

**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

**APPROVED**

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**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 with the objective of developing a closure plan for the landfill.

B. Environmental Programs- Wayne Isaacs

- Mr. Isaacs reported that he will be submitting to the EPC 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 through the new system.

E. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher

- Not in attendance

F. Natural Resources- G.V. Gulager

- Mr. Gulager reported that hay activities were underway and spraying was taking place.
- He also stated that 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 a 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 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 (LT2) 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 the 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