

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**  
**Cherokee Nation Environmental Protection Office**  
**208 E. Allen Road, Tablequah, OK**  
**March 8, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner: Marty Matlock  
Commissioner: Ed Fite

**APPROVED**

**DATE 4-3-2012**

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Jackie Woodward, CNEP  
Laura Adair, CNEP  
Bob Short, CNEP  
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP  
Shaun West, CNEP  
Dwayne Fain, CNEM  
Doug Bane, CNWM  
Pat Gwin, CNMR  
Bruce Davis, CNMR  
Sara Hill, CN Office of AG  
Stephanie Matlock, Guest

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Matlock at 9:40 AM.
2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged and placed into the record the Record of Public Notice. Introductions by all meeting attendees.
3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Matlock seconded the Motion. Minutes approved.
4. Public Comment – None
5. Reports
  - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads – Mr. Elkins informed the commission that the Tribe is in the process of hiring a Tribal Preservation Officer. Working with the EPA on MBE-WBE grant reporting requirements. Requested an exception from the EPA because it is the Tribe's belief that we already meet the goals through TERO and were denied at the Regional level. Under consideration if the need is to go to National Headquarters or develop our own goals or accept the State's goals. The Water Plan is being developed, an RFP has been advertised and entities are being evaluated. This will be a multi-year project. CNEP is in the process of developing a Facebook page through CN Communications as an outreach deliverable. The Nation is not in compliance with the Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle Act. the tribe may be meeting some of the goals but it is not being measured. A re-write of the law is being considered. The Commissioners suggested that simplicity would be the best approach for measurement. Mr. Elkins stated that Energy Performance Contracting is being discussed for use at Cherokee Nation. Provided an update on the Cherokee Nation Energy Plan activities. No major compliance issues at the Landfill except for leachate levels. Discussions ensued for possible recommendations for a solution. Ms. Hill provided an overview of the asbestos problem in the Sam Hider Clinic in Jay and the abatement process.
  - B. Natural Resources Department – Mr. Gwin introduced the new Executive Director of Management Resources, Bruce Davis. The heirloom seed exchange is underway. A huge construction project will be underway at Sallisaw Creek Park. BLM is reclaiming some of the strip pits and will be training two (2) Cherokee Nation employees to do the weekly construction

inspections and the NPDES reporting and sampling. The Cherokee Nation will be hosting the Cherokee Nation Environmental Festival which is a joint venture with the other departments on April 13, 2012. A Tribal USDA day is being planned for September or October. Commissioner Fite asked about the fire program. Mr. Gwin provided an overview of the program and recent activities.

- C. Cherokee Nation Businesses – Mr. Fields was not present.
  - D. Emergency Management – Mr. Fain reported on the Earthquake Mitigation and Public Assistance Outreach training at Hard Rock which was sponsored by the Cherokee Nation.
  - E. CN Brownfield activities at W.W. Hastings Hospital and Chilocco Indian School – Mr. Short reported a Phase I assessment has been completed on approximately 2600 acres at Chilocco Indian School and submitted to BIA. Their response asked CN to address certain items. Cisterns were cleaned out (trash) and addressed. There was also exposed water piping that fed the agricultural irrigation and residential properties. The report was submitted and the Trust Acquisition is underway for approval. Work is ongoing at W. W. Hastings Hospital on a couple of USTs, one 8,000 tank fed the glycol to their old solar panels which are not in use. The suggestion is to remove the tanks and install an AST. One problem is pulling the 8,000 tank because it may compromise a cooling tower. An engineering study is needed. There are no asbilts of that area so when a backhoe was used to dig down to the tank a natural gas line was almost hit. The AST will be ready to install when the USTs are removed. Cherokee Nation is under EPA regulations while closing these tanks.
6. Regulation for Fertilizer Applications on Cherokee Nation Tribal Lands  
Agricultural lessees of Cherokee Nation tribal lands have asked for amendments to apply poultry litter. This application is not allowable with the current water plan but the plan is being reviewed for possible changes to that section which will significantly improve the plan. At this time, due to recent developments in the poultry industry, this item has been tabled.
7. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill  
A. Report & Compliance Issues– Mr. Bane reported that the ongoing concern is blowing trash and litter. Recently acquired a portion of Delaware County business and there is still interest in a hauling business. A couple of plants in Arkansas are interested if this service is offered. Mr. Woodward said there are no compliance issues except for the leachate pond and blowing trash. A new business plan has been developed and is in the reproduction stages.
8. New Business – None at this time.
9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events – The next EPC meeting will be held April 3, 2012 at 9:30 AM. NSU is hosting The Big Event 2012, volunteers working in the community. Event is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
10. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Matlock, meeting adjourned.