

CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
Cherokee Nation Environmental Protection Office
208 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, OK
October 4, 2011

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Marty Matlock
Commissioner: Ed Fite

APPROVED
DATE 11-1-11

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Nancy John, CNEP
Jackie Woodward, CNEP
Tom Elkins, CNEP
Shaun West, CNEP
Laura Adair, CNEP
Bob Short, CNEP
Doug Bane, CNWM
Pat Gwin, CNNR
Roger Fields, CNB
John Freise, CCRC
Sara Hill, CN Office of AG
Stephanie Rainwater, URS Corp
Craig Pedersen, URS Corp
Brooke Lawrence, CCRC – arrived late

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Matlock at 9:43 AM.
2. Commissioner Matlock 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 September 6, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Matlock seconded the Motion, roll call vote. Minutes approved.
- 4 Public Comment – None
5. Reports
 - A. EPC & Environmental Programs & NEPA projects for Realty, IHS, NAHASDA, Roads – Grand opening of CNG at Outpost the past week was well attended. Two dumpsites were cleaned up in the last month. NTOC meeting is scheduled in December at the Hard Rock.
 - B. Natural Resources Department - A wild land brush truck has been procured. KBI index is extremely low this year. Discussions ensued on the topic of the current weather patterns and trends regarding drought and its effect on wildlife. Bi-lingual signs will be placed on tribal land for shrubs, trees, plants, etc. Cherokee Nation has approximately 1/8 of the Keepseagle cases nationwide. Discussions ensued regarding native plants during the hot summer months.
 - C. Cherokee Nation Businesses – Three minor spills at the Roland Travel Plaza. Recycling continues to be successful.
 - D. Emergency Management – Mr. Fain was not present.
6. Cherokee Nation Sanitary Landfill
 - A. Report & Compliance Issues– Mr. Bane stated that leachate was not transported but re-circulated and used for dust control. Improvements in operations have decreased the volume of leachate being produced. Composting at the airport has not been explored due to the low volume of material being received at this time. Excavations is complete for the cell expansion and expect the liner work to start in 10 days. No compliance issues at this time.

7. Presentations – Commissioner Matlock – Water Plan Project & Mercury Risk Assessment – work completed by graduate students and CNEP employee Tabbatha Revas. Discussions ensued regarding the development of the water plan and external entities and groups. Work on this topic needs to be coordinated with Cherokee Nation’s GIS department. Based on EPA’s thresholds for mercury, based on this tentative data analysis, adult men are below the threshold and women and children are above the threshold. The evidence of potential human health impact justifies a full scale assessment of fish species with the Cherokee Nation boundaries and EPA would be the responsible party to fund the activity.
8. New Business – Craig Pedersen, URS Corporation is a consulting firm for environmental services that led the water planning process in Texas. Mr. Elkins stated that Mr. Fields was inquiring about burning debris. The general contractor at the Ramona property asked if a brush pile could be burned. The permit can be issued by the CNEP office ensuring that all safety precautions be followed.
9. Announcement of upcoming meetings and events – The next EPC meeting will be held November 1, 2011 at 9:30 AM. The Illinois River Fest is October 29th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at War Eagle. Water Conference is October 18-19.
10. Adjournment.