

- TRUST TEAM MEETING WITH OSAGE NATION CONGRESS
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Congress/Council Meeting

Governmental Operations Committee consisting of Osage Nation Congress members has called an Executive meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2011. The meeting is to begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00. The agenda for the meeting lists no other activity other than "Executive Session-Trust Team Information." From what I understand, those participating in this Executive Session will include all elected officials of the Osage Nation Government and that the Osage Trust Team will report information regarding the Osage Trust Case.

Recall I mentioned in last week's newsletter that the Trust Team had gone to D.C. and would return on Friday. I also mentioned that something significant must be going on with the case due to the heightened activity including the Trust Team having made several trips to D.C. lately. Due to the secretive handling of the Trust Case progress, etc., the significance of knowing

about the meeting to be held this coming Thursday is merely for the sake of being aware that such an action is occurring. Until all of these highly skilled professionals discuss the nuts and bolts of the case and determine that those of you who actually have a personal interest yourselves are prepared to psychologically handle whatever the information is, expect to wait for any particulars that may or may not exist.

Whether the esteemed members of Akin and Gump and the illustrious Wilson Pipestem will be gracing the confines of the chambers with their knowledge, I couldn't say.

Mineral Council Meeting

The regular monthly Mineral Council Meetings will be held Friday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 17th.

There has been a lot of chatter on the Osage Shareholder Forum regarding the Mineral Council members believing that they deserve a \$15,000.00 increase in yearly

salaries. Apparently some of the Council members plan to propose a Resolution to allow this increase during Friday's meeting and will vote on the Resolution on Wednesday, the 17th.

According to reports, Myron Red Eagle stated that "*The raise is inevitable; it should have never been taken down by the previous council. It is deserving and will be voted on next Wednesday, the 17th.*"

Considering that Myron is one of the 5 Council members who doesn't believe it is his responsibility to protect the Shareholders individual interest in the Mineral Estate and believes that it is perfectly fine that he and the rest of the Council have no authority over anything whatsoever; I hardly think he is in a position to think, say or do anything much less consider himself "deserving" of a salary increase. Until something is done by an outside source along the lines of stopping this nonsense, you can rest assured people like Myron,

Sonny Abbott, Galen Crum and others will continue to do as they please regardless of what the constituency thinks.

Considering that Senator Coburn has contacted the Mineral Council, all of us who wrote letters and stated our concerns to him can credit ourselves with planting the seed. We've done our part and it is now up to Cynthia Boone, Dudley Whitehorn and Curtis Bear to water it, nourish it and protect it. If they fail to carry out their responsibilities with regard to informing the Senator of the true facts of this heist, we will be right back at square one. The responsibility is theirs and they are all the Shareholders have to count on to get the message across. The other five, Crum, Abbott, Red Eagle, Yates and Core certainly cannot be counted on for anything that resembles responsibility.

Cong. Affairs Mtg.

The Congressional Affairs Committee will meet on Friday, August 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Fiscal Year Budgets for the Congress and Office of Fiscal & Performance Review is on the agenda as is Consideration of Policy and Procedures. There is no mention of the investigation

regarding the C-395 Account debacle. I haven't heard anything more about that issue.

Resolutions Filed

Three Resolutions to amend the Osage Nation Constitution were filed by Geoffrey Standing Bear. All three amendments involve Mineral Affairs and will be introduced on September 6. Amendments to the Constitution, *if passed by Congress will be put before the Osage People, for their approval or rejection at the next general election* as stated in the amendments proposed. They are:

ONCR 11-12

Article VII, Section 5 shall be amended to read:

Section 5. Composition:

The executive branch shall consist of the elected offices of Principal Chief and Assistant Principal Chief, and all departments, agencies, commissions, village committees, boards, trusts, authorities, and instrumentalities of the Osage Nation not within the authority of the Osage Congress, Judiciary, or Osage Mineral Council, or which has been created by law as an independent agency, office, or other entity of the Osage Nation.

Article VII, Section 5 (Actual Constitution)

Section 5. Composition:

The executive branch shall consist of the elected offices of Principal Chief and Assistant Principal Chief, and all other administrative offices, departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Osage Nation including, but not limited to, public trusts, boards, village committees, authorities, and commissions.

Jenny's Comment: Given that the 1906 Osage Allotment Act is still in force and was specifically crafted by the United States Congress for the protection of the Osage Mineral Trust Annuitants I find it unnecessary for this de facto Osage Nation Government to concern itself whatsoever with the governing of the Osage Mineral Estate. As a side note regarding this proposed amendment however, I do find it interesting that since 2006, the de facto government has "loaned" out their Chief's and Assistant Chiefs to the Chiefless Tribal Council yet this amendment proposes to reverse that situation by excluding the executive branch from the rest of the 8 member Council?

ONCR 11-13

Article XIII, Section 2 shall be amended to read:

Section 2. Election Code:

The Osage Nation Congress shall enact an election code governing all necessary election procedures, except for elections for the Osage Minerals Council. The Osage Minerals Council shall enact an election code governing all election procedures for the Osage Mineral Council.

Article XIII, Section 2 (Actual Constitution)

Section 2. Election Code:

The Osage Nation Congress shall enact an election code governing all necessary election procedures.

Jenny's Comment: Given that the 1906 Osage Allotment Act is still in force and was specifically crafted by the United States Congress for the protection of the Osage Mineral Trust Annuitants and given that the United States Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs has been charged with this particular responsibility since 1906, I find it interesting that the de facto Osage Nation government believes it has the power and or wherewithal to impose such a demand on the 8 member

mineral Council of which is inadequate insofar as federal law is concerned to begin with.

ONCR 11-14

The existing Article XV shall be amended so that the existing language is deleted in its entirety and replaced with new language so as to read:

ARTICLE XV-MANAGEMENT OF THE OSAGE MINERALS ESTATE BY THE OSAGE MINERALS COUNCIL

Section 1. Osage Mineral Estate: The right to income from the Osage mineral estate to Osage headright shareholders shall be respected and protected by the Osage Nation.

Jenny's Comment: Given that the 1906 Osage Allotment Act is still in force and was specifically crafted by the United States Congress for the protection of the Osage Mineral Trust Annuitants and given that the United States Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs has been charged with this particular responsibility since 1906 I believe it best to continue to count on the federal government to respect and protect the Osage Mineral Trust and NOT the Osage Nation.

ONCR 11-14

Because of the sizeable content of this proposed amendment, I'm attaching it for your review. If these Resolutions are passed by the Congress, they will be on the 2012 ballot. When that happens, shareholder and non-shareholder alike will be making the decision for the Shareholders and whichever way the vote goes, you will still not have your rightful Chief and Assistant Chief or complete control over your Mineral Assets. In order to get this situation corrected, more than a couple of amendments to this constitution are going to have to be made. To begin with, the Shareholders ARE the Osage Tribe of Indians, therefore, unequivocally should be the head of the entire government, not at the bottom of the totem pole.

I would just add that 2012 is quite a ways away. A lot can and might happen by then but if not, it would be in the best interest of everyone for someone in the Congress to start from the top of the Constitution. Article II – Territory and Jurisdiction isn't necessarily true and correct. We wouldn't want to mislead the masses now would we?

It's more productive and lucrative to follow the law – than try to outsmart it.