tribe with \$2500.00, to be used for the purchase of fence and some gates for the area in front of the buildings at the tribal offices. The fence will be 6 feet high with 2 rows of barbed wire at the top. We hope this will help out in some of the thefts that have been occurring.

#### Building Proposal

We have submitted a proposal to the ITAC office in Denver for a 40' X 60' building to house the equipment for the Indian Action Team. All our equipment must be set outside and this creates large problems, as far as theft is concerned.

We must remove all the batteries from these vehicles every night, or else they get stolen. We have had tires taken off the pickups, along with several other items stolen. We feel there is a great need for this building, and that it will solve our problem concerning the thefts.

Thru funds thru the Indian Action Team Contract we are building a 30' X 50' garage and workshop for the use of the Indian Action Team and the repair of their equipment.

#### Community Building Repair

We have submitted a proposal to the Anadarko Office for additional money to replace the roof and to repair the windows in the community building. In

visiting with Mr. Chuck Delaney he indicated that there should be no problem in obtaining these funds.

#### Summer Youth Program

This past year the Iowa Tribe received 13 youth from the Summer Youth Program from Nebraska. They have been busy the whole summer cleaning and mowing the cemeteries and around the farm building of Tribal owned land. These kids have been a big asset to the tribe this past summer.

#### Senior Citizen Meal Site in White Cloud, Kansas

The meal site is a very rewarding Program. We have served 25 dinners per week day this year. The meals are purchased at Central Kitchen in Highland, Kansas. The Senior Citizens are served a well balanced meal. They also enjoy trips to Hiawatha, Kansas and Falls City, Nebraska once a week on the Senior Citizen Bus. They participate in Crafts that have consisted this year of deck-o-pole, yarn "Gods Eyes", silk flowers, & wood burning. They pieced a quilt and raffled it off to earn money to go to the Sydney Iowa Rodeo. They went to the Rodeo, August 8, 1980.

#### Food Distribution Program

United Tribes of Kansas & S.E. Nebraska, Inc.

A food Distribution Program was started in April 1980. Food Distribution locations are:

Iowa Community Building  
White Cloud Meal Site  
Rulo - Ethel Leberthy Home  
Sac & Fox Tribal Office  
Hiawatha Cap Center  
Elwood Cap Center

To apply for food please contact Frances Ramirez or Lena Ross at United Tribes Horton, Kansas. Phone number is 913-486-2106.

When you apply please bring proof of all household income for example, pay stubs, and award letters for government benefits (such as SSI or Social Security.)

#### Iowa Indian Health Clinic

The Iowa Indian Health Clinic in White Cloud, Kansas is open for patients from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday each month. The Doctor and staff from Holton Clinic are present to see the patients on these days. A diabetic Clinic is also held one day a month at White Cloud. The CHR is present to assist with the patients.

#### Iowa Intertribal Pow Wow

The first Iowa Inter-Tribal Pow Wow was held in Rulo, Nebraska on June 27, 28, and 29, 1980 at the Sells Rodeo Grounds.

The Pow Wow Club was organized by some interested Iowa Tribal members. The Pow Wow was financed by membership dues and donations.

The elected officers are:

Jim Rhodd, Chairman  
Warren Fee, Vice Chairman  
Gale Reed, Secretary  
Mary Rhodd, Treasurer  
Albert Green, Member

Through a lot of hard work by volunteers it was a success and we are looking forward to have more participation next year.

#### Community Health Representative Program

The Iowa Tribe CHR is Jean (Fee) Farley, White Cloud, Kansas. Her duties are:

1. Identify Health Problems
2. Encourage medical attention
3. Act as liaison between Tribal members and Indian Health Service



4. Represent Tribal members health interests
5. Make home visits to inform and assist members in what is available for them.
6. Report the needs of Tribal members
7. Help at the White Cloud Clinic

She can be contacted at her office in the Community Building between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.. The number is 913-595-3271.

#### Future Programs from Nebraska

As you all know that our Reservation lies both in Kansas and Nebraska. This has created a huge problem for the tribe as far as funding is concerned. There is a lot of time we get lost in the shuffle between the two states. We feel we have finally made some head way, with the help of the Director of the Nebraska Indian Commission. Also, thru the Summer Youth Program we have got recognition from the State of Nebraska, by getting acquainted with the Directors of the C.E.T.A. programs.

After our new building is completed in Rulo, we have been advised by the C.E.T.A. Representatives in Lincoln, Nebraska that there are several programs that we can contract and operate from the Rulo location. We feel that this is a tremendous break thru for the Iowa Tribe, and it has been a long hard battle, but has finally been worth the time and effort involved. We are talking about several thousands of dollars worth of programs and materials to be used thru these programs. We are also looking at several employment opportunities and positions for the tribal members in Kansas & Nebraska.

