

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION COMMISSION  
MEETING**  
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office  
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
November 13, 2017 – 1:00 PM

**APPROVED**

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Cherokee Nation  
Environmental Protection Commission

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Joe Washum, CNB  
Chad Harsha, CNAG  
Shaun West, CNEP  
Nancy John, CNEP  
Laura Adair, CNEP  
Butch Garner, CNNR  
Pat Gwin, Office of SONR  
Roger Cain, CN River Cane Initiative

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Matlock.
2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on November 2, 2017.
3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carson. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved.
4. Public Comments – None.
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Chad Harsha reporting for Secretary Hill.
6.
  - 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.
7. Reports
  - A. EPC Administrator –Report submitted, no one in attendance to report

- B. Environmental Programs- Ms. John reported for Mr. Isaacs, no additional information to report. Mr. West provided a brief overview of the recent AR Recycling Coalition Training.
- C. Administration Support – Mr. Gwin provided information on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the recently installed Solar Canopy located at the Tribal Complex and the botany presentations at NSU and Connors State College.
- D. Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum
- Provided an update on the WRD project which is now in final closure.
  - Provided an update from CNB's Facilities Department environmentally related projects and new construction.
- E. Emergency Management – Report not submitted, no one in attendance to report.
- F. Natural Resources – Butch Garner for G.V. Gulager
- Provided additional information and responded to questions on the buffalo herd operations
  - Provided additional land maintenance via brush hogging
  - Responded to questions about the Greasy Community and will follow-up on questions from Commissioner Carson
8. Environmental Statute Review – No additional information to report.
- Status Report
  - Discussion and Opportunity for Comments
9. New Business – Assistant AG Harsha reported their offices are reviewing an agreement with the BIA that is for simulation training of a biological attack to be held at Chilocco School.
- Mr. Cain provided an update on the river cane initiative in conjunction with Greasy School and Stilwell High School. The project has added a STEAM component and hopes to procure signage for the project in the future.
10. 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 December 6, 2017 at 10:30 A.M.
11. Meeting adjourned