

**TENTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
AUGUST 22, 2025  
CONCHO, OK**

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**RESOLUTION:** A Resolution to Authorize Governor Wassana to Enter into a Lease with Reagan Smith in the name of Validus Energy II Midcon LLC in Blaine County (Little Cup)

**RESOLUTION NO:** 10L-SS-2025-0822-007

**DATE INTRODUCED:** August 15, 2025

**SPONSOR:** Kendricks Sleeper, District A2

**CO-SPONSOR:** Rector Candy, District A4

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**SUBJECT:** A Resolution to Authorize Governor Wassana to Enter into a Lease with Reagan Smith in the name of Validus Energy II Midcon LLC in Blaine County (Little Cup)

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are duly recognized by the United States Secretary of the Interior as a self-governing, Sovereign Nation, that is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attended thereto as a sovereign government, and organized in accordance with Title 25 of the United States Code, Section 450, the “Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act,” and Article XVII of the Tribe’s Constitution and By-Laws and Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), under an amended Constitution ratified on August, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 17, 2006; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that the Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Constitution requires that the Legislature or Tribal Council give prior authorization for the signing of contracts by the Governor; and

**WHEREAS:** The Legislature has the Constitutional obligation and public responsibility to the Tribes to oversee the Tribes’ operations in order to establish and promote justice, establish guidance and direction for the government and advance the general welfare of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have a mineral interest in the E/2 SW/4, Lot 3 & Lot 4 of Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 13 West, Blaine County, Oklahoma (31.840 NMA) LESS & EXCEPT ATOKA/MORROW & MISSISSIPPIAN FORMATIONS; and

**WHEREAS:** The agreed upon lease terms are as follows: a bonus payment in the amount of \$95,520 or \$3,000.00 per acre, a 20% or one-fifth royalty, a three (3) year term and pay an additional \$3.00 per net acre per year during the primary term; and

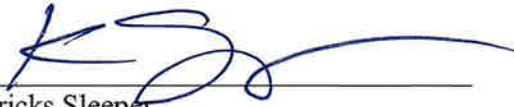
**WHEREAS:** The Tribes' interest is 7.076 net mineral acres and will receive bonus payment of \$3,000.00 per acre, a 20% or one-fifth royalty, a three (3) year term and pay an additional \$3.00 per net acre per year during the primary term; and

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have agreed upon compensation satisfactory to the tribes, waives valuation, and has determined that accepting such agreed-upon compensation and waiving valuation is in its best interest; and

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have authorized the issuance of said lease and for Governor Wassana to execute all necessary documents and requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs follows suit; and

**WHEREAS:** The Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes does hereby adopt and approve this resolution and authorizes the issuance of an oil and gas lease for the E/2 SW/4, Lot 3 & Lot 4 of Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 13 West, Blaine County, Oklahoma (31.840 NMA) LESS & EXCEPT ATOKA/MORROW & MISSISSIPPIAN FORMATIONS at the terms stated above; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that by authorizing the grant of this oil and gas lease on tribal lands, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in no way relinquish ownership, jurisdiction or sovereignty over lands covered by such lease and notwithstanding the grant of this lease, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes shall exercise all jurisdiction over the land subject to these rights-of-way to the full extent allowed by law.

  
Kendricks Sleeper  
Speaker of the Tenth Legislature  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**ATTEST:**

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 10L-SS-2025-0822-007 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Tenth Legislature Special Session, by a roll call vote on the 22nd day of August 2025, by a vote.

**VOTE RECORD:**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Diane Willis	✓			
A2	Kendricks Sleeper	✓			
A3	Travis Ruiz	✓			
A4	Rector Candy	✓			
C1	Bruce Whiteman, Jr.	✓			
C2	George Woods	✓			
C3	Thomas Trout	✓			
C4	Byron Byrd	✓			
TOTAL		8			
Passes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fails ( ) Tabled ( ) Allowed to Die ( ) No Action ( )					



Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk  
Tenth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**ATTEST:**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto. All laws shall take effect thirty days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature unless any Member of the Tribes submits to the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council a petition signed by at least one hundred fifty Members of the Tribal Council seeking to repeal the law or resolution at the next Tribal Council meeting. If the Tribal Council fails to repeal such law or resolution at the next Tribal Council where the matter has been properly placed on the agenda for the Tribal Council meeting, such law or resolution shall become effective immediately."

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 4, subsection (g) of the Tribes Constitution reads: "The Governor shall have the power to sign any enactment passed by the Legislature into law or to veto any enactment passed by the Legislature within ten days of passage with a written explanation of any objections; and if the Governor takes no action within ten days, then the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution."

{ ☒ } APPROVED

{ ☐ } VETOED: Attachment \_\_\_\_; Governor's written explanation of any objections.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2025.



Reggie Wassana, Governor  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:**

**From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management**

**ATTEST:**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(v), of the Tribes Constitution reads, "The Office of Records Management shall compile all Laws and Resolutions into a comprehensive Code in an orderly manner that shall be published annually."

Office of Records Management Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 10L-SS-2025-0822-007.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind  
Print Name: Cheryl Blind  
Title: Director  
Date: August 22, 2025

Office of Records Management  
Department of Administration, Executive Branch  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes