

**LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 15, 2002**

Tribal Speaker Delton Oxendine called the meeting to order and Tribal Chaplain Rev. Steve Locklear gave the invocation. Tribal Secretary Rosa R. Winfree called the roll (*Attachment A*).

1. Approval of Minutes. Larry Townsend made a motion, seconded by Larece Hunt to approve the minutes with the correction that the NCAI Conference was discussed and other members interested in attending the Conference could contact the Tribal Administrator (**Motion #1**).

Jimmy Goins requested that additions be made to the List of Committees to include Darlene Jacobs to the Federal Recognition Committee. Darlene Jacobs requested that Larry Townsend be added to the Public Relations Committee.

2. Chairman's Report. Tribal Chairman Milton R. Hunt reported on a successful meeting with Tribal Attorney Arlinda Locklear and expressed appreciation to the Council for their attendance and participation at this briefing on the proposed Lumbee Recognition Bill. He also updated the Council on the success of tribal enrollment and the efforts underway to accomplish this much-needed activity. Copies of public comments garnered from the August 13 Public Hearing on the FY 2002 Tribal Budget were made available to all members of the Council and other individual in attendance. Chairman Hunt announced that Council action on the FY 2002 Tribal Budget would be under the direction of the Legislative Branch and Tribal Treasurer, Danita Locklear.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Tribal Comptroller Patrick Bullard presented the June Financial Report. Larece Hunt made a motion, seconded by James Hardin to approve the report as presented and the motion carried **(Motion #2) [Attachment B]**.

2. Dr. Ruth Dial Woods announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the members of the Lumbee Supreme Court on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

3. Linda Hammonds, Chairperson of Constitution and Tribal Ordinance Committee, presented a Tribal Ordinance – Felony Conviction Disqualification **(Attachment C)** for approval. Randall Jones made a motion, seconded by Mike McNeill to table this ordinance until further investigation of the impact of felons serving on the Tribal Council on tribal economic development **(Motion #3) [Attachment C]**.

A second ordinance, General Ordinance Governing the Duties of Committees, Appointments, and Tribal Government Affiliated Positions presented for adoption. Linda Hammonds made a motion, seconded by Larry Townsend, to adopt the proposed ordinance with revisions in Sections 2.02 and 3.01 **(Motion #4) [Attachment D]**.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Tribal Comptroller Patrick Bullard presented the July Financial Report. Larece Hunt made a motion, seconded by Henry Clay Chavis, to adopt the report and the motion carried **(Motion #5) [Attachment E]**. Mr. Bullard also announced that solicitations for an auditor are underway.

2. Jimmy Goins, Chairperson of the Federal Recognition Committee,

presented a Committee Report, a calendar of proposed activities to organize support for the Federal Recognition Bill, plans for a coordinated effort, and involvement through subcommittees and Indian and non-Indian individuals. Jimmy Goins made a motion to establish a subcommittee; the motion was seconded by James Hardin and carried

**(Motion #6)**

3. Craig McMillian , Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported on his attendance at a workshop at Campbell University.

4. Adoption of FY 2002 Tribal Budget. Danita Locklear, Tribal Treasurer, discussed the procedures followed in conducting a public hearing and the proposed FY 2002 Tribal Budget presented by the Tribal Chairman. Craig McMillian made a motion, seconded by Steve Locklear, that the proposed FY 2002 Tribal Budget in the amount of \$9,099,568.60 be adopted contingent upon further review and discussion of the detailed budget for NAHASDA and to incorporate community input. The motion carried

**(Motion #7) [Attachment F].**

5. Mr. Randall Jones proposed a Resolution (*Attachment G - Eastern Regional North Carolina American Indian Rural Health Outreach Project*). Jimmy Hunt made a motion, seconded by Larry Townsend to adopt the Resolution and the motion carried unanimously **(Motion #8)**.

6. Speaker Delton Oxendine proposed a Resolution (*Attachment H – The members of the North Carolina Delegation of the United States Senator support and affiliate with the Senate Native American Caucus*). Jimmy Goins made a motion, seconded by Mike McNeill to adopt the Resolution and the motion carried unanimously **(Motion #9)**.

