



JENNY'S NEWS SPECIAL REPORT ON ELECTION PROCESS

ELECTION BOARD & ELECTION INFORMATION
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 Osage Nation Website

<i>CONTACT INFORMATION</i>		
Delores Davis	Chief Clerk	918-287-5286
Sarah Oberly	Acting Board Supervisor	918-724-8750
Walter Hopper, Jr.	Vice-Chairperson	918-724-8748
Joe Conner	Board Member	918-724-8747
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	Alternate	
Mailing Address	532 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056	Fax: 918-287-5292

Note: You may e-mail these people by going to the website and clicking on [Contact Us.](#) I also recommend that you check this site regularly for updates to the election process.

<http://www.osagetribe.com/electionboard/>

2010 ELECTION DATE SET ***Monday, June 7, 2010 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)***

Who is Eligible to Vote?

Line 322---SECTION 3.2. OSAGE VOTER REGISTRY ONCA 08-27

A. The Board shall maintain a permanent roll of qualified voters known as the Osage Voter Registry, and shall regularly update such roll from Membership records of the Osage Nation. The Osage Voter Registry shall include all enrolled members of the Osage Nation eighteen (18) years of age or older who have been issued an Osage Nation Membership Card on or after October 9, 2002 bearing the signature of a Principal Chief of the Osage Tribe or Nation. The frequency of updates shall be increased in any period preceding an election in order to ensure the maximum number of Osage citizens have the opportunity to vote.

Membership Cards

To ensure that you are on the Osage Voter Registry, check your cards to make sure it meets the qualifications. If you need to update your address information and send it in to the Membership Office – see the links below for applications. Forms can be printed directly from this website.

If you have questions regarding your membership status, call the Membership office: 918-287-5390 or 800-818-6517.



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Absentee Ballots

You have to make application for an Absentee Ballot.

How to Request an Absentee Ballot

(1) <http://www.jenny2010.com/App%20for%20Absentee%20Ballot.pdf>

OR

<http://www.osagetribe.com/electionboard/>

OR

(2) Pick up an Application at the Election Board office
532 Kihekah
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

OR

(3) Send a request for an application to the Election Board

OR

(4) Fax a request: **Fax Number: 918-287-5292** – You should receive a receipt if faxing.

FOR SAFETY SAKE

It would be wise to send your completed Absentee ballot **Application** ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE or Other Government Photo I.D. in as soon as possible and I urge you to mail it Certified/Return Receipt Requested to the "Acting Election Board Supervisor, Sarah Oberly, 532 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056. Keep copies of all correspondence regarding this action for your records.

Scanned copies of your Absentee Ballot Application and copy of your Photo ID will be accepted by the Election Board office also. If you choose this method, e-mail them to: soberly@osagetribe.org. (I recommend calling the Election Board office to make certain they received your e-mail).

Faxing your Application and Photo I.D. is another acceptable way to get your application into the Election Board office. You should receive a receipt of acceptance from the Election Board office when faxing.

If you have questions regarding this matter, Sarah's telephone is 918-724-8750 or Toll Free: 877-560-5286.



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DEADLINE

Absentee ballot **Applications** shall be accepted until 20 days prior election day. (June 7, 2010) **BUT REMEMBER!** You must go through the application process first. If you haven't completed this step, you most likely will not receive a ballot in time to meet this deadline. Making application and receiving a ballot are two very different things.

I would once again encourage you to send your request and a copy of your driver's license or other government photo ID in immediately. Make a copy of your application for your records and write the date that it was mailed. Mail it Certified Return Receipt if at all possible. Attach your mail receipt to your copy of the application and keep it for your records. Mark your calendar to remind yourself to watch your mail for your absentee ballot within the first week of May 2010.

The deadline for getting your marked ballot in is 10:00 a.m. on June 7, 2010. Don't delay until the last minute if you can help it. Mark your ballot and send it back as soon as possible. This is one of the perks of voting absentee, you get to vote early! Make sure your voice is heard by having your vote counted.

I ask that you continue to visit www.jenny2010.com in order to stay informed on the issues of the Osage government. The Candidate lists will be updated when new candidates announce as will other pertinent information regarding the Election Process.

If I seem paranoid and "receipt conscious" I AM. Many, many voters either didn't receive their absentee ballots in time to vote or at all and some received two or three during the last election. It is important to keep records and receipts not only for your own protection but for the protection of the Tribe against questionable election procedure practices.