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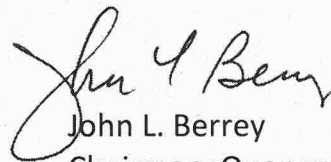
## QUAPAW TRUST LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS RELEASED—CHECKS WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK

Bank of Oklahoma has notified us that at 12:32 p.m. today it received the funds for the settlement of the *Goodeagle v. United States* case. The bank has already started processing the individual settlement checks, which will be mailed over the next couple of days. I am very glad to be able to give this good news to the participants in the *Goodeagle* settlement.

The members of the Quapaw Nation who were not eligible for the *Goodeagle* case will participate in the settlement of the *Bear v. United States* case, which is our next big project. That settlement will be funded through a congressional appropriation. While the appropriation will take some time, I have already been working with members of Congress on the necessary legislation. I am very hopeful after my initial meetings this month.

Our tribe has supported this litigation for a long time, and the settlors' group has been very supportive and patient. I have personally worked on this effort for you for over 18 years. I am glad the litigation has concluded, but I am especially glad to see our tribe's members realize some compensation for the history of mismanagement of the Quapaw Reservation.

The Quapaw Nation has come a long way in the last few years. I hope this settlement helps the participants individually. But I also hope it helps all Quapaws look forward. I believe the best is yet to come for our tribe. We have a lot of new projects underway that will offer new opportunities and new futures for tribal members. Thank you for letting me work for you on this important project, and for letting me serve you during this great time in Quapaw history. Gun-Ney-Gay.



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