#### Iowa Tribal Housing Authority

The Iowa Tribal Housing Authority is now administering one hundred (100) homes. Of this one hundred, fifty are low-rent, elderly and handicapped, and fifty are mutual help homes.



The low-rent, elderly and handicapped are new, two and one bedroom duplexes and have been ready for occupancy since the middle of March 1980.

The Iowa Housing Authority has installed traffic signs and within the week will install mail boxes for the tenants.

Of the one hundred homes, the fifty mutual help homes are 100% occupied. The low-rent, elderly and handicapped are at 65% occupancy.

Should anyone wish to rent a one or two bedroom duplex, they should contact the Iowa Housing Authority office in White Cloud, Kansas. The phone number is: 913-595-3380.

The five member Housing Commission is as follows:

Marvin Campbell, Chairman  
Melvin L. Campbell, Vice-Chairman  
George Ogden, Treasurer  
John Kreitzer, Secretary  
Leonard M. Keller, Member

The Iowa Housing Authority has under their employ the following:

James Rhodd, Executive Director  
Valerie McGee, Secretary  
Arnold Jensen, Maintenance

#### Holton Clinic Funds & Building Funds of The United Tribes

When the present officers of the United Tribes of Kansas & Nebraska, which consists of the Iowa Tribe and the Sac & Fox, took over the operation, it was in a sad state of affairs financially. The Building Fund was completely exhausted with only \$300.00 in the account. We had to borrow \$1400.00 to pay the insurance on the buildings.

Under the present administration of which Howard Simmonds is the Chairman, currently, there is \$7,504.08 in the Building Fund of the United Tribes. Also from the Holton Clinic, which is owned by the United Tribes, there is a total of \$17,400.00 in the bank now drawing interest. An additional \$4,199.83 is accumulated in the Clinic Checking account, plus the fact that monthly payments

are still being made on the building.

We want the people to know that we are doing our very best in looking out for the interests of the Iowa Tribe and its members. We are doing this in a straight-forward and most honest way. We sincerely hope that the tribal members will study these things very carefully and take them to heart and be thankful. These things have been very difficult to achieve and to maintain.

F/Y 80 ACCOUNTS

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT	3,040.00
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE CONTRACT	17,106.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (HUD)	140,000.00
INDIAN ACTION TEAM CONTRACT	104,400.00
RIA #5 GRANT	24,603.00
AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT	6,666.00
PARK & RECREATION GRANT	5,859.85
ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	24,420.00
TITLE III B (SENIOR CITIZEN BUS)	7,778.00
TITLE III C (SENIOR CITIZEN MEAL SITE)	15,260.00
HUD GRANT (CDEG)	14,000.00
TRIBAL BUDGET	14,500.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FY/80 to JULY 31, 1980

- I. IIM Accounts (Individual Indian or Tribe Money)  
Investments by albuquerque, New Mexico office.

	APPROPRIATION, ACTIVITY		AMOUNT INVESTED
(A)	9116 - 2615 (Land Purchase)	Principal	\$ 86,259.33
	9616 - 2615 (Land Purchase)	Interest	38,924.65
	9135 - 2621 (Tribal Government Operation)	Principal	8,013.04
	9635 - 2621 (Tribal Government Operation)	Interest	<u>3,955.75</u>
	MATURES NOVEMBER 21, 1980	TOTAL	\$137,152.77



APPROPRATION, ACTIVITY

AMOUNT INVESTED

(B)	9146 - 2621 (Tribal Government Operation)	Principal	\$2,005.23
	9646 - 2621 (Tribal Government Operation)	Interest	<u>5,849.29</u>
	MATURES NOVEMBER 21, 1980	TOTAL	\$7,854.52

(C)	9135 - 2605 (Programed but not Identified)	Principal	\$1,819.41
	9635 - 2605 (Programed but not Identified)	Interest	<u>36.69</u>
	MATURES OCTOBER 2, 1980	TOTAL	\$1,856.10

(D)	9616 - 2610 (Per Capita Balance)	Interest	<u>\$77.94</u>
		TOTAL	\$77.94

(A) Total	\$137,152.77
(B) Total	7,854.52
(C) Total	1,856.10
(D) Total	<u>77.94</u>

GRAND TOTAL \$146,941.33

II Tribal Budget FY/80

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III Land - Iowa Tribe

- (A) (1) Leased 70 acres (Original White Cloud Allotment) to George T. Keller and Robert Keller  
Annual Rent \$3,125.00  
Expires: February 1983
- (2) Leased 80 acres (Original Aunt Jenny's) to George T. Keller and Robert Keller  
Annual Rent \$3,500.00  
Expires: February 1983

(B) Farming by Iowa Tribe

- (1) Originally DeRoin assignment - 28 acres  
We have a crop of Soy Beans, but no income can be stated at this time.
- (2) Originally Marvin Murphy assignment - 50 acres  
We have a crop of corn standing at this time.
- (3) Originally Marvin Campbell assignment - 40 acres  
We have a crop of corn standing at this time.

