

IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MAY 26, 2021


- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Executive Committee being duly organized met in Special Session this 26th day of May, 2021; and,
- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee has authority to act for the Iowa Tribe under the present Constitutional authority, as provided in Sec. 2, Article IV - Governing Bodies; and,
- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska being organized and empowered by their Constitution and Bylaws (approved November 6, 1978, and amended August 27, 1980); and,
- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee recognizes that water is vital to the health and welfare of Reservation residents and to the vitality of the Reservation economy; and,
- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee has determined that initiating and pursuing a negotiated settlement of the Tribe's Winters water rights is the best avenue to meet the present and future water resource demands for the Tribe, its members and the Reservation; and,
- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee has authorized the initiation of a negotiated settlement of its *Winters* water rights with the United States Department of the Interior, the state of Kansas, and the state of Nebraska to resolve its water rights; and,
- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee has determined that it lacks sufficient financial resources to pay all or a part of its counsel's legal fees to undertake representation of the Iowa Tribe in a negotiated settlement of its Winters water rights; and,
- WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe requires special counsel knowledgeable and experienced in the area of Indian water rights and development to negotiate on its behalf.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Tribe Executive Committee, at a duly called special session of the Executive Committee, with a quorum present, hereby requests funding under 25 C.F.R. Part 89 in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year 2021 for attorney fees to assist the Iowa Tribe in undertaking negotiations of its water rights with the United States, the State of Kansas, and the State of Nebraska.


**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this date, May 28, 2021 in a Special Session of the Executive Committee at which 5 members of the Committee were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 4 for, 0 against. Chairman abstained.



  
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Timothy N. Rhodd, Chairman  
Iowa Tribe Executive Committee

ATTEST:

  
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Anthony G. Fee, Secretary  
Iowa Tribe Executive Committee