



June 4, 2025

Myron Red Eagle, Chair
Osage Minerals Council
813 Grandview Ave.
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Re: Proposed Plan for Assumption of Full Self-Governance for Fiscal Year 2026

Dear Chairman Red Eagle,


We are working with the Department of Interior (DOI) and the Osage Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on fully assuming self-governance functions that pertain to production, permitting, and leasing on the Osage Minerals Estate currently administered by the BIA. This would be effective for Fiscal Year 2026.

I believe that once negotiations on self-governance are complete, all functions that were previously administered by the BIA that apply to production, permitting, or leasing on the Osage Minerals Estate should fall under the authority of Osage Minerals Council (OMC). This will better enable the OMC to fulfill its duties to administer and develop the Osage Minerals Estate under Article XV Section 4 of the Osage Nation Constitution.

I propose that the OMC assume the BIA branches of *Subsurface Lease Management*, *Oil and Gas Accounting* and *Sub-Surface Permitting* along with a *Minerals Director* to oversee the operation of these departments. With this assumption, you would maintain hiring and firing authority of OMC employees while following Osage Nation personnel policies and laws. It is important to note that we are pushing to maintain a Superintendent position within this structure for legal and practical reasons, as well as, whomever the Superintendent considers indispensable to assist in carrying out duties and responsibilities as described under the 1906 Act.

The attached chart provides a draft organizational structure under the OMC, along with a draft of what funds could be available to perform the necessary functions and duties of the proposed departments. The Osage Nation is prepared to offer indirect service support such as Accounting, Information Technology, Human Resources, Compliance and other services needed to assist in performing the functions of the departments.

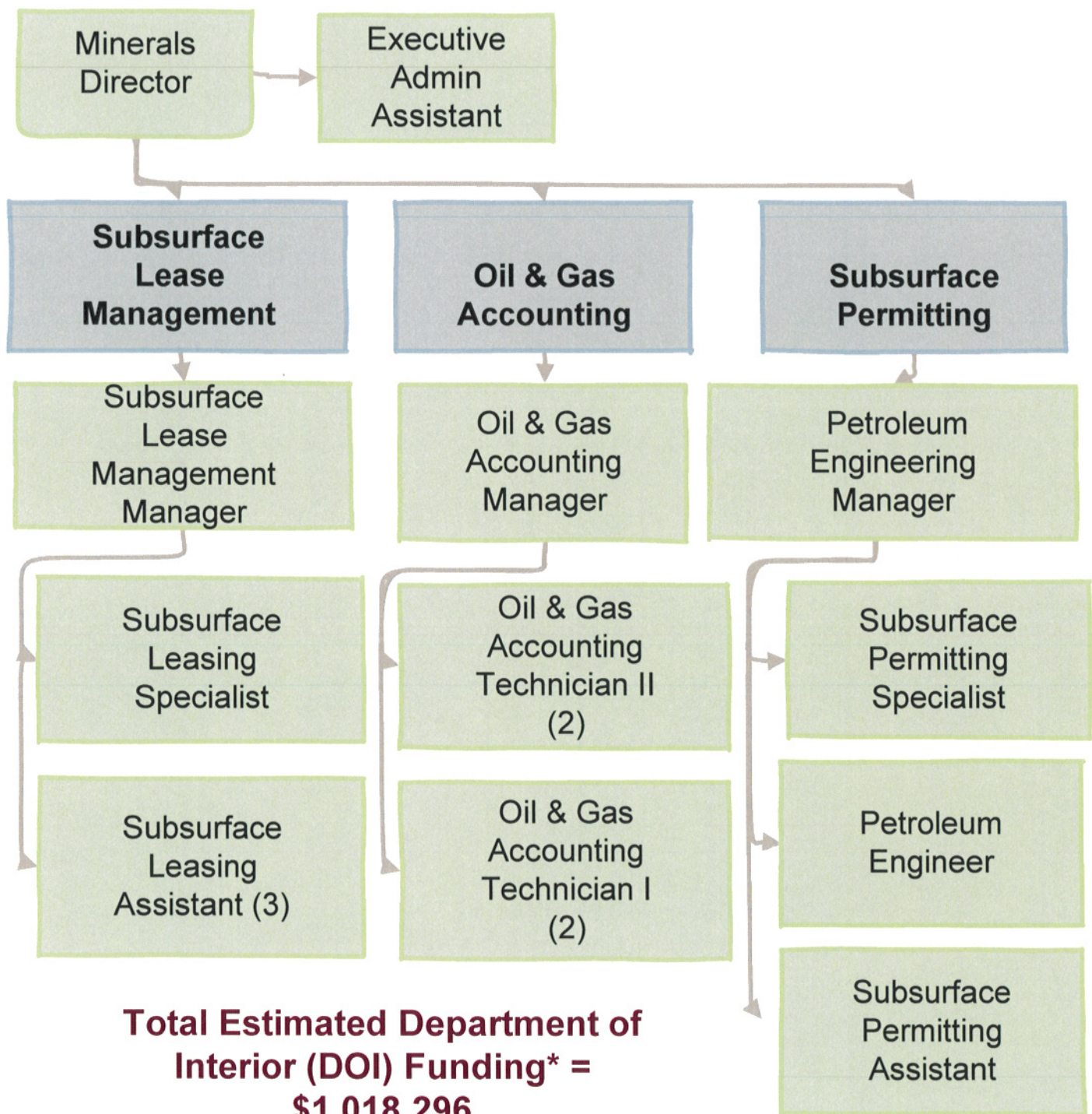
Respectfully,



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Production, Permitting, & Leasing



*All funding amounts are estimates and are subject to change. Funding amounts include labor and non-labor costs.