

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING**
Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
December 6, 2017 – 10:30 AM

PRESENT:

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

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Environmental Protection Commission

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Joe Washum, CNB
Chad Harsha, CNAG
Shaun West, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Andrea Taylor, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Linda Pence, CNEP
Bob Short, CNEP
Julie Justice, Office of SONR
Tom Elkins, Office of SONR
Sara Hill, SONR
Pat Gwin, Office of SONR
Butch Garner, CNNR

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Matlock.
2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on November 22, 2017.
3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Spears. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved.
4. Public Comments – None.
5. Secretary of Natural Resources – Secretary Hill provided an update on the proposed car charging locations and Sequoyah Fuels. Secretary Hill is working on setting up a meeting with ODEQ to discuss recent EPA & State activities in regards to tribal lands.
 - A. Water Plan Update – No additional information to report. Secretary Hill is reviewing a draft copy of the proposed statutes.
 - B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill-
 - Report
 - 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 – Mr. Elkins provided information regarding landfill activities. Staff is working on prioritizing and addressing any issues. Any waste, other than household waste, will be documented.
 - B. Environmental Programs- Mr. Isaacs acknowledged staff members Linda Pence and Andrea Taylor for working on a grant proposal for FEMA funding. Bob Short has also applied for grant funding from the Department of the Interior. Mrs. Taylor provided an overview of the project which consists of remediation for a school that experiences frequent flooding.
 - C. Administration Support – Mr. Gwin did not have any additional information to report.
 - D. Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum
 - Meeting with the City of Claremore tomorrow about pumping out the lagoons into the sewage system at Will Rogers Downs. Purchasing will begin developing a bid to remove the sludge from the cells.
 - E. Emergency Management – Report not submitted, no one in attendance to report.
 - F. Natural Resources – Butch Garner for G.V. Gulager
 - Natural Resources has been/will be participating in Christmas parades transporting floats
 - Staff worked the buffalo herd
7. Environmental Statute Review – No additional information to report.
- Status Report
 - Discussion and Opportunity for Comments
8. New Business – Secretary Hill reported on the proposed testing at Chilocco, tribes were not consulted about the project.
9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events.
- ODEQ is working with OSU-Tulsa and offering a small quantity generators certificate program on December 14th, 9:00-4:00.
 - Next EPC meeting will be held on January 4, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.
10. Meeting adjourned