

## **NET Radio Presents Two-Part Series on Winnebago Land Buys in Thurston County**

LINCOLN, Neb. (Apr. 14, 2010) -- The Winnebago tribe in northeast Nebraska is one of many American Indian tribes that have been buying back land where their ancestors lived and putting it into federal trust, making that land exempt from state and local taxes. NET News reporter Clay Masters tells the story of this effort and its consequences in Thurston County in a two-part series on NET Radio Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20, at 6:35 and 8:35 a.m. CT during "Morning Edition."

Tribes across the country have put more than 840,000 acres in trust in the past decade. But since county governments rely on these taxes to provide services, the land purchases are hitting them particularly hard -- and creating new tension between American Indians and their non-Indian neighbors.

Masters spoke with Winnebago tribe members Ken Mallory and Faye Houghton for this series as well with Thurston County Board members Terri Lamplot, Leonard Peters and Danelle Smith (also a member of the Winnebago tribe). He talked with Jason Sturek of the Pender Times newspaper about what it's like covering board meetings and issues within the county dealing with tribal issues.

An audio link to the story will be on NET Radio's Web site ([netNebraska.org/radio](http://netNebraska.org/radio) and click on Nebraska News) the day of the broadcast. All that is needed to listen to the report is access to the Internet.

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