

CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
Cherokee Nation Environmental Protection Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, OK
May 1, 2012

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Marty Matlock (Conference Call)
Commissioner: Ed Fite

APPROVED
DATE 6-26-12

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Tom Elkins, CNEP
Nancy John, CNEP
Jackie Woodward, CNEP
Phillip Ketcher, CNEP
Billy Hix, CN Water & Sanitation
Laura Adair, CNEP
Dwayne Fain, CNEM
Roger Fields, CNB
Sara Hill, Office of the AG
J. Scott Neel, Neel, Harvell & Assoc.

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Fite at 9:40 AM.
2. Commissioner Fite acknowledged and placed into the record the Record of Public Notice. Introductions by all meeting attendees.
3. Commissioner Matlock made a Motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Fite seconded the Motion. Minutes approved.
4. Public Comment

No public comment
5. Reports
 - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads – Mr. Elkins provided an update on the DOE ARRA funding projects and the Hastings project. Updates were also provided on the CN Environmental Festival and upcoming air training.
 - B. Natural Resources Department – no additional information to report.
 - C. Cherokee Nation Businesses – Mr. Fields reported that there were no additional items to report and discussion was held regarding the possible purchase of additional bulb crushers to place in local areas.
 - D. Emergency Management – Mr. Fain reporter there were no additional items to report.
6. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
 - A. Report – no additional information to report
 - B. Compliance Issues – Mr. Woodward reported there were continuing issues with the level of freeboard for the leachate pond. Mr. Elkins stated that the agreement with the landfill is a

freeboard level of 24 inches and there still is an issue with methane. Commissioner Fite proposed for the next meeting, the possibility of issuing a notice of violation to the landfill. Commissioner Matlock supported Commissioner Fite's proposal. Commissioner Fite yielded to opinion and decision of the Administrator related to compliance issues for leachate. Mr. Elkins stated that he had a meeting with Administration later in the day and would apprise them of the situation.

7. Update on Kenwood Water Project – Billy Hix provided a project update for the Kenwood Water District. (See Attachment 1)
8. Discussion and possible action to approve an electro-fishing permit for CNEP water quality program – Phillip Ketcher presented the request for an electro-fishing permit for the mercury fish tissues study. Sampling will take place at Spring Creek and Dirty Creek. Commissioner Matlock made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Commissioner Fite. The motion passed with a roll call vote.
9. New Business – None at this time.
10. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events – The next EPC meeting will be held June 26, 2012 at 9:30 AM. There will not be a meeting scheduled for July and the next meeting will be scheduled for August 7, 2012.
11. Commissioner Matlock made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Fite. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.