

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-109

OF THE

6/13/2024

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: Authorizing Purchase and Installation of Agricultural Irrigation Pivots

WHEREAS: The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

WHEREAS: Omaha Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, (I)j, has the Responsibility to safeguard, promote and enforce the peace, economy, safety, law and order, and general welfare of the Tribe and the Omaha Reservation; and

WHEREAS: The Realty Director and Farms Manager of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska (the "Tribe") have identified tribal agricultural lands in need of additional irrigation capacity, and have also determined that such irrigation would directly promote and support higher levels of crop production and yields, and by extension lead to potentially higher land rental rates, and

WHEREAS: Those agricultural lands in need of additional irrigation capacity are tribal trust lands and are further identified on the Monona County Land Records as Property with description as follows:

Tribal Tract: **East & West Blackbird Bend Fields**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Tracts T3071, T3072, T3073, T3075, T3076, T3077, T3078, T3079, T3080 containing approximately one thousand eight hundred eighty-three and thirteen one hundredths (1,883.13) acres of which one thousand six hundred fifty-two (1,652) acres may be cultivated

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council has identified \$1,700,000 of excess capital at its Blackbird Bend Casino, and believe that redeployment of this capital to support agricultural irrigation efforts is the highest and best use of those funds, and

WHEREAS: The Farms Manager has identified irrigation specifications, and solicited price quotes from more than three vendors for pivots, wells, pumps and associated hardware; and has received two responsive quotes for the pivots and wells, and three quotes for the diesel motors and fuel tanks, which can be purchased and operational within specific time constraints, and

WHEREAS: The Farms Manager has reviewed each price quote, and recommends for Tribal Council consideration acceptance of price quotes from Heine Electric and Irrigation for \$1,215,000; and Northern Plains Supply for \$368,595, and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council agrees with the equipment purchase recommendations proposed by the Farms Manager,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council does hereby set-aside capital of \$1,700,000 in support of agricultural land irrigation initiatives and furtherance of this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council directs its Farms Manager to clarify with and correct vendor quotes to reflect vendor-client relationships by and with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, and to ensure that all invoicing, Bills of Sale and titling documentation shall reflect equipment ownership interest only by the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council directs its Farms Manager to, upon presentation of re-formatted price quotes and invoices by Heine Electric and Irrigation and Northern Plains Supply, to promptly cause the issuance of purchase order commitments to Heine Electric and Irrigation for \$1,215,000; and Northern Plains Supply for \$368,595, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council directs its Farms Manager and its Chief Financial Officer to, in accordance with vendor delivery and installation schedules, promptly disbursed invoice payments from the \$1,700,000 capital allocation.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 6th day of June, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of was present.

MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			Abstain
Jerome Hamilton	X		
Dustin Lovejoy	X		
Alan Harlan	X		
Leander Merrick			Absent
Galen Aldrich Sr.	X		
Calvin Harlan	X		


Submitted by:



 Dustin Lovejoy, Secretary
 Omaha Tribal Council

 6/6/24
 Date

Attest:



 Jason Sheridan, Chairman
 Omaha Tribal Council

 6/27/24
 Date