

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING**
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
October 13, 2015–9:00 AM

APPROVED

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Cherokee Nation
Environmental Protection Commission

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Ed Fite, Acting Chairman
Commissioner: J. Blake Fletcher
Commissioner: Jack Spears
Commissioner: Lynna Carson

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Dr. Marty Matlock, Chairman

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Tom Elkins, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Shaun West, CNEP
Debra Wilson, CNGC
Belinda Sinor, CNB
Fan Robinson, CNWM
Laura Adair, CNEP

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Fite.
2. Commissioner Fite acknowledged and placed into record the Record of Public Notice and Agenda, distributed and posted as appropriate.
3. Minutes from the previous EPC meeting not available.
4. Public Comments – Commissioner Fletcher commented that trash removal continues to be an issue in his area. One hauler does not practice proper trash disposal. The DEQ office in Sallisaw has been notified of the problem and to date a response has not been received. CN needs methods of controlling those types of violations. Commissioner Fite stated that the State of Oklahoma maintains a 1-800 hotline number that is 24 hours a day, 1-800-522-0206, for environmental issues, they will respond in writing. For littering adjacent to roads, the litter hotline number is 1-888-5LITTER. Within the statutes, the Sheriff's office has primacy over that, they can provide enforcement action. The DEQ at the state level is always willing to commit to some type service agreement with the county sheriff's office, to provide extra dollars for trash cop investigations. Cherokee and Adair counties are through the Wagoner office and the person assigned to the counties is Jonathan Robinson, office 918-485-8873. There is also the Solid Waste Institute of NE Oklahoma, director Ken Purdy, 918-456-0116, for educational information related to solid waste.
5. Reports
 - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads-Tom Elkins
 - Summarized the stressor study of the Illinois River
 - Reported on the meeting with the Arkansas River Compact Commission
 - B. Administration Support- No representative in attendance
 - C. Cherokee Nation Businesses- Belinda Sinor for Joe Washum

- There are not any new updates on activities for WRD but a meeting has been scheduled in November between CNB and the City.
- Construction has begun at Outpost 1 and project is planned for completion by the end of April.
- Trenching work continues for the Cherokee Springs Plaza.

D. Emergency Management – no representative in attendance

E. Natural Resources- no representative in attendance

6. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill- Fan Robinson
 - Funding was approved by the Cherokee National Council for development of a new 3 acre cell
 - The free board was at 19”-20” this morning
7. Secretary of Natural Resources Report – Sara Hill
 - A funding request was submitted to BIA for continued work on the water plan
8. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins
 - Activities are pending with the contractor
9. New Business – Commissioner Fite stated that would not be an EPC meeting until the first of the year to allow time for the Secretary of Natural Resources to get established. Fan Robinson announced that the CNWM Board has changed meeting dates to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM.
10. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events - none
11. Meeting adjourned