

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING
W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex, Large Administrative
Conference Room
17675 S Muskogee Avenue, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
February 7, 2018 – 9:00 AM**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Jack Spears

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Joe Washum, CNB
Shaun West, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Sara Hill, SONR
Julie Justice, Office of SONR
Pat Gwin, Office of SONR
Butch Garner, CNNR
Billy Hix, CN OEM&E
EO Jr Smith, Councilor, Dist 5

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1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Matlock.
 2. Commissioner Matlock acknowledged the Record of Public Notice that was posted on January 26, 2018.
 3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the meetings held on December 6, 2017 and January 4, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Carson. Roll call vote, Minutes unanimously approved.
 4. Public Comments – None.
 5. Secretary of Natural Resources
 - Provided an update on Sequoyah Fuels. White Mesa Mill license was approved. Waste will be disposed of offsite.
 - In the Murphy case (people murdered in Creek Nation) which was appealed, the judge ruled that only the Feds have jurisdiction, not the state.
 - SONR Hill and others will be meeting with ODEQ on February 12th and invited the Commissioners to attend the luncheon with the group.
- A. Water Plan Update – No additional information to report.
- B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
- a. Report – Progress is being made 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 – Mr. Elkins was not in attendance, attending a meeting in Langley.
 - Environmental Programs- Mr. Isaacs reported that the annual Environmental Festival will be held in Pryor at the Industrial Park Expo Building on April 27th. Referred to an UST report acknowledging excellent work by CNEP employee David Hayes.
 - Administration Support – Pat Gwin
 - Seed Bank officially opened and 1000+ requests for seeds were received on the first day.
 - Advised schools requesting seeds to contact him directly or Feather Smith.
 - Provided information on the American Burying Beetle habitat.
 - Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum
 - Roland had a sewage line backup which resulted in a sewage discharge in the storm drain. All proper steps were taken to clean the drain, appropriate persons were contacted and all reports were completed. Steps will be taken to investigate the problem with the line so corrective actions can be taken.
 - In regards to the lagoon closure at WRD, the OHRC (Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission) has placed restrictions on CNE which will only allow construction to be performed on the site 2 days per week/3 hours per day. Project will start on June 1 and has been approved by ODEQ.
 - CNE starts in September each year addressing flu prevention and providing flu shots. In early December staff begin hyper cleaning mode in all facilities.
 - A safety/hazard plan is being developed for a new Cherokee Business in Alabama prior to opening.
 - Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher
 - CNEM & Head Start were awarded an ICDBG grant for safe rooms and to update sewer and water lines for CN Head Start centers located at the Circle and some outlying Head Start locations.
 - CNEM has been pre-staging sand bags at various locations in the 14 county jurisdictional boundaries.
 - The Commission requests CNEM's attendance at meetings for sharing of information that may/will affect environmental issues/concerns.
 - Natural Resources – Butch Garner
 - Natural Resources have been working on a few driveway problems for Tribal citizens.
 - Working on combatting weed issues on tribal land
 - Office of Environmental Health – Billy Hix
 - Assisting with a project in Delaware County that will provide water to approximately six communities. Funded by rural development and ODEQ.
7. Environmental Statute Review – No additional information to report.
- Status Report
 - Discussion and Opportunity for Comments
8. New Business – University of Arkansas is engaging in a Community Development Strategy which will be a comprehensive approach to evaluating accessible housing in the price range of \$60,000 - \$80,000, in Fayetteville.

9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- Next EPC meeting will be held on March 7, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at the CNEP 208 Conference Room.

10. Meeting adjourned