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Morgan and Wheeler Sworn In As New Sauk Enterprise Board Members



New Sauk Enterprise Board Members: (Left to Right) Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation, George Thurman; Representative Danny Morgan District 32 - Democrat of Prague; and Muriel Wheeler of Shawnee. (staff photos)



Salt Creek Bridge, located just east of Route 66 on E. Seventh St. (left to right): Lincoln County District #1 Commissioner Don Sporleder; Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jacklyn Williams; District #1 Bridge Foreman Wendell Munson; and Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief George Thurman. (American photo & article)

New Salt Creek Bridge Dedication Attended By Lincoln County and Sac and Fox Nation Officials

Lincoln County District #1 Commissioner Don Sporleder, Bridge Foreman Wendell Munson, Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jacklyn Williams and Principal Chief George Thurman gathered Monday, April 23, to view the new Salt Creek Bridge recently completed on E. Seventh St.

The new reinforced concrete structure is 124 ft. long and 22 ft. wide, and was made possible by a partnership comprised of District #1, the Sac and Fox Nation and the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The cooperative road and bridge improvement project was originally estimated to cost \$830,000, but was completed with a total project cost of \$648,999.97.

"Most of the \$181,000 in savings was due to District #1 work crews removal of the old bridge, preparation of the work site, and a lot of the clean up and prep work afterward," said Commissioner Sporleder.

"Those items would have been included in the original contract, but were removed in order to make the project possible. Otherwise, it would have never been affordable," he added.

Contractor for the bridge construction portion of the project was Belk Bridge Construction Co. of Broken Arrow.

Lincoln County's portion of expenditures for the project total \$214,999.97.

Other funding included: \$420,000 in Sac and Fox Nation Federal Indian Reservation Roads Funding; \$10,000 in Sac and Fox Nation and Bureau of Indian Affairs for inspection services; and \$10,000 in funding from the City of Stroud.

The old bridge was 70 feet long and 15 feet wide structure built in 1950. The old bridge was partially rebuilt in the 1980s and again in the mid-1990s, and had a weight limit of only 5 tons for the past 10

years.

"In 2009 state inspectors ordered the county to add more rip rap to cover severe scouring under the west headwall and we

complied with the order. However, a team of federal bridge inspectors ordered the old bridge condemned and closed in 2012," Sporleder commented.

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

March 2012

Tobacco Tax	\$24,700.80
Wholesale Tobacco Tax	\$51,160.34
Motor Vehicle	\$3,817.00
Sales Tax	\$14,302.74
Treasury	\$170.83
Oil & Gas	\$5,950.86
Gaming	\$138,272.16
TOTAL	\$23,374.73

NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA SAC & FOX CHAPTER



SAC & FOX CHAPTER NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH
SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE
SATURDAY - MAY 19, 2012
SUNDAY - MAY 20, 2012

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE ALL NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE AND DINNER AT NOON ON SUNDAY. WE EXTEND A SPECIAL INVITATION TO SFN CLAN LEADERS AND TRIBAL MEMBERS.

LOCATION: SFN Teepee Grounds near Ceremonial House On Tribal Grounds

BRIEF BACKGROUND: The Sac & Fox Chapter Native American Church will be having a prayer service for spiritual enrichment and to commemorate the anniversary when the "original" Articles of Corporation was officially signed by four (4) Sac & Fox Nation tribal members on May 20, 1978. These tribal members were the Late Carl Butler; Late Dewey Butler; Late Rose W. Allen; and Late Henry W. Scott.

The Native American Church of Oklahoma was recognized by the State of Oklahoma on October 10, 1918; amended April 8, 1949; August 11, 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act and amended under Public Law 103-344 by the 103rd Congress of the United States on January 25, 1994.

Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Organization Meeting
May 8, 2012
5:00 pm
Elders Bldg
Stroud
Always on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
unless otherwise posted

