

Horton Supporting Tribe Water Rights

(KNZA)--The city of Horton is supporting the Kickapoo Tribe in their efforts to gain federal Congressional approval of a water rights agreement between the tribe and state of Kansas.

At the request of Tribal Chairman Lester Randall, the Horton City Commission this week agreed to sign a letter support.

Mayor Tim Lentz signed the letter, which will be sent to U.S. Senator Jerry Moran and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins.

The tribe is working with the two Congressional lawmakers to develop a bill approving the agreement.

The agreement between the tribe and state was approved last September but still must be ratified by Congress.

The agreement quantifies the tribe's water rights in the Delaware River Watershed.

Randall said the letter of support is for the water rights only, not for the proposed Plum Creek Reservoir project, as they are two separate issues.

He is also seeking letters of support from the Brown County Commission and Hiawatha City Commission.

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