

# Osage Minerals Council Meeting

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Council Chairman Andrew Yates called the meeting to order and a prayer was offered by Councilman Curtis Bear.

BIA Supervisory Petroleum Engineer Charles Hurlburt reported that drilling permits were down a little from the normal average. Councilwoman Cynthia Boone asked how many gaugers they had working. She was told 7 were active. She then asked that the BIA field man prepare a report on the tanks gauged each month for the MC. Shareholder Stephanie Irwin requested a list of duties assigned to the gaugers.

Acting Superintendent Rhonda Loftin gave a brief report on the BIA's activities. She also announced today that the list of applications for a permanent Superintendent had closed, and a decision was forthcoming. She further announced that due to family commitments, she had decided not to apply for the permanent job. She will stay long enough to help familiarize the yet un-named new Superintendent.

There were 4 Producers here today. All were entertained in executive session so we have no idea what they were proposing. After executive session, a Resolution was passed 8 – 0 to approve Lawco Exploration's request.

Under Old Business, no issues were raised.

In New Business, Councilman Mel Core made a motion to change the election rules to allow each individual Headright holder ballot to count as 1 full vote, regardless of the number of Headrights or percentage thereof held by that individual. Some discussion was allowed, but the motion died on the floor for lack of a second.

In committee reports, Councilwoman Cynthia Boone complained that the Election Committee was improperly appointed. She said that the committee members had always been volunteers. Councilman Crum reminded her that there is an active Resolution stating that the Council meetings shall operate under Robert's Rules of Order, and that Robert's Rules of Order allows the Chairman to appoint committees. No further action was taken.

Shareholder Florence Bigheart Trantum spoke to the Council, requesting support for the bronze, full size statue of Chief James Bigheart to be erected in front of the Osage Museum. Chief Bigheart was instrumental in the developing and implementing of the 1906 Act. No action was taken today.

The meeting adjourned about 2:00 PM.

## IN MY OPINION:

I've been wondering for some time, why Ms. Boone and a couple of others have been hounding the BIA field operations man so much about the gaugers. I still don't understand it. The gauging that does get done is only a spot check at best. With nearly 20,000 active wells, there's no way that 7 gaugers could do a comprehensive accounting of every oil run, every day. 700 more gaugers couldn't do it, either. These few gaugers should be used where problems are suspected, and otherwise not be harassed. If the MC needs a report, it must be requested from the Superintendent, not the field people.

It is unfortunate for us that Acting Superintendent Loftin has decided not to apply for the permanent job here. She told me that with her husband's job being in the Muskogee area, and having 3 children in high school in Ft. Gibson next year and one in college at University of Arkansas, that the family had decided for her not to apply for this job. She concurs. We are saddened, but we understand.

Councilman Melvin Core's motion to change the value of voter's ballots seemed to come as a complete surprise to everyone. It would be a dramatic change to our election process, and it may very well be a much needed change. After everyone caught their breath a little, some discussion was allowed. However, the motion never received a second, so it died on the floor. I hope we have not heard the last of this.

I believe the first step to making this happen would be to update the CFR's to allow this change. Since some of the CFR's are currently being considered for change, maybe this could be worked into the plan for change, even though it is addressed in a different Part of the CFR's. Maybe Mr. Core will revise his motion a little and make it again next week. If someone seconds the motion, it would formally open it up for discussion. Everyone needs to give this some serious thought. It is hard enough to get anyone to fill out and return a ballot, and I can certainly see where some with a lesser value assigned to their ballot might just think "what's the use." We have many very bright, well-educated, experienced Shareholders who need to have a voice in how their business is run. The election process is the first step in getting them involved.

The family of Chief James Bigheart is working very hard to get a full size statue of the Chief made. The Osage Museum has agreed to erect it in front of the Museum. Make your checks payable to the OSAGE NATION FOUNDATION. Mail them to Patricia Spurrier Bright, 223 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056 or deliver in person to the Museum. They have commitments for about ½ of the funds already. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

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