

**DRAFT**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE**  
**Minutes**  
**Tribal Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2003**  
**Lumbee Tribal Office**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Tribal Speaker Delton Oxendine called the meeting of the Lumbee Tribal Council to order. Chaplin Henry C. Chavis gave the invocation. The roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Members Present:

Delton Oxendine	James Hardin	Dobbs Oxendine	
Larry Townsend	Craig McMillian	Henry C. Chavis	
Linda Hammonds	Louise Mitchell	Walter M. Lowry	
Danita Locklear	Mike McNeill	Jimmy Hunt	Rhonda Locklear
Traci Guerra	Kent Hunt	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	
*Lonnie Revels	*Rosa Revels	*Roderick Locklear	*Teleconference

Members Excused:

Daucey Brewington	Jimmy Goins	Randall Jones	Larece Hunt
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Staff:

Darlene Jacobs, Tribal Administrator  
Patrick Bullard, Tribal Comptroller  
Ruth Locklear, Tribal Governance  
Oceanus Lowery, Housing Director  
Tammy Maynor, Legal Assistant  
Betty Deese, Administrative Assistant  
Alex Baker, Public Information Officer

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Larry Townsend moved, second by Craig McMillian, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion passed. **(Motion 1)**

**Special Presentations**

Bonnie Horton, Lumbee author, gave a presentation concerning her new book dealing with God's hand in overcoming the loss of her three (3) children. Books may be purchased at any Christian bookstore in the area.

**Member Request**

Carolyn Hunt Crocker spoke in behalf of Michael Lewis and the Columbus County Lumbee members. She presented her family lineage and requested that members in Columbus

County be considered in the Lumbee Indian Housing Plan and other services. The Speaker advised Ms. Crocker that she would receive a response in writing within two (2) weeks.

### **Name Request**

Mr. Garth Locklear, Chairman of the Indian Honor Association requested the permission to use the Lumbee for five (5) floats during Homecoming and to establish the name “Lumbee Warrior” in regard the members who ousted the KKK in Maxton in 1958. Mr. Garth also requested that Council consider giving the members identified a medallion presented from the Tribe commemorating the event.

Councilman Dobbs Oxendine moved, second by Councilman Craig McMillian, that the Indian Honor Association be granted the authority to use the Lumbee name in honoring the Lumbee Warriors of 1958 and that the Council support the recognition of the individuals by the sponsoring and awarding of a medallion from the Lumbee Tribe. Motion passed.

### **(Motion 2)**

### **Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Milton R. Hunt reported that the redistricting efforts must be completed and published 60 days prior to the election, as required by the Constitution, staff needs the information to make the necessary preparations by the middle of July.

Chairman Hunt also stated that the State of the Tribe Address, his annual report, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office.

Chairman reported that there were 91 co-sponsors of the Lumbee Bill as of Friday, May 9.

### **Administrative Report**

Tribal Administrator, Darlene Jacobs, distributed and reviewed the Administrative Report for the month of May. Main items discussed were the internal review of the housing and LIEAP process; staff roles, areas of strength, gaps and weakness in the overall operation of the Lumbee tribe. The Tribal Administrator reported meeting with contractors and heard their recommendations and concerns, attended rehab workshops with prospective recipients, and attended a meeting and reception for Senator Edwards. She reiterated his commitment to Lumbee Recognition. The Tribal Administrator met with Dewey Locklear, Executive Director of Lumbee Regional Development Association, and Chairman Hunt to have a dialogue regarding issues and need of Lumbee people. The Council was advised and updated on the five (5) A &E bid proposals received with regard to the housing program. A meeting was held with a representative from the Office of Minority Health to discuss health issues affecting American Indians and possible collaborative efforts with the Lumbee Tribe. Finally, an overview was given of staff reports for the previous month.

### **Financial Report**

No report was given due to the absence of Chairman Larece Hunt.

### **Old Business**

Appointment to the Lumbee River Legal Service

Currently Ed Bullard serves as the representative to the Lumbee River Legal Service Board for the Lumbee Tribe. Speaker Oxendine noted that Mr. Bullard was also a member of the Lumbee Supreme Court. Councilman Larry Townsend moved, second by Councilman Mike McNeill to re-appoint Ed Bullard. Motion passed. **(Motion 3)**

### **Role-playing Exercise**

Council participated in a role-playing exercise for federal recognition efforts.

