

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

PRESENT:

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

APPROVED

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Cherokee Nation
Environmental Protection Commission

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Pat Gwin, Admin Support
Sara Hill, SONR
Nancy John, CNEP
Shaun West, CNEP
Cathy Nelson, NR
Laura Adair, CNEP
Matt McCray, CNB
Debra Wilson, CNE
Jackie Woodard, CNEP
Salli McLemore, 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 June 7, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, roll call vote, Commissioner Spears Abstained, minutes approved.
4. Public Comments – None
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill
 - A. Water Plan Update – No update right now, but will have one soon.
 - B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill

-Report

The cell is progressing Jamie Clinton has said that the summer construction has been slower than they thought. He is very confident that he and his staff can get the construction finished. He will start giving SONAR weekly updates and an update will be available at the next meeting.

-Compliance Issues

Jackie Woodward stated there were no issues to report. He stated that a new cell is needed soon because the landfill doesn't have much more space to put trash. He also reiterated the need for a Title 5 permit. Also, one monitoring well was moved to make room for the new cell.

- C. Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –

- There is a lot of legal work going on with the Volkswagen case including a consultation about settlement with EPA.
- The Cherokee Nation Hunting and Fishing Association will have a booth set up for the Cherokee National Holiday. People can visit the booth for more information and sign up for updates.
- Secretary Hill expects to have some Environmental Code Legislation ready to go soon. A special meeting may be needed to review the code and legislation.
- Recycling Bins will be placed in different places during the Cherokee National Holiday.
- Dale Glory is the new Hunting and Fishing Coordinator and has been going to community meetings to help people get their hunting and fishing information updated.

6. Reports

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

- No additional items to report

B. Administration Support- Pat Gwin

- There was an appeal filed for the Keeps Eagle money. There will be no additional money for recipients or those seeking grant funding.
- On August 4th and 5th, Cherokee Nation hosted the annual meeting of the Ozark Chinquapin Foundation.
- Florida has started a program where they are spraying the insecticide Nalde to help control the Mosquitos.

C. Cherokee Nation Businesses – Matt McCray attended for Joe Washum

- Progress continues on the sewer line for Will Rogers Downs. As of August 5th, 1100ft. of the sewer line is in the ground, there's about 1800ft left to go. The construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall before the racing season.
- The lines from the tanks to the pumps are getting installed at the Cherokee Nation Outpost. Once the system has been completed and the test for the EPA certification has been completed, documents will be sent to the EPA and CNEP.
- At the Grove Casino site all permits for the installation of the water and sewer lines have been secured and work has begun on each side of the bridge.

D. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher

- Representative was not in attendance to report

E. Natural Resources- Cathy Nelson attended for G. V. Gulager

- There are 111 buffalo with 11 calves at Kenwood now.

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

SONAR would like to have something together by September 1st on this and it might require a special session.

8. New Business

- No new business

12. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- Next EPC meeting will be September 13, 2016
- Environmental Programs Staff Development Day is September 15th at Marvel Resort in Gore, OK.

13. Meeting adjourned