

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING**

**Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
October 4, 2017 – 1:00 PM**

APPROVED

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Cherokee Nation
Environmental Protection Commission

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Marty Matlock

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Joe Washum, CNB
Chad Harsha, CNAG
Shaun West, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Bob Short, CNEP
Rick Gassaway, CNNR
Roger Cain, CN River Cane Initiative

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Fite.
2. Commissioner Fite acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on September 22, 2017.
3. Commissioner Carson made a Motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Spears. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved.
4. Public Comments – Roger Cain, CN River Cane Initiative proposed “adopt a cane brake” program with the Tribe, area schools, and non-profit organizations. The first project suggested is the Rock Fence location in Adair County. Mr. Cain stated that Chief Baker was “on-board” with the educational initiative and an event would be scheduled in the near future, possibly December or January. Commissioner Fletcher will coordinate the effort with Mr. Cain and Mr. Isaacs.
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Chad Harsha reporting. Mr. Harsha requested that agenda item #10 be moved to Item #5 due to a scheduling conflict. Commissioner Carson made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Spears. Roll call vote, motion carried. Commissioner Carson made a motion to recess into Executive Session, Commissioner Spears seconded, motion carried. Commissioner Carson made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Spears. No action was taken in Executive Session.
 - A. Water Plan Update – No additional information to report.
 - B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
 - Report
 - Report submitted, no one in attendance to report.

-Compliance Issues

- No one in attendance to report.

- Discussion and Opportunity for Comments – No discussion or comments.

6. Reports

A. EPC Administrator –Report submitted, no one in attendance to report

B. Environmental Programs- Report submitted, no one in attendance to report.

C. Administration Support – Report submitted, no one in attendance to report.

D. Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum

- Provided an update on the WRD project which is now in final closure.
- Received the No Further Action Needed letter from the EPA on the Outpost 1 in Tahlequah.

E. Emergency Management – Report not submitted, no one in attendance to report.

F. Natural Resources – Rick Gassaway for G.V. Gulager

- Responded to questions on the buffalo herd operations

7. Environmental Statute Review – No one in attendance to report.

- Status Report
- Discussion and Opportunity for Comments

8. New Business – Mr. Short reported that a grant proposal was submitted to the BIA the preceding week for an energy grant.

9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events.

- EPA Region 6 RTOC meeting will be held at the Hard Rock on November 29-30, 2017.
- Next EPC meeting will be held on November 7, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.
- December EPC meeting is scheduled on December 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

10. Meeting adjourned