7. Recognition of Tribal Appointees The following tribal appointees were recognized for comments:

Aggie Deese, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

H. Dobbs Oxendine, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

Rev. Jimmy Hunt, North Carolina Indian Housing Authority

Rhonda Locklear, Robeson County Partnership for Health

Dr. Woods reported that the recommendation for appointment of Traci Guerra had not been followed up and that the NC Advisory Council on Indian Education had not declared a vacancy for the appointment. Ms. Rita Locklear, recommended for appointment by LRDA, will serve a term until 2004 according to current practice.

8. Citizen Input and Public Comment. The following individuals addressed the Council:

Elder Earl Carter of the Lumbee Tribal Elders Council, Inc.

Jason Lowry, Advocate for Completion of Highway 74 Interstate

Beverly Collins-Hall, American Indian Mothers

9. Administrative Report. Dr. Woods requested that the Council go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Mike McNeill made a motion, seconded by Larece Hunt, to go into executive session and the motion carried (**Motion #10**). Linda Hammonds made a motion, seconded by Lonnie Revels, to reconvene in regular session and the motion carried (**Motion #11**).

10. Craig McMillian made a motion that 90-day options be negotiated to

purchase four (4) land tracts under land acquisition subject to contingencies necessary to meet requirements for land acquisition. H. Dobbs Oxendine seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously (**Motion #12**).

11. Housing Report. Jimmy Hunt, Chairman of the Housing Committee, submitted the following policy changes:

(a) Emergency Housing

(1) Applicants may be eligible for up to \$5,000 assistance if they meet income eligibility;

(2) Rental property can receive a window air condition;

(3) Emergency assistance can be provide for roofs, air conditioning and heating systems and other emergencies.

Jimmy Hunt made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Goins, to approve the policy changes and the motion carried (**Motion #13**).

(b) Replacement Policy. Eligible e applicants 55+ and older, disabled or handicapped individuals, may receive up to \$15,000 but cannot exceed \$20,000 without Council approval. Dobbs Oxendine made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Goins and the motion carried (**Motion #14**);

(c) Contingency. Up to \$2500 in services for eligible applicants can be provided without bids consistent with procurement policies already adopted. Jimmy Goins made a motion, seconded by Dobbs Oxendine to approve and the motion carried (**Motion #15**).

(d) Disability Points. Either applicant or a person disabled in the household

may receive disability points effective October 1, 2002. This will not include disabled children who receive income, which is under further review and consideration. Dobbs Oxendine made a motion, seconded by Mike McNeil to approve the policy and the motion carried **(Motion #16)**.

(e) Linda Hammonds made a motion that each Council member receive a list of applicants in their district. The motion was seconded by Louise Mitchell and carried **(Motion #17)**. Dr. Woods distributed district lists in alphabetical order and addresses together with a legal interpretation and legal advisory prepared by Tribal Attorney Arlinda Locklear.

(f) Jimmy Hunt made a motion, seconded by Larry Townsend, that the current procurement policy for contractors provide for retainage for 30 days in lieu of 90 days and the motion carried **(Motion #18)**.

(g) Chairman Hunt reported that the Committee is working on a policy that will provide for a 2.5 % interest rate for loans.

12. Mr. Delton Oxendine made a motion for Resolution ***(Attachment I – West Robeson 9-10 Baseball Team Dixie Youth League)***. Larry Townsend seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution and the motion carried unanimously **(Motion #19)**.

13. Mr. Delton Oxendine made a motion for Resolution ***(Attachment J – West Robeson 11-12 Baseball Team Dixie Youth League)***. Larry Townsend seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution and the motion carried unanimously **(Motion #20)**.

14. Mr. Delton Oxendine made a motion for Resolution ***(Attachment K – West Robeson 17-18 Baseball Team Dixie Youth League)***. Randall Jones seconded the motion, to adopt the Resolution and the motion carried unanimously **(Motion #21)**.

Speaker Oxendine announced a called meeting for Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 to discuss the NAHASDA budget. He also announced that the September 19 meeting would be held in Lumberton at a location to be announced.

Tribal Chaplain Steve Locklear dismissed the Council with the benediction.