

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING**
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
April 10, 2017 – 1:00 PM

PRESENT:

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

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Environmental Protection Commission

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Salli McLemore, CNEP
Joe Washum, CNB
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Shaun West CNEP
Pat Gwin, SONR Office
Nancy John, CNEP
Jackie Woodward, CNEP

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Matlock at 1:09 PM.
2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on March 30, 2017.
3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Spears. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved.
4. Public Comments – No Comment
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill was not in attendance, Pat Gwin reporting for Secretary Hill.
 - A. Water Plan Update – Nothing to report.
 - B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
 - Report
 - Mr. Gwin and Secretary Hill are meeting the Engineering Firm at the Landfill on April 12, 2017 to begin discussing some of the required documentation for the Comprehensive Management Plan.
 - Compliance Issues
 - Mr. Woodward stated that the slopes were too steep and could pose a safety hazard.
 - He also stated that blowing trash is an issue but it is being picked up by day workers.
 - Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –
 - Jackie Woodward, CNEP Landfill Inspector, is set to retire on May 31, 2017.

- Commissioner Fletcher asked a question about the cost of construction per cubic foot for the new landfill cell. He has noticed an increase in the number of trucks from out of state haulers going to the landfill. He stated that if the landfill continues to take out of state trash to put in that expensive cubic foot of cell space and reduce the life span of the facility, then it shortens the service to the community and to the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Fletcher feels the community and Cherokee Nation will be better served reducing the tonnage and the loss to extend the time that it takes to fill up the remaining cell. Mr. Gwin said he would be happy bring an estimate of cost per cubic foot or cubic meter to a future meeting. He stated that the strategic plan for the Landfill is to work towards a very controlled and calculated closure. Controlled and calculated means to leave a site that is fairly easy to maintain.

6. Reports

A. Environmental Programs -Tom Elkins was not in attendance, Wayne Isaacs reporting for Mr. Elkins

- Nancy John spoke about the success of the Tribal Environmental Summit. It was one of most highly attended in past years and feedback from the attendees was positive.
- A highlight of the Summit was Joe Washum receiving an EPA Environmental Excellence Award.
- Commissioner Fletcher had asked if someone will be taking over Jackie Woodward's job after he retires at the end of May. Commissioner Fletcher feels it is not something that can be overlooked at this time. He also feels it is a very necessary policing effort for someone outside of that organization to be there on a daily basis.

B. Administration Support- Pat Gwin

- It was a normal year for the seed bank regarding the number of packages.
- Mr. Gwin mentioned having some issues with the BIA in terms of how Cherokee Nation is spending BIA funds. Mr. Gwin is hoping to have more news to report on this issue next month.
- The contract has been signed to build a parking canopy that will be 8,000 sq. ft. of PV solar panels with between 4-10 EV charging stations.

C. Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum

- The sewer main for the town of Roland had backed up and there was some spillage that was on the property that is immediately east of the Roland casino which still belongs to Cherokee Nation. The town of Roland was taking responsibility and cleaned it up.
- Will Rogers Downs- Everything is good and ready to go for the sewage system. Staff is anticipating having it up and running on May 10, 2017.

D. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher

- Nothing to report

E. Natural Resources- G.V. Gulager

- Nothing to report

7. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins

A. Status Report – Nothing to report

B. Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –

- No comments

8. New Business

- No New Business

9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- Next EPC meeting will be on Monday May 1, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.
- The Environmental Festival will be held on April 21, 2017 at Talking Leaves Job Corps

10. Meeting adjourned