

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
July 7, 2016 – 9:00 AM**

PRESENT:

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

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Environmental Protection Commission

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Salli McLemore, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Joe Washum, CNB
Laura Adair, CNEP
Butch Garner, CNNR
Jackie Woodard, CNEP
Shaun West, CNEP
Sara Hill, SONR
Julie Justice, Office of SONR

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Matlock at 9:09 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 June 7, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, roll call vote, minutes approved.
4. Public Comments –
 - Commissioner Fletcher provided an article from the Stilwell Newspaper regarding the Illinois River.
 - Commissioner Fite talked about the termination of the Scenic River Commission and the transfer to the Grand River Dam Authority.
 - Secretary Hill invited Ed Sullivan from the GRDA to meet the Environmental Protection Commission and Chief Baker.
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill
 - A. Water Plan Update – A rejection letter for funding from the BIA has been received and we are now looking at other areas for funding.
 - B. Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –
 - The Landfill transition is almost complete from the Waste Management LLC to the Cherokee Nation.
 - A Lawsuit has been filed against Volkswagen due to the fact that some Volkswagen vehicles have been releasing emissions into the air. Volkswagen fooled EPA testing which led to the lawsuit. Cherokee Nation is looking into joining the settlement that has been put aside for Tribes and for Oklahoma.
 - EPA Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the establishment of baseline water quality standards Indian country. Secretary Hill reported that she will be

requesting consultation with EPA to address specific issues that were not addressed in the proposed rule.

6. Reports

A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA Roads-Tom Elkins was not in attendance. Nancy John reporting for him.

- Commissioner Fletcher asked Ms. John about the comments regarding sampling and results for the fish kills in the monthly report. Ms. John stated if the Fish Kill is in Cherokee Nation Jurisdiction, it will become part of the CNEP data base that is being made. The results did not show anything outstanding. The state did go out and investigate.
- Commissioner Matlock asked what the options are going to be for the emerging superfund sites as far as Environmental Programs is concerned. Ms. John said it is a process with the HRS to be considered for listing on the NPL.
- Commissioner Fletcher wanted to know about the recycling program. Mr. West answered the question by telling him the recycling program is run by facilities which collects cardboard and paper. The Cherokee Nation recycles ink cartridges as well. Secretary Hill is working on collecting data to hopefully unify CNB and CN to have a goal of recycling in the future.

B. Administration Support- Pat Gwin – was not in attendance.

C. Cherokee Nation Businesses - Joe Washum

- The permits are in place with The City of Grove for the water and sewer lines that are not bridge related for the new casino. The Facility should be online in November; an alternate plan is being made in case the work isn't done.
- The Lift Station is in place at the Will Rogers Downs Casino and they are planning on being off the property by September 1st. After that they will start working on the line heading towards Claremore. It should be online by February 17th.
- The new tanks are in place and should be done by July 9th. Then, they will start to put in the canopies' and the line for the tanks the following week at the Cherokee Nation Outpost. The EPA and Environmental Programs were sent a preliminary report of what has been done and where things are headed.

D. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher

- Representative was not in attendance to report

E. Natural Resources- Butch Garner attended for G. V. Gulager

- The pasture is growing and hay is being baled. Money was given by the Bureau to do some pasture spraying.
- Mark Dunham is the person over the Jay Community Garden and he has given crops to 119 families for the month.

7. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill was discussed in Secretary of Natural Resources Hill's report. In regards to compliance issues, discussion is needed to address the investigation and legal issues. Due to proprietary information, Commissioner Fite made a Motion to go into Executive Session, Commissioner Carson seconded the Motion, roll call vote, Commission went into Executive Session.

8. Commissioner Carson made a Motion to reconvene, seconded by Commissioner Fite, roll call vote, meeting reconvened. No action was recommended in regards to compliance issues discussed in Executive Session.

9. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins – Mr. Elkins was not in attendance.

10. Inventory of Lagoons – Tom Elkins – Mr. Elkins was not in attendance.

11. New Business

- No new business

12. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- Next EPC meeting will be August 9, 2016
- ITEC Meeting is July 18-20, 2016 at the Hard Rock

13. Meeting adjourned