

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION COMMISSION  
MEETING**  
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office  
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
April 6, 2016 – 9:00 AM

**PRESENT:**

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

**APPROVED**

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Environmental Protection Commission

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Salli McLemore, CNEP  
Nancy John, CNEP  
Shaun West, CNEP  
Larry Scrapper, CNEP  
Philip Ketcher, CNEP  
Sara Hill, SONR  
Chris Sams, CNWS  
Ryan Callison, CNEP  
Pat Gwin, CN Admin Support  
Fan Robinson, CNWM  
Laura Adair, CNEP

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Matlock at 9:04 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 March 8, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Spears, roll call vote, minutes approved.
4. Public Comments – None
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill –
  - A. Water Plan Update - none at this time
  - B. Discussion and Opportunity for Comments – Secretary Hill provided a report summarizing the following:
    - Potential issues with the Right to Farm Bill
    - Trash day in Adair County
    - Watts Sewage Overflow
    - Status of the Environmental Statute Review
    - Lagoons at Cherry Tree
    - \$300,000 carry over for the Landfill and also received some assistance from CNB and has Chief Bakers Support regarding the Landfill.

6. Reports

A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA Roads-Nancy John, CNEP Director, reported that Tom Elkins was unavailable due to illness and there were no other items to report.

B. Administration Support- Pat Gwin

- 3500 packets of seed orders processed for the seed bank activities.
- Will be sumitting ideas for a Climate Control Grant.
- Regarding Transportation Infrastructure Mr. Gwin is going to ask the tribe to install a pilot project rapid charging system for electric vehicles. This is not to replace internal combustion engine fossil fuel powered vehicles but to augment that system.
- Mr. Gwin and Wayne Issacs will meet with Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss a proposal for their programmatic agreement regarding the Endangered Species Act.

C. Cherokee Nation Businesses - Joe Washum

- Representative was not in attendance to report

D. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher

- Representative was not in attendance to report

E. Natural Resources- G. V. Gulager

- Representative was not in attendance to report

7. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill-

A. Report

Fan Robinson reported the following:

- The waste stream has increased in the past month
- Contaminated soil from the old convenience store at the complex was received at the landfill and buried on site
- The engineers have almost all the construction staking in and they have taken all the subgrade soil samples for the clay that will be placed under the liner for the new cell.

B. Compliance Issues

- Nothing to report except blowing litter and a day worker has been assigned to pick it up.

8. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins

- Mr. Elkins not in attendance due to illness

9. Inventory of Lagoons – Tom Elkins

- Mr. Elkins not in attendance due to illness

10. Water Sample Locations at Lake Tenkiller – Tom Elkins

- Philip Ketcher provided a presentation on water sampling locations on Lake Tenkiller.

11. New Business –

- Larry Scrapper gave a review of the pesticides that are available for the Commissioners.

12. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- Environmental Festival will be held on April 29, 2016 at Talking Leaves Job Corp
- Next EPC meeting will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM

13. Meeting adjourned