

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING
Cherokee Nation Housing Authority, Administration
Offices Conference Room
1500 Hensley Drive, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
January 4, 2018 – 9:00 AM**

PRESENT:

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

APPROVED

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Cherokee Nation
Environmental Protection Commission

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Joe Washum, CNB
Shaun West, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Bob Short, CNEP
Tom Elkins, Office of SONR
Sara Hill, SONR
Pat Gwin, Office of SONR
EO "Jr" Smith, Tribal Councilor, Dist 5

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Matlock.
 2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on December 22, 2017.
 3. Meeting minutes for the December EPC meeting are not available.
 4. Public Comments – None.
 5. Secretary of Natural Resources
 - An update on Sequoyah Fuels was provided, still waiting on a license amendment to see if the contractor will accept the material from Sequoyah Fuels.
 - The very first round of funding applications in the Volkswagen case, the tribal set aside funding, was due last week. The Cherokee Nation led the case for the tribal set aside and now the Cherokee Nation must compete with other tribes for the funding. An application was submitted for 4.3 million dollars for clean energy structures.
 - Hunting & Fishing Licenses are being issued. This is the last round under the existing compact.
 - The Cherokee Nation Conservation District will be focusing on Cherokee Nation agriculture.
- A. Water Plan Update – No additional information to report.
- B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
- a. Report – RFP is due back next week for the new cell construction
 - b. Compliance Issues – no information to report
 - c. Discussion and Opportunity for Comments – no discussion or comments

6. Reports

- EPC Administrator – Discussed the Illinois River TMDL progress and factors involved in a future resolution.
- Environmental Programs- Mr. Isaacs reported that the annual Environmental Festival will be held in the Claremore area this year.
- Administration Support – Pat Gwin
 - RFP is due next week on the new cell design.
 - Addressed range anxiety when utilizing electric cars, the charging station is listed on the national registry.
 - Working with Cherokee Nation Medicine Keepers to identify land that can be used by them without restrictions (a designated conservation area).
- Cherokee Nation Entertainment – Joe Washum
 - Will Rogers Downs lagoons are at 5 feet of freeboard, continuing to work on getting the sludge removed.
- Emergency Management – Report not submitted, no one in attendance to report.
- Natural Resources – Report submitted, no one in attendance to report

7. Environmental Statute Review – No additional information to report.

- Status Report
- Discussion and Opportunity for Comments

8. New Business – No new business, thanked Tribal Councilor Smith for attending the EPC meeting.

9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events.

- Next EPC meeting will be held on February 7, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the AG/SONR Conference Room located at the W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex

10. Meeting adjourned