

**Regional Tribal Operations Committee
Tribal Caucus**

November 30, 2022 (held virtually)

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. MST

WebEx Link for the Meeting

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Meeting Summary

- I. Opening – Tabitha Langston, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Tribal Co-Chair
- II. Invocation – James Williams, Muscogee Nation
- III. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum – Micah Isaacs, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, RTOC Secretary
 - 16 participants, quorum declared
 - Participant count at 11:00 AM CST was 67

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	X	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	X
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	X	Wyandotte Nation	X
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma	X	Pueblo of Isleta	X
Cherokee Nation	X	Pueblo of Santa Ana	X
Chickasaw Nation	X	Pueblo of Santa Clara	X
Citizen Potawatomi Nation	X	Pueblo of San Felipe	X
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	X	Pueblo of Santo Domingo	
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	X	Pueblo of Zia	x
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	x		

- IV. Welcome and Introductions– Tribal Leaders, Tribal Caucus, and Meeting Participants
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda as written by Muscogee Nation, seconded by Pueblo of Isleta.
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.
- VI. Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2022 Tribal Caucus Virtual Meeting
 - Motion to approve minutes as written by Pueblo of Isleta, seconded by Cherokee Nation.
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.
- VII. Review of Action Items – July 13, 2022 Tribal Caucus Virtual Meeting
 - EPA R6 to provide update on LANL Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade (EPCU) proposed new powerline upgrade
 - EPA R6 to provide update on LANL Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS)
 - EPA R6 to provide update on LANL tritium venting

- EPA R6 to describe permitting process of transuranic waste facility (Pueblo of San Felipe)
- EPA R6 to provide information on radiation management program (Pueblo of Isleta)
- EPA respond to Sac and Fox Nation with updates of the Skull Creek oil spill.

VIII. Old Business

- RTOC Charter – EPA R6 requested to add “as appropriate” in Section 3 Roles and Responsibilities. Changes to term limits for Tribal Caucus Officers and NTC representatives.
- Letter needed from Tribal leader designating Tribal representative.
- Motion to approve RTOC Charter by Muscogee Nation, seconded by Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana.
- All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

IX. New Business

- a. CWA Section 319 Tribal Consultation
Tabitha Langston discussed the program and how it could affect Tribes with or planning to obtain TAS. Further discussions will be held in the full RTOC with EPA.
- b. Joint RTOC Meeting – Region 8
 - Joint Meeting with Region 8 has been requested for Summer of 2023.
 - Tribal Co-chair will reach out to R8 Tribal Co-Chair to see if there is interest and willingness to travel to Oklahoma to have meeting in conjunction with the ITEC conference.
- c. RTOC Executive Committee Nominations
 - Chair Nomination: Pueblo of Isleta nominates Ottawa Tribe, Pueblo of San Felipe seconded. Ottawa Tribe accepted.
Motion for Ottawa Tribe by acclamation by Pueblo of Isleta, seconded by Muscogee Nation. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.
 - Vice Chair Nomination: Pueblo of San Felipe nominates Pueblo of Isleta, Muskogee Nation seconds. Pueblo of Isleta accepted.
Motion for Pueblo of Isleta by acclamation by Pueblo of San Felipe seconded by Cherokee Nation. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.
 - Secretary: Ottawa Tribe nominates Citizen Potawatomi Tribe, seconded by Muscogee Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Tribe accepted.
Motion for Citizen Potawatomi by acclamation by Muscogee Nation, seconded by Caddo Nation. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.
- d. NTC Representative Nominations
 - NTC Representative 1: Ottawa Tribe nominates Pueblo of San Felipe, seconded by Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of San Felipe accepted.
 - NTC Representative 2: Wyandotte Nation nominates Ottawa Tribe, seconded by Pueblo of San Felipe. Ottawa Tribe accepted.
 - NTC Alternate Representative: Wyandotte Nation nominates Cherokee Nation, Cherokee Nation declined. Wyandotte Nation nominates Pueblo of Santa Clara, declined. Pueblo of Isleta nominates Nambe Pueblo. No one present to accept or decline. Pueblo of Laguna volunteers, Pueblo of Isleta

seconds.

