

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING**
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
October 10, 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:

Tom Elkins, CNEP
Salli McLemore, CNEP
Jackie Woodard, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Pat Gwin, Admin Support

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Fite at 9:06 AM.
2. Commissioner Fite acknowledged the Record of Public Notice and was posted on September 29, 2016.
3. Commissioner Fletcher made a Motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carson, roll call vote conducted and minutes were approved.
4. Public Comments – Commissioner Fletcher and Commissioner Matlock led as discussion on issues related to State Question 777.
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill was not in attendance.
 - A. Water Plan Update – No update provided.
 - B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
 - Report
No report provided.
 - Compliance Issues
Mr. Elkins reported that discussions with Secretary Hill and Chairman Matlock have occurred since the last EPC meeting. A compliance schedule will be developed and Mr. Elkins is willing to share the compliance schedule with the EPC. Mr. Woodward reported that safety compliance continues to be an issue with apparel for the landfill workers.
 - C. Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –
 - No comments.
6. Reports
 - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA Roads-Tom Elkins

- Mr. Elkins reported that the Joint Commission meeting for Oklahoma and Arkansas was held on September 30th. Commissioner Matlock requested Mr. Elkins to prepare a formal response and recommendation for lower levels than those being considered by the Joint Commission for the next meeting.
 - Mr. Elkins reported that floodplain training was held and coordinated by CNEP staff.
- B. Administration Support- Pat Gwin
- Mr. Gwin reported that he has been working with CNEP staff regarding a Sick Building Syndrome issue at the TEC building (the former “Safeway building”). CNEP has been conducting air quality testing in this building.
- C. Cherokee Nation Businesses –
- Representative was not in attendance to report
- D. Emergency Management –
- Representative was not in attendance to report
- E. Natural Resources-
- Representative was not in attendance to report
7. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins
- Mr. Elkins reported that he has reviewed the first iteration of the draft statute and provided comments to Secretary Hill.
8. New Business
- No new business
9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events
- Next EPC will be on November 1, 2016
10. Meeting adjourned