

CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
Cherokee Nation Environmental Protection Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, OK
November 1, 2011

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Marty Matlock via conference call
Commissioner: Ed Fite

APPROVED

DATE 3-8-2012

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Nancy John, CNEP
Jackie Woodward, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Bob Short, CNEP
Ryan Callison, CNEP
Doug Bane, CNWM
Pat Gwin, CNNR
Roger Fields, CNB
Sara Hill, CN Office of AG
Billy Hix, CNOES
John Freise, CNCRC
Stephanie Rainwater, URS Corp

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Fite at 9:30 AM.
2. Commissioner Fite acknowledged and placed into the record the Record of Public Notice. Introductions by all meeting attendees.
3. Commissioner Fite made a Motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Matlock seconded the Motion. Minutes approved.
- 4 Public Comment – None
5. Reports
 - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads – Nancy John – In addition to the submitted reported Ms. John reported that Tribal Summit will be delayed until Spring due to a conflict at headquarters. Commissioner Fite inquired about the Mayes County Wastewater, where will it be built and what is the receiving stream that will receive the water. Mr. Hix arrived later in the meeting to respond to the question regarding the Mayes County Wastewater and clarified that Mayes County was not constructing a wastewater treatment plant, rather it is a water treatment facility being installed on the shore of the Pump Back lake. The report will be amended to reflect the correct terminology.
 - B. Natural Resources Department – Pat Gwin – In addition to the report submitted, Mr. Gwin shared that the Cherokee Nation is not the only tribe dealing with low oxygen levels in aquatic species die off. A northwestern tribe, Quinault, is also affected. The same has also been happening in the Gulf of Mexico. The US Fish and Wildlife Service have released their annual ESA species report. In Oklahoma the Sprague's Pipit, rabbits foot mussel, lesser prairie chicken, Arkansas darter, are all candidates that could affect the Cherokee Nation if it becomes a listed species. The mountain plubber has been removed from consideration.
 - C. Cherokee Nation Businesses – Three minor spills at the Roland Travel Plaza. All were addressed, cleaned and disposed of properly. All NOIs for future construction projects have been filed and approved, a copy will be sent to CNEP. A recycling report will be submitted at a future date. Mr. Short reported that the CNG fueling station is being hooked up to the network. Equipment issues are and training are being addressed.

- D. Emergency Management – Mr. Fain was not present.
6. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
 - A. Report & Compliance Issues– Mr. Bane stated that the most noteworthy information in the packet was the information regarding the use of leachate from the tank system for dust control and recirculation. Construction is underway on the cell 5 transition liner system. Discussions ensued about the operation of the landfill with current average tonnage being received. Mr. Woodward stated that there were no compliance issues at this time.
 7. New Business – None at this time, discussions ensued regarding the species noted in Mr. Gwin’s report. Mr. Callison provided an update on a meeting held in Sallisaw, OK regarding in-stream flows at Gore and the bear issue in Adair and western Sequoyah County.
 8. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events – The next EPC meeting will be held December 6, 2011 at 9:30 AM.
 10. Commissioner Matlock made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Fite, meeting adjourned.