

The Data Conversion Project is Moving Forward Again

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The Data Conversion Project I told you about here on May 29, 2012 seems to be down off the blocks and moving forward again. The Media Committee had a very productive meeting yesterday. Attending were all committee members and representatives from the producers, the ONG "IT" department and ENR department, the Minerals Technician, one other Minerals Council Member, and one Shareholder.

The ENR and IT reps gave a detailed report on the status of the Database and listed several things that could be done immediately, which would allow them to get the Database to the public. Probably the most difficult issue at the moment is the selection of a title for the Database. I think the media committee plans to develop a list of possible titles and then ask the entire Council to make the final decision. If you have any suggestions, I'm sure they would welcome the help. What ever title they chose, we all must live with it. Once established, the title is not something that can be changed somewhere down the road without causing lots of other headaches.

Committee Chairman Red Eagle told us that the Chief is very eager to see the project launched and offers to assist in any way he can. The Chairman said that the Chief suggests some kind of a letter of agreement between his office and the MC concerning this, but that that he didn't anticipate any difficulty getting that done.

This is very good news for all of us. Public access online of over 100 years of production information in the Osage is a huge leap into a 21st century marketing effort directed toward promoting the development of the Osage Minerals Estate. We've needed this for many years, and now it looks like it's finally happening. I'll try to stay on top of this and keep you informed. With just a few more clicks of IT's mouse, we will all be able to see the whole thing for ourselves.

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