

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-73

OF THE

2/5/2025

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: Acceptance of 2024 BIA Tribal Resiliency grant

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: An August 2024 Drought vulnerability study highly recommended additional monitoring of groundwater wells so plans can be developed in the event of an extended drought or low groundwater in the Dakota sandstone Aquifer

WHEREAS: the Omaha reservation based on a 617 year drought prone study has a 25% chance of experiencing a drought every 4-5 years

WHEREAS: in the event of a drought or low groundwater, the only method to determine the level of underground water levels is through additional monitor wells around our existing wells

WHEREAS: in conjunction with USGS, the Omaha Tribe applied and received a BIA Resilience grant to monitor and identify the water supply levels of our drinking water wells


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska approves and accepts the \$167,000 BIA Tribal resiliency grant to aid Omaha Tribal Utilities in making sound water resource management decisions to maintain and conserve Tribal water supplies for future generations.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 10 day of February, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 5 was present.

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

Submitted by:


Cheyenne Robinson, MBA, MLS
Omaha Tribal Council Secretary

2-10-25
Date

Attest:


Jason Sheridan, Chairman
Omaha Tribal Council

2-13-25
Date