

CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
Cherokee Nation Environmental Protection Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, OK
December 4, 2012

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Dr. Marty Matlock, Chairman-via conference call
Commissioner: Ed Fite
Commissioner: Dr. Lynna Carson

APPROVED
DATE 1-8-13

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Tom Elkins, CNEP
Wayne Isaacs, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Jackie Woodward, CNEP
Shaun West, CNEP
Ashley Wagnon, CNEP
Bob Short, CNEP
Pat Gwin, CNNR
Sara Hill, CN Office of AG
Doug Bane, CNWM
Diane Hammons, CNWM Attorney
Roger Fields, CNB
Romelle Kirk, URS Corp
Laura Adair, CNEP

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Fite.
2. Commissioner Fite acknowledged and placed into the record the Record of Public Notice.
3. Commissioner Carson made a Motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2012 meeting and the November 15, 2012. Chairman Matlock seconded the Motion. Minutes approved.
- 4 Public Comment

No public comments.

5. Reports
 - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads – Mr. Elkins stated that the Recycling Center is complete and equipment is being ordered. Recycling bins will be placed at various sites around the Nation offices. Logistics are being discussed. A landfill assessment is being done by EST. Sampling of ground water is being done. The Tribal Council will be provided an update of the assessment at the January committee meeting. Mr. Isaacs stated that more samples were taken at the Immersion School and the test results were considerably lower (overall mold spores) than the initial test samples done in July 2012. Humidity levels were relatively low. Testing will be done at regular intervals until the students are relocated. Commissioner Carson asked the range before it becomes a respiratory problem. Mr. Isaacs stated that it depended on the person because mold is an allergen. Mr. Isaacs explained the testing process and how levels are subjective to each person's individual allergens and medical condition.
 - B. Natural Resources Department – Mr. Gwin referred to his reporting noting areas of responsibility in regard to his new position in Administration. Meetings have been initialized with the Corp of

- Engineers regarding the east end of Willis Road's historic cane break. Discussions surround retention and expansion of this cane break for management and harvesting. Cherokee Nation is coordinating with the University of Arkansas on this project.
- C. Cherokee Nation Businesses – Mr. Fields stated that CNB had two minor incidents, one in Fort Gibson at Outpost 2 involving a vehicle that had overheated and the second one at the Travel Plaza in Roland, material leaking from a chicken plant truck. Both were immediately remediated. The fuel system at Outpost 2 is gone, the site is pending final approval from CN to close the site.
 - D. Emergency Management – No report or representative in attendance.
6. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
- A. Report – Mr. Bane referenced his report regarding personnel from EST at the landfill. Mr. Bane stated that they are looking forward to receiving their report. Discussions are being held with a company in Tulsa regarding an electronic recycling box. A Notice of Violation was received last week on a leachate spill which was cleaned up the morning it was discovered. Updated equipment is being researched.
 - B. Compliance Issues – Mr. Elkins stated that other than the Notice of Violation, there were no other issues. Mr. Elkins and Mr. Bane further explained the current leachate pumping process and issues surrounding that process.
7. Cherokee Nation Water Plan
- A. Discussion – work with contractor is ongoing and no new updates have been received.
 - B. Comments - none
8. New Business – Mr. Gwin provided a presentation regarding the Child Development Center in Stilwell. A spring is located on the property with a flow rate of less than five gallons per hour. Since it is located on tribal property, it is a protected water right pursuant to Cherokee Nation laws. No approval is being sought today but a proposal to be submitted at the next EPC meeting to manipulate this particular spring channel to line it in rock, three foot width on bottom, 1.5 feet on the sides, to allow the spring to flow a little more freely and to allow it to be a feature that CDC teachers can use for outdoor classroom activities. The Commissioners stated that they would review the proposal at the next meeting for possible approval. Mr. Gwin stated he would email the presentation to Dr. Matlock. Mr. Short stated that they working on a report for the closure of the ASTs at Outpost 2 and should be ready at the next meeting for the Commissioners review. Mr. Short provided additional information regarding the history of the ASTs. A report regarding the glycol tank at Hastings may be completed by the next meeting if the information is received from the contractor.
9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events – The next EPC meeting will held on January 8, 2013 at the regularly scheduled time and location.
10. Commissioner Fite made a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned.