

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING**
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
March 8, 2016 – 9:00 AM

PRESENT:

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

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Cherokee Nation
Environmental Protection Commission

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Dr. Lynna Carson

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Tom Elkins, CNEP
Shaun West, CNEP
Salli McLemore, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Chad Harsha, CNAG
Butch Garner, CNNR
Joe Washum, CNB
Brian Hunt, CNB
Fan Robinson, CNWM
Andrew Knifechief, Pawnee Nation
Don Mason, Pawnee Nation
Laura Adair, CNEP

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Matlock at 9:08 AM.
2. Commissioner 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 February 2, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Spears, roll call vote, minutes approved.
4. Public Comments – Pawnee Nation is at the meeting to observe, efforts to re-vamp the Pawnee EPC Commission are underway.
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill – reporting for SONR Hill, Chad Harsha, CN Assistant Attorney General, no updates on the Water Plan.

6. Reports

A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads-Tom Elkins

- Provided an overview of Illinois River TDML meeting
- Commissioner Spears has requested at past meetings the location of the water sampling on Lake Tenkiller. Chairman Matlock requested that this topic be addressed in next month's report, the sampling locations of testing, frequency, and analytical results.
- Commissioner Fletcher has also asked for the specific pesticide of concern for tick elimination that was mentioned in a previous meeting.

- B. Administration Support- Pat Gwin
 - Mr. Gwin was not in attendance to report.
- C. Cherokee Nation Businesses- Joe Washum
 - Will be meeting with the City of Claremore and engineering firm for Will Rogers Down sewer project.
 - The casino in Grove was originally going to be a modular building with a temporary lagoon while investigating a long-term plan. The decision was made to build a permanent structure so all available options for water and sewer are being investigated.
 - At the Roland casino, there was a sewage backup in one of the main feeds and sewage leaked from the manhole. The barriers were not in place in time to keep leakage from entering the City of Roland's storm drain. The Office of Environmental Health was notified that night. DEQ was also notified, the line was cleared and the proper clean-up was completed.
 - Brian Hunt, Cherokee Nation Businesses Property Management, provided a brief overview of the Cherokee Springs construction.
- D. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher
 - Mr. Fisher was not in attendance to report
- E. Natural Resources- Butch Garner
 - Highlighted some of the Natural Resources activities
 - Mr. Elkins will look into coordinating a tour of the buffalo operation next month
- 7. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill- Fan Robinson
 - A. Report
 - Minor changes are being made to the permit
 - Existing slopes will be addressed
 - SONR Hill told Mr. Clinton to not worry about making money at the landfill
 - Commissioner Fletcher stated that Adair County will need to maintain some type of refuge for trash disposal, specifically the used tire business. Discussions ensued regarding environmental law enforcement. Commissioner Fletcher provided information on Adair County's efforts for trash disposal enforcement.
 - B. Compliance Issues
 - None that have not been discussed, the development of the new cell will solve many of the compliance issues
- 8. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins
 - SONR is working directly with Indian Environmental Law
- 9. Inventory of Lagoons – Tom Elkins
 - SONR Hill has met with Housing Authority Executive Director, Gary Cooper, regarding the lagoons
 - Chairman Matlock expressed the frustration of the Commission that they are continually asking for information and not getting it. At the April meeting, the Commission wants to see progress reports, on paper, on three (3) items; the Water Plan, Environmental Statute Review and Inventory of Lagoon listing.
- 10. New Business-none
- 11. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events
 - Environmental Festival will be held on April 29, 2016 at Talking Leaves Job Corp

- Joint Commission meeting is April 8th at the GRDA
- In-stream flow meeting is March 28th at OSU
- Next EPC meeting will be April 6th at 9:00 AM

12. Meeting adjourned