

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
June 7, 2017 – 9:00 AM**

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
Joe Washum, CNB
Chad Harsha, CNAG's Office
Nancy John, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Shaun West, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Billy Hix, CN
G.V. Gulager, CN Natural Resources
Kathy Nelson, CN Natural Resources
Dwain Fain, Risk Management
Debra Wilson, CN Gaming Commission
Greg Butcher, Kenwood Water District
Pat Gwin, CN Administration Support
Dr. Paul Shipman
Hayley Bundy
Daniel Faddis

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Matlock at 9:06 AM.
2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on May 26, 2017.
3. Commissioner Spears made a Motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2017 meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved.
4. Public Comments – None
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Sara Hill was not in attendance and Chad Harsha had no additional information to report for Secretary Hill.
 - 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
- Nothing to report.

- C. - Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –
- No Comments

6. Reports

A. EPC Administrator -Tom Elkins

- Tom Elkins reported that a re-organization has taken place under the administration of the Secretary of Natural Resources. Wayne Isaacs now serves as the Sr. Director of Environmental Programs. Mr. Elkins is assigned to assist the SONR with the landfill activities and he is currently developing an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant application for the objective of developing a closure plan for the landfill.

B. Environmental Programs- Wayne Isaacs

- Mr. Isaacs reported that he will be submitting the reports for CNEP activities.

C. Administration Support – Pat Gwin

- Mr. Gwin reported that the Cherokee Nation Medicine Keepers traveled to the Buffalo National River to meet with the National Park Service for consultation on tribal gathering rights inside a national park.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be conducting an Ozark Big Eared Bat count on an area located on tribal lands.

D. Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum

- Mr. Washum reported that sewage is now flowing from Will Rogers Down to the City of Claremore.

E. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher

- Not in attendance

F. Natural Resources- for G.V. Gulager

- Mr. Gulager reported that hay activities were underway and spraying taking place.
- Buffalo yearlings were sold to the Quapaw Tribe.

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 stated that the review will be conducted and a meeting will be scheduled with the contractor. The Commission will be provided an opportunity to review the draft statute in August. The Commission will determine the protocol for internal review among the members.

B. Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –

- No comments

8. Request for Scientific Collector's Permit

- A. Presentation – Tom Elkins introduced Dr. Shipman and he provided a summary of the collection activities for research and education. The survey will focus on the alligator snapping turtle research and a fish survey.
- B. Commissioner Matlock stated that the Commission was supportive of the research.
- C. Opportunity for Comments - none
- D. Consideration and vote to approve, amend or disapprove – Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the Scientific Collector's Permit and a second to the motion was made by Commissioner Fletcher. A roll call vote was conducted and the Scientific Collector's Permit was approved.

9. Request to approve LT2 Sample Plan

- A. Presentation – Billy Hix provided a summary of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Protocol for the Kenwood Water District. This plan is required by EPA and contains the water treatment protocol and sampling schedule for E. coli.
- B. Discussion by the Commission – Commissioner Fletcher inquired on frequency of sampling. Mr. Hix stated that the sampling would occur every 2 weeks.
- C. Opportunity for Comments - none
- D. Consideration and vote to approve, amend or disapprove – Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the LT2 Sample Plan and a second to the motion was made by Commissioner Carson. A roll call vote was conducted and the plan was approved.

10. New Business - No New Business

11. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- Next EPC meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

12. Meeting adjourned