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Winnebago Residents Vote to Transfer Water and Sewer System to the Winnebago Tribe

WINNEBAGO, NE - The Winnebago Tribal Council is pleased to announce that the people of the Village of Winnebago have overwhelmingly voted to transfer ownership and control of the Village Water and Sewer System to the Winnebago Tribe. In a Special Election held on March 11, 2025, seventy percent (70%) of the Village residents who participated in the Special Election voted in favor of the Initiative Measure to transfer ownership of the water treatment plant, lagoon system and water tower, as well as responsibility for the operation of the Village Water and Sewer System to the Winnebago Tribe.

The people of the Village have spoken. Pursuant to Nebraska law, the Initiative Measure becomes a valid and binding measure of the Village thirty (30) days from the date of certification of the vote and the Village must transfer the system as the voters have directed. The Winnebago Tribe looks forward to working with the Village of Winnebago throughout this transition to ensure the transfer of assets and operations is completed in a timely and orderly manner.

The primary goal of the Winnebago Tribe throughout this effort has been to bring increased quality, expertise and resources to the Winnebago Water and Sewer System. The transfer of the system will enable the Winnebago Tribe to access funding necessary to continue to provide updates to the system as required. This successful ballot initiative is one more step forward in providing improved services for the entire community. The Tribe will provide additional information to residents of the Village and users of the system as details are worked out.

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