

## **NOTES TO THE NATION FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

### **MINERALS COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION**

The Mineral Council met today at 10:00 am and passed a [resolution](#) requesting the Osage Nation Congress to amend the Osage Nation Election Code to allow the Osage Minerals Council to promulgate its own election rules and regulation for the election of Osage Minerals Council members.

The Congress has previously removed the Minerals Council from the Osage Nation Election Code for the purpose of allowing the MC to conduct its own election under its own rules.

Knowing that the Congress would be called into another special session to make this amendment to the election code, I asked for a clear definition of exactly what the MC wanted Congress to do. I asked if they would address in their debate Section 10 of their resolution. I wanted them to consider the possible future effects of this clause. I suggested that they may want us to affirm their right to have an independent election rather than this wording. The MC attorney seemed to concur and Chairman John Henry asked the members if they might want to consider a change in the wording. Only Cynthia Boone spoke in favor of reconsidering the wording.

The resolution passed just as it is written with only one vote no from Cynthia Boone and David Dubler was absent.

### **OSAGE CONGRESS IS CALLED INTO SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 1**

The Osage Congress has been called into special session to consider the [Election Code amendment](#) requested by the Minerals Council.

I have previously said I would only vote for an amendment to the Code if it was requested by the Minerals Council; now they have requested to.

It is likely that the amendment will pass as now written.

### **MINERALS COUNCIL ADOPTS ELECTION RULES**

On February 17<sup>th</sup> the Minerals Council adopted the [Osage Minerals Council Election Rules and Regulations](#). The rules require that a voter obtain an Osage Membership Card rather than the CDIB card. Those Osages that have memberships in other tribes that do not allow dual enrollment may be prevented from voting their shares.

Opinions offered here are mine alone and may not be shared by everyone in the Congress.

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