

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION COMMISSION  
MEETING**  
**Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office**  
**208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma**  
**July 7, 2015 – 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner: Dr. Marty Matlock, Chairman  
Commissioner: Ed Fite  
Commissioner: J. Blake Fletcher  
Commissioner: Jack Spears

**APPROVED**

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**ABSENT:**

Commissioner: Dr. Lynna Carson

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Tom Elkins, CNEP  
Joe Washum, CNB  
Fan Robinson, CNWM  
Chad Harsha, CN Attorney General's Office  
Roger Vann, CNNR  
Scott Craig, CNEM  
Cohl Fowler, CN Gov. Rels.  
Debra Wilson, CN Gaming Comm.  
Jackie Woodward, CNEP  
Salli McLemore, CNEP  
Laura Adair, CNEP

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Matlock at 9:12 A.M.
2. Chairman Matlock acknowledged and placed into record the Record of Public Notice and Agenda, distributed and posted as appropriate.
3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Spears, roll call vote, minutes approved.
4. Public Comments – none
5. Reports
  - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads-Tom Elkins
    - Acknowledged staff participation at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-tribal Environmental Council's Conference and at Camp Cherokee.
    - Announced US Fish and Wildlife will provide funds for the Fishing Derby held at the Cherokee National Holiday
  - B. Administration Support-Pat Gwin
    - No representative in attendance
  - C. Cherokee Nation Businesses-Joe Washum
    - Rogers Downs update: The infield was blocked off and lagoon pumped off in anticipation of more storm water. The water was tested again and levels were better than the original sampling event. The infield is now back to normal and there is 3' of

freeboard in the lagoons. ODEQ is revising the consent order based on work that has been completed. The next meeting with the City of Claremore is on July 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the easement agreements.

D. Emergency Management- Scott Craig

- Marshal Scott Craig is the interim Director for CN Emergency Management.
- An emergency manager will be hired on a full time basis within the next few months.

E. Natural Resources-Roger Vann

- Report provided with no additional information

6. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill-Fan Robinson

- Reported that issues are being addressed with runoff from heavy rainfall. CNWM is waiting on the tribe for a meeting that will have discussion on the future of the landfill
- The next CNWM Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on July 9<sup>th</sup>

7. Attorney General Issues – no update on water plan provided

8. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins

- Anticipate that it will take 18 months for the project to be completed.
- Project continues to be on hold pending directives from Administration.

9. New Business -

- Commissioner Matlock led a discussion on recycling vs cost benefits with input from CN Gaming Commission staff representative.
- Commissioner Fite confirmed that the issues regarding the Blue Ribbons Down site were resolved.
- Discussion also addressed concerns related to air quality in casinos.

10. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- CNWM Board meeting – July 9, 2015 @ 10:00 AM at the Landfill
- Next EPC meeting – August 4, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

11. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Spears, meeting adjourned.