



Osage Minerals Council
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2023
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

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1. **Call to Order and Welcome by Chairman Waller** – 10:05 a.m.
2. **Opening prayer by Councilman Red Eagle**
3. **Roll Call – Administrative Assistant Lanayah Turley**

Councilmember Bighorse – present
Second Chair Cheshe-walla – present
Councilmember Currey – present
Councilmember Red Eagle – present
Councilmember Redcorn – present
Councilmember Revard – present
Councilmember Shackelford – present
Chairman Waller – present

Guests in attendance are Justin Patterson, Nevin Cooper, Cliff Taylor, Ron Snyder, Teresa Bates Rutherford, and Beverly Brownfield.

Chairman announces the Wah-Tiah-Kah scholarship will be added under 6d.

4. New Business
 - a. Ceja Corporation – Nevin Cooper
Chairman Waller states this item was requested to be in executive.

Motion: Enter executive

Motion by: Councilman Bighorse

Councilmember Bighorse – Y

Councilmember Currey – Y

Councilmember Red Eagle – Y

Councilmember Shackelford – Y

Motion: **Passed** YES: 8 NO: 0

Time: 10:09 a.m.

Second by: Councilman Revard

Second Chair Cheshe-walla - Y

Councilman Redcorn - Y

Councilmember Revard –Y

Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

5. Executive
 - a. C.F.R. Codes
 - b. Branch of Minerals
 - c. Personnel

Motion: Exit executive

Motion by: Councilman Bighorse

Councilmember Bighorse – Y

Councilmember Currey – Y

Councilmember Red Eagle – Y

Time: 12:49 p.m.

Second by: Councilman Revard

Second Chair Cheshe-walla - Y

Councilman Redcorn - Y

Councilmember Revard –Y



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Councilmember Shackelford – Y

Motion: **Passed**

YES: 8

NO: 0

Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion: Ceja Corporation four new oil and gas leases less coalbed methane for the NW/4 Section 26-T25N-R04E, SW/4 Section 23-T25N-R04E, NE/4 Section 1-T22N-R06E, and NW/4 Section 1-T22N-R06E for \$35.00 per acre, 1/5 royalty rate, 3-year primary. Additionally, Ceja will have a two-year option to lease the following tracts: NE/4 Section 26-T25N-R04E, NE/4 Section 27-T25N-R04E, SE/4 Section 27-T25N-R04E and SE/4 of Section 22-T25N-R04E for \$35 per acre, 1/5 royalty, 3-year primary term. This option will be exercised upon the drilling and completing of a producing well in the NW/4 Section 26-T25N-R04E. Ceja will make an initial option payment of \$10 per acre, which would reduce the final bonus amount due upon exercising this option.

Motion by: Councilman Revard

Councilmember Bighorse – Y

Councilmember Currey – Y

Councilmember Red Eagle – Y

Councilmember Shackelford – Y

Motion: **Passed**

YES: 8

NO: 0

Second by: Councilman Red Eagle

Second Chair Cheshewalla - Y

Councilman Redcorn - Y

Councilmember Revard –Y

Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion: Direct chair to sign the letter drafted by attorney to assistant secretary Indian affairs concerning the C.F.R.s.

Motion by: Councilman Shackelford

Councilmember Bighorse – Y

Councilmember Currey – Y

Councilmember Red Eagle – Y

Councilmember Shackelford – Y

Motion: **Passed**

YES: 8

NO: 0

Second by: Councilman Bighorse

Second Chair Cheshewalla - Y

Councilman Redcorn - Y

Councilmember Revard –Y

Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

6. Old Business

- a. Resolution for the well plugging grant application – Candy Thomas

Candy Thomas states she is there to get a resolution to apply for the bipartisan infrastructure grant. She states that the nation has applied for several grants on behalf of the minerals council. She says this grant is different from the current well plugging program. It addresses orphan wells and addresses environmental remediation and restoration on a much deeper level than removing equipment and



