

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 1, 2004

1. Commissioner Henshaw called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Henshaw, Fite, and Cohenour. The following attendees introduced themselves: Nancy John, Rickard Keck, Dwayne Beavers, Harold Langdon, Jim McSpadden, Doug Bane, Billy Hix, Tom Elkins, Jeannine Hale, and Rachel Mouse.
2. Commissioner Henshaw noted the Record of Public Notice distributing information about the meeting.
3. Commissioner Henshaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous March 4th, 2004 meeting with corrections. Commissioner Cohenour seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected unanimously. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Fite, who arrived a few minutes late.
4. Reports by Cherokee Nation program staff were provided to the Commission:
 - a. Tom Elkins, Director of the Office of Environmental Protection, reported that about 270 participants registered to attend the Meth Lab Conference.
 - b. Nancy John, Director of the Office of Environmental Services, reported that Saturday, April 17th, will be the Tahlequah Community Cleanup. At the April 5th Council Meeting, two council members will be presenting a check to the City of Tahlequah for \$1,000 to help cover expenses events in April. Ms. John provided a pamphlet intended for ITEC members.
 - c. Dwayne Beavers, Special Projects, reported that an application for an ANA grant had been completed. The grant will be used to work on codes.
 - d. Billy Hix provided a report about the landfill. Commissioner Cohenour expressed concerns and suggestions about forms used for landfill inspections. Doug Bane reported for Pat Gwin. Mr. Bane stated that Natural Resources is doing environmental reviews for two major projects: a building for a Casino West of Sequoyah H.S. and the parking lot at the historical society. Mr. Bane also reported that the pond was restocked.
 - e. No reports were reported for the Water, Sewer and Roads Department.
5. Statutory Revisions – Water Resources, use and planning –
 - a. Acting Administrator Jeannine Hale presented a draft of Water Use and Planning. The Commission suggested changes, which were made.
 - b. No other comments were made.
 - c. Commissioner Cohenour moved to approve the Water Use and Planning code with the suggested changes. Commissioner Henshaw seconded and noted that the statutes would be reviewed by General Counsel, who also might have changes. A roll call vote was recorded and the vote was unanimous to approve the statutes.

6. Update on complaints – An update was given by Mr. Elkins.
7. Ms. Hale gave an administrative report on upcoming events.
8. General discussion –Access to email was discussed
9. New business - none
10. Miscellaneous discussion The Commission and staff discussed whether or not a chicken litter to energy project had been funded and constructed. No official site has been established. Mr. Langdon brought everyone up to date concerning the Hotel in Catoosa.
11. Commissioner Fite moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was approved unanimously.