III (C) Land - Iowa Tribe

Tribal Trust Land: 786.05 acres  
Leased or Farmed by Tribe: 330.17 acres  
Assignments to Tribal Members: 455.88 acres

IV Balances of Tribal Accounts in Anadarko office

(A) Iowa Tribe of KS & NE operating Budget FY /80	\$4,500.00
(B) Iowa Tribe of KS & NE Unprogrammed Account FY/80	7,825.00
(C) Iowa Tribe of KS & NE Land Purchase Account	379.15

V Iowa Executive Committee purchased the Building in White Cloud which is being used for the Clinic, and Senior Citizens Meal Site. Purchase Price: \$5,000.00.

George W. Ogden Sr., Treasurer  
Iowa Tribe of KS & NE



FY/79 Budget Carryover \$2703.49

IOWA TRIPAL BUDGET FY/80 \$14,500.00

	Executive Committee Brd. Meet. \$2700.00	Health Board Meetings \$720.00	Eurial Assistance \$1500.00	Insurance \$800.00	Election Board \$1000.00	Audit \$800.00	Housing Authority \$1800.00	Travel & Per Diem \$5000.00	Office Expense & Utilities \$180.00
Oct. 1/79	150.00	60.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	13.20
Nov.	210.00	60.00	-0-	101.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	12.73
Dec.	150.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	60.00	8.91
Jan. 80	150.00	60.00	100.00	330.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	4.76	-0-
Feb.	150.00	120.00	100.00	96.00	-0-	-0-	600.00	20.06	-0-
Mar.	210.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	125.00	587.69	-0-
Apr.	180.00	60.00	100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	125.00	-0-	7.26
May	240.00	30.00	100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	125.00	-0-	-0-
June	-0-	60.00	100.00	372.00	-0-	-0-	125.00	234.49	-0-
July	120.00	150.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	75.00	-0-	-0-
Total to 7/31	\$1560.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$899.00	-0-	-0-	\$1175.00	\$907.00	\$42.10
Budget Balance	\$1140.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	(\$99.00)	\$1000.00	\$800.00	\$625.00	\$4093.00	\$137.90

DRAWN FROM ANADARKO, OK FOR FY/80 BUDGET

2/7/80	\$6000.00	FY/79 Carryover	\$ 2703.49	Total	\$12703.49
5/30/80	<u>4000.00</u>	FY/80	<u>10000.00</u>	Spent	<u>5683.10</u>
TOTAL	\$10000.00	TOTAL	\$12703.49	BALANCE	\$7020.39

Treasurer George Ogden Sr.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The committee would like to take this means of thanking you all who have stood behind us thru the past year. This business is getting more difficult year after year with all the cuts in government spending and all the new rules and regulations concerning government programs. It takes good qualified personnel to keep up with the ever increasing demands the government is placing on their reporting systems. We feel we are fortunate to have these qualified people administering our programs.

We sincerely hope that all the tribal members have been satisfied with the accomplishments of the Committee this past year. The Iowa Tribe has a lot of things going for them, but we must stay on top of all events and take advantage of every opportunity made available.

The Federal Government is looking at how well an Indian Tribe is progressing, or if it is progressing at all. You must have a well managed accounting and reporting system. These programs must be maintained and administered exactly as set forth in Contracts. There have been several tribes who have lost their programs and federal funding because of failure to properly administer their programs. Whenever this happens to an Indian Tribe they just as well give up because there is not enough time to start over again. The Federal Agencies are looking at the tribes who are progressing toward being self sufficient and not solely dependent upon government funding. That's why our farming operation is important to us. Farming is the Tribes largest asset. We are hoping to utilize the two new buildings we recently received funding for, to get a small industry interested in locating on the Reservation. There have already been phases of work and plans relating to this type of project researched. Hopefully, within the next term, further progress can be made toward this.

We extend an invitation to all members living near or away from the reservation, whenever possible to stop in and visit us.

Sincerely,  
Executive Committee