

Trouble at the MC

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Aug. 27, 2015 8:00 AM I'm not sure what exactly is happening, but there has been a lot of mystery and intrigue surrounding the MC office the last few days. First of all, representatives from Senator Inhofe's office had a meeting with Councilwoman Cynthia Boone on Monday, Aug. 24 at 3 PM in Pawhuska. The Minerals Council was **not** informed of this meeting, therefore no one else seems to know who else attended or what the subject of discussion was. Inhofe's people then met with Chief Standing Bear at 5 PM.

As an issue for speculation, it is fairly obvious that the Council has lawyer bills coming in that they may not be able to pay and still have the funds to pay their own salaries. The only way to get a larger draw down for Council operations expenses from the Shareholder accounts is to ask the US Congress to adjust the amount. Is it possible that this was a subject discussed at the secret Inhofe meeting? Maybe.

Also, as an issue for speculation, the Osage Producers Association (OPA), or at least some of its members, have been pressuring the MC to get rid of the BIA and let the Okla. State Corporation Commission run our Mineral Estate operations for us. This could only be done by an act of the US Congress, therefore ANY secret meeting with the staff of a US Senator is certainly suspect. If this should happen, it would be a giant leap toward breaking the Federal Trust which is currently the fiduciary entity responsible for overseeing our Mineral Estate. This could very well be the beginning of the end for the 'Osage Mineral Estate' as we know it, and at the end of that path, we just might find the mineral rights in Osage County being handed over to the land owners. Could this have also been a subject of discussion at the secret Inhofe meeting? Maybe.

I am told that Talee Red Corn has requested that a Special Council Meeting be called for Monday, August 31, 2015. When the notice and agenda is posted, I guess we will know what the subject of that meeting will be.

It has been obvious to me for several years that the Council has needed a larger drawdown to use for operations, but it certainly wasn't needed to pay personal attorney fees encountered by individual Council members like they have voted to do in the case of the recent ethics complaints. It also wasn't needed to pay attorneys to devise a draft set of Policy and Procedures that would allow a majority vote of the Shareholders present at any meeting called for that purpose to fire duly elected

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Council members without cause. I KNOW this happened recently because I have seen the draft. I think this idiocy was shot down by negative public response and a negative Attorney General opinion, therefore it was never brought up in a Council meeting, however the \$12,000 to \$15,000 lawyer bill for writing it is now due. And I'm pretty sure they are out of money!

My reasoning for a larger drawdown was to provide funding for hiring an engineering type person as a Director of Operations for the Council and providing an office, staff, and computer equipment for that Director,-----not for paying lawyer bills for Councilpersons who create their own personal problems as they have in the pending ethics case against them filed by the Osage Nation Attorney General.

**OSAGE MINERALS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 31ST, 2015 10:00 A.M.
OSAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA**

(Please sign our guest sheet & Silence your cell phones. Thanks!)

AGENDA

Subject to change

1. **Call to order** – Welcome by Chairman Waller
2. **Opening prayer**
3. **Roll call**
4. **Executive**
 - A. **Talee Redcorn- discuss concern over potential US Congressional action**
5. **Adjournment**

Aug. 27, 2015 5:00 PM

I just received the above agenda. I don't guess we know much more than we did except, we know it's something involving the US Congress, and both speculative issues mentioned above would involve the US Congress and amending the 1906 Act. I would sure like to know why it's in Executive Session!

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