



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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Ponca Tribe of NE Holds “Gold Shovel” Roads Event – 5.26.10



The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska held a special “Gold Shovel” event on May 26, 2010 to kick off their road paving project on the Ponca Agency Road. The ceremony began at 11:00 a.m. at the road in front of the Agency Grounds with a luncheon following.

The 1.9 mile project has taken three years of planning and preparation in conjunction with IRR (Indian Reservation Roads) the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) and the Federal Highways Administration with a cost of \$1.5 million dollars. The new surfacing will improve both Tribal and public access to the Tribe’s Agency Grounds including: the 1937 Community Building, Powwow Grounds, Historic Cemetery, Earth Lodge, Buffalo Herd and Native Gardens. Plans are for the project to be completed by the time of the Annual Powwow held on August 13 through 15, 2010.

A&R Construction of Plainview, NE will be the General Contractor on the project with Mainelli Wagner and Associates of Lincoln, NE as Construction Engineer/Project Manager.

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