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putting some dirt on the site. **Chairman Waller** states we do take care of remediation of our plugging program as required by federal law; we are not just throwing dirt on it. **Second Chair Cheshewalla** reads the draft resolution into record and states it is very broad. **Councilman Revard** states that he agrees with candy's comment that we are more qualified to plug wells. He asks if she realized that we are applying for this same grant. **Candy** says yes. **Councilman Revard** asks why they are applying for the grant. **Candy** says because the chief wants to clean up the ranch. **Councilman Revard** says we could use our grant money to do that. He states that he personally would be willing to earmark a percentage of it to clean up the ranch, but we are going after this money and we have worked long and hard to get it and he is taken back that the Osage Nation is telling us we will not help you unless. He asks Candy Thomas if the Nation is successfully awarded grant money if they are going to share to remediate and plug wells. Councilman Revard asks if she is still willing to assist the Minerals Council. **Candy Thomas** states only if it is a joint. **Councilman Red Eagle** states that we have been working on this since around 2020 to continue remediation and continue well plugging. **Chairman Waller** asks how we should proceed. **Candy** says it is up to you but it is not like you do not have money to do well plugging. **Chairman** asks if indirect costs come out. **Candy Thomas** denies that IDC is taken out. Councilman Revard states he is confused because Amy Easley said that there is IDC taken out of the 1.5 million. **Candy Thomas** states there was a change in the Osage Nation's IDC procedures. **Councilman Revard** states that he would like to move forward on the grant and move on our own two feet. **Councilmember Red Eagle** suggest we figure something out before the 18th and figure out what to do on the 18th. Councilman Revard says that we do not have time to wait, and he is prepared to give preference to emergency wells and Osage Nation property. He would like to keep moving forward with the grant application.

Motion: Osage Minerals Council with assistance of legal counsel Patterson Earnhart Real Bird and Wilson LLP to continue to pursue and submit for funds available through the Bipartisan infrastructure law of orphan well program for tribes.

Motion by: Councilman Revard

Councilmember Bighorse – Y

Councilmember Currey – Y

Councilmember Red Eagle – Y

Councilmember Shackelford – Y

Motion: **Passed**

YES: 8

NO: 0

Second by: Councilman Red Eagle

Second Chair Cheshewalla - Y

Councilman Redcorn - Y

Councilmember Revard – Y

Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



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b. Update on CEP leases

Councilman Revard states that this company had a concession that was forfeited which lead to a lot of unplugged wells. The Superintendent put together a list of 41 wells demanding that they be plugged in 90 days. We requested that these wells be evaluated. We have never heard back, and the BIA is threatening to cancel and call the bond of CEP which would put them out of business in Osage County. In the meantime, we reached out to the DEMD and they said they would evaluate these wells. When their superiors found out and stopped it. In the meantime, CEP is plugging wells as quickly as they can. So his question is did the Superintendent ever write back. **Chairman Waller** says no. Councilman Revard says that this may be something we should add to the agenda for the biannual meeting.

c. Biannual agenda

Discussion of biannual agenda items. Items were added and removed from the previous agenda. Chairman states we will coordinate all this Monday.

d. Wah-Tiak-Kah Scholarship

Councilman Red Eagle states that these applicants are the same ones from last semester. There is only on issues, Blake Bledsoe is only in six hours, then will do project work.

Motion: Jordan Brace, Blake Bledsoe, Allison Koopman, and Braden Holloway be awarded spring 2023 Wah-Tiah-Kah Scholarship to be paid out of the S-510.

Motion by: Councilman Red Eagle

Councilmember Bighorse – Y
Councilmember Currey – Y
Councilmember Red Eagle – Y
Councilmember Shackelford – Y

Motion: Passed YES: 8 NO: 0

Second by: Councilman Redcorn

Second Chair Cheshewalla - Y
Councilman Redcorn - Y
Councilmember Revard –Y
Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

7. Meeting minutes

Chairman Waller states the meeting minutes will be stricken.

8. Adjournment

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Motion: Adjourn

Time: 2:18 p.m.



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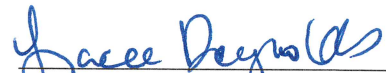
Motion by: Councilman Redcorn
Councilmember Bighorse – Y
Councilmember Currey – Y
Councilmember Red Eagle – Y
Councilmember Shackelford – Y
Motion: Passed YES: 48 NO: 0

Second by: 2nd Chair Cheshewalla
Second Chair Cheshewalla - Y
Councilman Redcorn - Y
Councilmember Revard –Y
Chairman Waller - Y
ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Approved by the Fifth Osage Minerals Council on February 3, 2023.



Everett Waller, Chairman



Lacey Reynolds, Chief of Staff