

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
May 1, 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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Cherokee Nation
Environmental Protection Commission

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Tom Elkins, CNEP
Salli McLemore, CNEP
Joe Washum, CNB
Chad Harsha, CNAG's Office
Jackie Woodward, CNEP
Butch Garner, CNNR
Nancy John, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Matlock at 1:06 PM.
 2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on April 20, 2017.
 3. Commissioner Fletcher made a Motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Carson. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved.
 4. Public Comments – Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs and the Environmental Protection Commission acknowledged and congratulated Jackie Woodward on his Retirement from Environmental Programs.
 5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill was not in attendance and Chad Harsha reporting for Secretary Hill.
 - Mr. Harsha provided an update on the Sequoyah Fuels case. The judge ordered the parties to go through the mediation process and then report back in 6 months to see if an agreement could be reached on how to dispose of the majority of the waste within the parameters of a settlement agreement.
- A. Water Plan Update – Nothing to report.
- B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
- Report
 - No additional information provided to written report submitted to the EPC.
 - Compliance Issues
 - Mr. Woodward reported that the slopes continue to get higher and higher.
 - Mr. Elkins volunteered to prepare a landfill report for the EPC.

C. - Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –

- Commissioners expressed concern on the reduced amount of reporting being provided for the landfill activities.

6. Reports

A. Environmental Programs -Tom Elkins

- Mr. Elkins reported that there over 300 students from local schools who attended the Environmental Festival this year. Pat Gwin and staff also hold a tree give away in conjunction with the festival.

B. Administration Support- Pat Gwin

- Not in attendance

C. Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum

- Mr. Washum provided an update on the pumps purchased by the City of Claremore. They are working on getting those installed so that the sewer lines can be turned on. Currently, there is about 6 inches of freeboard due to recent storm and rainwater events.

D. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher

- Not in attendance

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

- Mr. Garner reported that NR continues to till gardens and assist tribal elders.
- One buffalo calf was born.
- Trail ride was rescheduled and will be held near Dwight Mission and may hold another event in Delaware County.
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7. Environmental Statute Review – Tom Elkins

- A. Status Report – Mr. Elkins reported that he has been assigned to work with the contractor to get this project completed. Mr. Elkins and Mr. Gwin reviewed and commented on the first draft and will be providing it to the attorneys.

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 Wednesday June 7, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

10. Meeting adjourned