### **Transition and Personnel**

Committee Chairman Dobbs Oxendine brought three (3) action items from the committee to the Council for consideration.

The first motion was to pass a resolution recognizing Councilman Lonnie Revels for his accomplishments, work, dedication and commitment to the Lumbee Tribe and Lumbee people. Also included with the resolution, would be a plaque. Motion was second by Councilman James Hardin. Motion passed unanimously. **(Motion 4)**

The second motion was presented to accept the administration recommendation to make Gary Strickland, Jr. as Community and Economic Development Director and ANA Manager, with no increase in pay. Councilman Mike McNeill second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **(Motion 5)**

The final action from the Transition and Personnel Committee was to include and provide maternity benefits as part of the health care benefits package for tribal employees. Councilman Craig McMillian second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **(Motion 6)**

### **At-Large Representation**

Speaker Oxendine called on Councilwoman Traci Guerra to present a motion for at-large representation. Councilwoman Guerra moved, second by Councilman Craig McMillian, that a tribal referendum be held for members to authorize the Tribal Council to create three (3) at-large district seats to represent those members outside the tribal territory. The one—man—one—vote rule shall not apply to these out-of-territory districts in voting or selecting representatives.

Speaker Oxendine called for opposition votes and declared the motion as passed. **(Motion 7)**

Councilwoman Linda Hammonds called for a roll call vote, her request was denied by Speaker Oxendine

### **Appointment to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs**

Councilman Dobbs Oxendine moved, second by Councilman Larry Townsend, that Mr. Garth Locklear be re-appointed to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs as the representative for the Lumbee Tribe. Motion passed unanimously. **(Motion 8)**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Housing Committee**

Committee Chairman Jimmy Hunt brought four (4) action items from the committee to the Council for consideration.

The first motion was that the Lumbee Tribe Housing Program build stick built homes. Councilwoman Wanda Burns-Ramsey second the motion. Speaker Oxendine called for discussion and pronounced the motion as passed. **(Motion 9)**

The second motion was presented that three (3) homes purchased by the Tribe could be used for down-payment assistance or homeownership. Councilman James Hardin second the motion. Speaker Oxendine called for opposition and pronounced the motion as passed. **(Motion 10)**

The third motion was presented that applicants could move from Down Payment Assistance Program to the Homeownership Program and vice-versa. Councilman Mike McNeill second the motion. Speaker Oxendine called for opposition and pronounced the motion as passed. **(Motion 11)**

The final motion was that two mobile homes be purchased replacement including septic tanks purchased under emergency housing. Payment is to be made to the appropriate vendors. Councilman Larry Townsend seconded the motion. Speaker Oxendine called for opposition and pronounced the motion as passed. **(Motion 12)**

Councilman Craig McMillian was excused at this time.

### **New Office Space Committee—Ad hoc**

The building viewed was not interested in a short-term agreement but wanted a 10-year contract. The committee is contacting HUD for an amount that we could invest in a tribal office.

### **Federal Recognition Committee**

Role-playing was conducted in lieu of a formal report.

### **Constitution and Ordinance Committee**

Committee Chairwoman Linda Hammonds reported on ordinances that dealt with removal and confidentiality. She also brought back to the Council's attention it was the staff's belief that none of the four options brought to the Council concerning felonies received a majority of votes. Therefore the Committee must bring this back to the Council for re-consideration.

Councilman Jimmy Hunt moved, second by Councilman Mike McNeill, to table the ordinance concerning felonies until next meeting. An amendment was offered by Councilman Jimmy Hunt to also submit the top two options when submitting the ordinance. Councilman Mike McNeill second the amendment. The Speaker called for opposition, noted one, and declared the motion as passed. **(Motion 13)**

Councilman James Hardin requested Dr. Arlinda Locklear's, Esq., opinion in writing.

Committee Chairwoman Hammonds scheduled a redistricting meeting for the whole Council to be able to attend on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 to discuss the boundaries for the new districts.

Councilman Jimmy Hunt was excused.

Councilman James Hardin moved, second by Councilwoman Traci Guerra, that the Tribal Elections Board would proceed in conducting the referendum and that Council would appropriate the funds necessary to carry out that action. The Speaker called for opposition, noted two no votes and declared the motion as passed.

Councilman Walter Lowery was excused.

Councilwoman Rosa Winfree resigned from the office of Tribal Secretary and chairwoman of the Education and Ethics Committees.

### **Adjournment**