- San Felipe and Ottawa as representatives and Laguna as alternate by acclamation. All in favor, none opposed.

e. Tribal Partnership Group Nominations (if needed)

- Nation Tribal Air Association needs an alternate representative. Pueblo of Santa Ana volunteers pending approval by leadership.
- Tribal Science Council Alternate needed. Miami Tribe volunteers.

VIII. Old Business (continued)

a. 2022 GAP Guidance

- Training over 2022 GAP Guidance will be December 6, and 8, 2022 at 10:00 am CDT to discuss change. A priority will be capacity indicator and a module on Tribal consortium.

b. GAP Allocation

- No changes to methodology for this year. Future years are unclear.

c. SAFETEA Update

- No update at this time.

d. LANL

- Keep as an ongoing agenda item.

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IX. New Business(continued)

f. RTOC Executive Committee Elections

All positions filled by acclamation.

g. NTC Representative Elections

All positions filled by acclamation.

h. Tribal Partnership Group Elections (if needed)

All positions filled by acclamation.

X. Progress Reports – See Written Reports

a. National Tribal Caucus (NTC)

- No report. Tabitha Langston stated that elections will be held for the NTC Executive Committee at next week's monthly meeting.

b. National Tribal Air Association (NTAA)

- Craig Kreman will send out report.

c. Tribal Environmental Coalition of Oklahoma (TECO)

- No report. RTOC vacancies were filled during election at the November meeting.

- d. Inter-Tribal Resource Advisory Committee (IRAC) Tammy Belone
 - Discussed Tribal Adaptation Resiliency Forum
 - Tribal Recycling Workshop scheduled for March 28-29, 2023
 - RTOC vacancies filled
- e. Texas and Louisiana Tribes
 - Barbra Valdivieso provided an update on the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
- f. Tribal Exchange Network Group (TXG)
 - Jennifer Reyher, Muscogee Nation, provided an update on conference attendance, data management training and the new work plan.
- g. E-Enterprise Leadership Council (EELC)
 - No representative present. Will request report from Christina Cooper, Comanche Nation.
- h. National Tribal Water Council (NTWC) Jaclyn McCasland
 - Tribal Consultation on Federal Water Quality Standards regulation to protect tribal reserved rights began on November 30, 2022
 - Virtual Forum on Water Quality in the near future.
 - Discussed Federal Water Quality Standards and SAFETEA.
 - NTWC Co-Chair Ken Norton wants feedback from Oklahoma tribes. Initiation to January TECO Meeting will be sent.
- i. Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee
 - No Report
- j. Tribal Science Council (TSC) Jaclyn McCasland
 - Reported on meeting topics that included TEK and research implementation.
- k. Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) James Jackson
 - Reported on the in-person meeting in Maricopa, AZ and stated the next meeting is December 14, 2022.
- XI. Review of Action Items – Shawn Howard, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, RTOC Secretary
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Isleta)

- EPA respond to Sac and Fox Nation with updates of the Skull Creek event.
- R6 RTOC Tribal Co-Chair will inquire with R8 Tribal Co-Chair to see if a joint meeting during the summer of 2023 can be scheduled in conjunction with ITEC Conference.
 - RTOC Tribal Co-Chair will poll new RTOC Reps in January 2023 on the ability to attend at a joint meeting.
- RTOC Tribal Co-Chair volunteered to share designation letter to participate on the RTOC with the RTOC Tribal Caucus
- R6 Tribal Co-Chair will forward the 2022 R6 RTOC Charter with signatures to the Tribes in Region 6 based on approval of the full RTOC.

XII. Workshop, Training, and General Announcements

- Ramona Montoya discussed the Isleta election results

XIII. Dates of 2023 Meetings

- Proposed date change of RTOC Summit to the week of April 24th. Randy Gee is confirming with EPA approval.
- Proposed Summer RTOC in conjunction with ITEC Conference the week of July 24, 2023.
- Next RTOC call January 10, 2023 at 10:30 CST.

XIV. Closing – Tabitha Langston, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Tribal Co-Chair

XV. Benediction – No Benediction

XVI. Adjournment – Tabitha Langston, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Tribal Co-Chair