

Dear Tribal Member;

I would like to use this means of explaining to you why the Executive Committee has chosen to become involved in Economic Development ventures for the benefit of our Reservation.

Over the past years, the Federal Government has provided grants and contracts, which has allowed us to make preparations to build a community on our Reservation.

There is a lot of credit due a lot of people in administering these grants. The past Committee members and the past Chairmen deserve to be recognized in bringing the Tribe where they are today.

To begin with, an office was established to begin operating as a Tribal Government, and be recognized as such. The applications and administering of the grants and contracts. The work involved in keeping all these things together have taken a whole lot of effort by these people.

The judgement funds which led to the per capita payments to each of us back in the early 70's required a terrific amount of work and effort by devoted people.

The road project and the water treatment plant and waterlines didn't come over night. It took months and months of work and planning to acquire these things, not to mention all the sleepless nights, the time required to be away from their families, the anxiety involved in waiting for answers from funding agencies, would all be too numerous to mention. These people didn't become involved in all these projects for their health. They were interested.

This brings us to the present.

We all know that the present state of our Government cannot afford to support all these programs much longer. We have in the past and still are receiving severe cuts in our contracts and grants which in beginning to make the cheese binding.

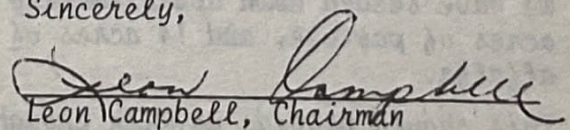
At the same time, Congress is making new money available for tribes to become involved in the industry world. They are providing money to match with the private sector to set up joint ventures.

The Federal Government is pushing hard to get the tribes involved in these ventures. This is where the IowaTribe is right now.

A Special meeting has been called to discuss a venture that we think will be a very profitable venture. A lot of careful planning has gone into this project. The Committee has hired an attorney who specializes in business development to guide us and advise us in setting this business up.

Now that most all the facts and figures are gathered, it's time to present them to you all for your concurrence. We urge all to attend this important meeting. It is a big step, but it is time we start heading in this direction. Please plan to attend, we would appreciate your support very much.

Sincerely,


Leon Campbell, Chairman
Iowa Executive Committee

SPECIAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL
(Jan. 18, 1985)

A Special meeting was called for Saturday, January 18, 1985. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss with the Tribal members some Economic Development ventures that we have been working on.

The Executive Committee urges your attendance as this is an important matter. We hope you will plan to attend.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 1:00 P.M. at the new Community Building on the Reservation.

WATER SYSTEM & PLANT

The water system and treatment plant will get final inspection Thursday, December 5, 1985.

Two Tribal employees will be taking a training course in the operating and treatment of the system. This will be set up through the State of Kansas.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT DEDICATION OF CHIEF WHITE CLOUD HOMESITE

For those of you who missed the dedication of the Chief White Cloud monument and homesite really missed an event.

There was a nice crowd in attendance. Reports came to us about how much everyone enjoyed the entire day.

The meal prepared at noon was great. We really enjoyed visiting with everyone.

HARVESTING OF CROPS COMPLETED

This year's harvest has turned out to be the best we have had in the past two or three years.

All the grain has been harvested and sold. A total of \$70,543.76 has been deposited in Horton Agency for the Iowa Tribe from the sale of grain.

PASTURE AND ALFALFA

We have seeded down approximately 14 acres of pasture, and 14 acres of alfalfa.

This should provide us with enough pasture, and enough feed for our present herd, without having to buy any.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY/86

Notice has been received from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development that applications for Block Grants will be due on February 28, 1986.

The final consultation meeting will be held on January 10, 1986 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. We plan to have representation at this meeting.

The Iowa Tribe's plans are to submit an application for a service station and small convenience store, to be located on our Reservation.

We will be competing for approximately \$275,000.00. Competition is extremely tough, because we are competing with 41 tribes in the region for these funds. All applications are rated by a rating system set up by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

The Executive Committee has designated a little over 10 acres adjacent to the Tribal Office for an industrial area. Designated locations of facilities is important when submitting grant applications. This was the purpose of the Industrial area.

This also fits in with other plans, which we will be talking about at the Special meeting.

RODEO TO BE HELD

The Executive Committee was pleased that the General Council concurred with the idea of having a rodeo this next year. This concurrence came from the General Council in October.

The Committee has recently contracted with Jim Sears for the rodeo to be held on June 6th & 7th, 1986.

The name of Iowa Tribal Rodeo has been selected. The rodeo will be held on the Chief White Cloud place with performance commencing at 7:30 P.M.

The Iowa Tribe will operate the food and soft drink stands but spaces will be for rent to individuals who might want to set up stands to sell jewelry, crafts, or whatever. Arrangements can be made for spaces by contacting the Tribal Office at 913-595-3258.

Mark this date on your calander and plan to attend. We need your support

FOUR STEERS WENT TO MARKET

We took four steer calves to the sale. They brought a total of \$1264.27, which also was deposited at Horton Agency for the Iowa Tribe.

There are ten heifer calves left, which we will keep for breeding stock. With the present cow herd at fourteen head, the ten heifers brings our total herd to twenty-four presently.

The fourteen head of cows will begin calving in March again.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank all of you for your support on the projects that we do have in operation now.

Your comments and encouragement has been a big boost.

This makes us believe there is a desire to work together in building our Reservation and to build a community we can all be proud of.

It is highly important this day and age that we all set aside our differences and pull together and begin working together.

If we don't press ahead now, it will soon be too late, because these opportunities are not going to be around long.

ENROLLMENT

New Tribal Membership Enrollment numbers are being assigned at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It is important that we have current addresses and names.

We plan to start sending the new enrollment cards out February 1, 1986.

All Tribal enrollment correspondence is processed at the Tribal Office.

Contact persons: Aquila Tilton,
Enrollment Officer
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Clerk Typist

HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

Approximately 50% of the new Mutual Help Homes should be completed and ready for move-in shortly after December 20, 1985. If the weather permits, this completion date should be met. Move-in will be after the final inspection by HUD and the Commissioners of the Housing Authority. Work will continue on the remaining 11 houses as long as the weather permits.

Executive Director
Leonard M. Keller