

**CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION
MEETING**

**Cherokee Nation Housing Authority, Administration
Offices Conference Room
1500 Hensley Drive, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
March 7, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

APPROVED

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Cherokee Nation
Environmental Protection Commission

PRESENT:

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

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Shaun West, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Tom Elkins, Office of SONR
Sara Hill, SONR
Chad Harsha, Office of AG
Trent Holland, CNNR
Debra Wilson, CN Gaming Comm
EO Jr Smith, 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 February 23, 2018.
 3. Commissioner Fite made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the meetings held on February 7, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Carson. Roll call vote, Commissioner Spears abstained, motion carried.
 4. Public Comments – None
 5. Secretary of Natural Resources
 - Provided an update on the Volkswagen Settlement which set aside 50 million dollars for tribes for clean air infrastructure.
 - Addressed Fansteel located in Muskogee County within the CN jurisdictional boundaries which contains radioactive material. A meeting with NRC, ODEQ, EPA, CN, Creek Nation, and DOJ is being coordinated by Cherokee Nation.
 - Progress is being made on Sequoyah Fuels. In the last hearing, the Judge maintained the temporary injunction so Sequoyah Fuels should be moving forward with offsite disposal.
 - Updated the Commission on the Medicine Keepers activities.
 - The Cherokee Environmental Leadership Program will be utilizing grant funding to train young Cherokees about Environmental Issues.
- A. Water Plan Update – No additional information to report. CN and Creek Nation met with Tulsa water planners. Plans are for the CN to stay involved with this group.

B. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill

- a. Report – Working on the financial processes 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 – GRDA is re-licensing the Pensacola Dam and NEPA is being addressed. The Landfill is having difficulty finding space for trash but they are meeting the challenge on a daily basis.
- Environmental Programs- Mr. Isaacs provided the Commission with a draft summary from EPA Region 6 regarding the potential effects of Clean Water Act Programs for Tribal Waters.
- Administration Support – Pat Gwin was not in attendance, report was submitted.
- Cherokee Nation Entertainment –Joe Washum was not in attendance.
- Emergency Management – Jeremie Fisher was not in attendance.
- Natural Resources – Trent Holland
 - No additional information to report.

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

- Status Report
- Discussion and Opportunity for Comments

8. New Business – Environmental Festival will be held in Pryor at the Expo building located in the Industrial Park on April 27th.

9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events

- Next EPC meeting will be held April 18, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at the CNEP 208 Conference Room.
- 21st Annual Tribal Environmental Summit will be held on April 11-13, 2018 in Dallas.

10. Meeting adjourned