

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

PRESENT:

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

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Joe Washum, CNB
Sara Hill, SONR
Julie Justice, Office of the SONR
Nancy John, CNEP
Tom Elkins, Office of SONR
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Bob Short, CNEP
Billy Hix, OEH
Rick Gassaway, CNNR

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Matlock at 1:06 P.M.
2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on July 21, 2017.
3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carson. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved. Commissioner Matlock abstained.
4. Public Comments – Commissioner Fletcher stated that the recent ITEC Conference was very informative and well presented.
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Secretary Hill reporting.
 - A. Water Plan Update – No additional information to report.
 - B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
 - Report
 - Secretary Hill stated that she would ask Jamie Clinton to attend future meetings to answer any questions regarding the Landfill.
 - A Landfill team has been formed and is meeting bi-weekly to discuss the status of the Landfill. Progress has been made on the construction of the new cell. Inspection forms are being updated. Secretary Hill provided a brief overview of the process of closing the Landfill pursuant to a question from Commissioner Carson.
 - A brief overview of the Wind Farm and installation of the solar energy canopy was presented.
 - The Chief’s State of the Nation address at the CN Holiday will center on environmental issues.

-Compliance Issues

- Will be discussed in the EPC Administrator's report.

C. - Discussion and Opportunity for Comments –

- Discussion and Comments will be addressed in the EPC Administrator's report.

6. Reports

A. EPC Administrator -Tom Elkins

- The development/revision of the landfill inspection form will provide consistency in assessing landfill issues for future reporting.
- The Illinois River TDML Project is tentatively on hold.
- Work continues with Delaware Solid Waste with Ken Purdy.
- A couple of Solid Waste complaints have been received and collaborated with DEQ.
- Dealt with an issue surrounding a person in Delaware County requesting to dredge a creek.

B. Environmental Programs- Wayne Isaacs

- Staff is focusing on closing out grants and preparing for new fiscal year.
- Annual ITEC conference was held and very well attended.

C. Administration Support – Pat Gwin not in attendance

D. Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum

- The issue with the gas meter on the emergency generator for the lift station at Will Rogers Downs has been resolved and the sewer line is now complete.

E. Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher not in attendance

F. Natural Resources – Rick Gassaway

- Responded to questions on the buffalo herd operations
- Commended Mark Dunham on the operations of the Community Garden

7. Environmental Statute Review – Sara Hill

- Status Report – With the exception of one person, all comments on the draft Environmental Code have been received.

8. New Business – None

9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events.

- Next EPC meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

10. Meeting adjourned