

Iowa Tribe awarded grant for trading post

(KNZA)--The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska recently announced the awarding of a grant for \$855,555 to begin work on their Great Nemaha River Trading Post project in Rulo, Nebraska.

The grant is from USDA Rural Development.

The Great Nemaha River Trading Post will be located in downtown Rulo's oldest remaining commercial block, the Hosford and Gagnon Block, built in 1887.

The area's natural, cultural and historical heritage will be featured as an integral part of the project, including the heritage of the French and Indian fur trade and the Nemaha Halfbreed Tract reservation, which existed from 1830 to 1861.

The purpose of the Great Nemaha River Trading Post is to provide an economic anchor and jobs for the Rulo area, where many tribal members are residents. It will provide retail, office and community gathering space and cultural opportunities.

The tribe will complete the project in stages. Some preparatory work will begin this fall and winter, with the exterior work starting in the spring of 2023.

The firms performing the majority of the work are HDR Architecture and Engineering, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Grey Snow Management Solutions, LLC.'s construction company. Grey Snow Management Solutions is a tribal enterprise wholly owned by the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and will serve as the general contractor for the project.

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