

**Minutes of
Tribal Council Meeting – Regular Session
Thursday, May 20th, 2004 6:30**

CALL TO ORDER:

Speaker David Carter called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION: Councilor Delton Oxendine gave invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Jimmy Goins – Tribal Chairman

Larece Hunt (Absent)	Kent Hunt	Linda Hammonds
Louise Mitchell	Larry Townsend	*Kenneth Locklear
Rudophus Hunt	Frances Chavis	Sherry Carter
David Carter	Joel Garth Locklear	Aggie Deese
Pearlean Revels	Delton Oxendine	*Montford Dial
Sanford Locklear	Lois Oxendine	Alton Locklear
*Henry Clay Chavis	Jerl Locklear	Jimmy Hunt

The following Councilor(s) were recorded absent: *Larece Hunt.*

A quorum was established to conduct tribal business matters.

An asterisk * denotes late arrivals.

STAFF PRESENT

Leon Jacobs – Tribal Administrator

Donald Bullard – Tribal Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Speaker David Carter asked if there were any add-ons for the agenda. He then gave an update on the meeting with the LRDA Lumbee Homecoming Committee. He reported that they asked for volunteers of the Lumbee Tribal Council to help with the parade, golf tournament, pageants, and coronation ball. Councilor Garth Locklear made a motion to adopt all requests as given. Councilor Louise Mitchell duly seconded it. **(Motion passed.)**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Councilor Pearlean Revels made a motion to accept the minutes of last month. Councilor Jerl Locklear duly seconded it. **(Motion passed.)**

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Tribal Chairman Jimmy Goins reported to the Lumbee Tribal Council about the ongoing community meetings by the district councilors. He gave report on his visit to Heritage Haven in Fairmont and his meeting with the Senior Citizen Traveling Companions. He discussed his meeting with Mr. Leon Jacobs and Rev. Harold Hunt and informed the council about the advertisement for a community based outreach clinic to be sponsored by the V.A. Hospital system. He commended Ms. Jan Lowery for her hard work in helping to form a task force for all state recognized tribes on Indian health care issues. He voiced his concern about the rehab program, about applicants who have been passed over

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for services due to not updating their applications, and his resolve to ensure that the program moves forward in a positive manner.

Councilor Alton Locklear made a motion that the staff provide all Lumbee Tribal Council members with a list of names of applicants that need to update their applications. Councilor Aggie Deese duly seconded it. Councilor Garth Locklear made an amendment to the motion to separate the list by district. Councilor Jerl Locklear duly seconded it. **(Amended motion passed.)**

Speaker David Carter made a comment on the database currently being prepared to keep all applicants updated. He stated that the utilities companies were in agreement to provide current addresses whenever a resident moved their service. Chairman Goins also asked everyone to please refer any reputable contractors to the tribe in hopes of helping to speed up the rehab process.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs made welcome the Town of Pembroke and allowed them to make their request before giving his full report. Mayor Milton Hunt, Attorney Grady Hunt, and Town Manager Greg Cummings represented the town. Mr. Grady Hunt gave a presentation and stated that the town is interested in doing a mutual land swap with the tribe, citing properties located on Hwy 711 known as Arrow Pointe (owned by the tribe) and adjacent properties owned by the town. He presented the council with maps and appraisals of the properties.

After discussions, Councilor Jimmy Hunt made a motion to agree to the land swap. Councilor Aggie Deese duly seconded it. After further discussions, Councilor Pearlean Revels made an amended motion to take the information presented, consult with the tribal attorney, and table the issue. Councilor Sanford Locklear duly seconded it. **(Motion passed.)** At this time, there was a question/answer session with Attorney Grady Hunt and the Lumbee Tribal Council. Councilor Jimmy Hunt then made a motion to place the issue on the agenda for a special called meeting. Councilor Lois Oxendine duly seconded it. **(Motion passed.)** The date for the meeting was set for June 3rd, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

The next item Mr. Jacobs addressed was a drafted resolution to offer assistance to the elderly tenants in Fairmont at Heritage Haven. He asked that the tribe supplement their utility allowance by \$50 per month per tenant (11 tenants).

**1) A resolution approving the supplement of Heritage Haven residents:
TRC05202004-01.**

Councilor Garth Locklear made a motion to accept the resolution for the tribe to supplement the utility allowance of the residents of Heritage Haven in the amount of \$50 per tenant per month (\$6,600 per fiscal year.) Councilor Rudolphus Hunt duly seconded it. **(Motion Passed.)**

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The next item Mr. Jacobs presented was a proposal to establish a line of credit for the tribe to be used as accessible capital on an as-needed emergency basis. The line of credit would be \$150,000 secured through Lumbee Guaranty Bank. The Finance Committee reviewed the matter in its May 17th, 2004 meeting and by unanimous motion supported this action. These monies would be used immediately to pay MetCon contractors for the work they completed at the Autumn Chase properties.

**2) A resolution approving to secure a line of credit for the tribe):
TRC05202004-02.**

Councilor Garth Locklear duly seconded the motion brought forth by the Finance Committee, which would approve the establishment of a line of credit (\$150,000) with Lumbee Guaranty Bank. **(Motion passed).**

The next item Mr. Jacobs brought for discussion was the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Lumberton and Pembroke locations. He suggested that the tribe convert club into a full-fledged American Indian club. Councilor Louise Mitchell made a motion to table the discussion until it could be studied further, giving time to see if other districts and communities could also be included. Councilor Alton Locklear duly seconded the motion. Councilor Pearlean Revels suggested it be brought back at the June 3rd meeting. **(Motion passed.)**

The next item Mr. Jacobs brought was an update on the Section 184 program. He gave report on the meeting with HUD and the perspective lenders. He then discussed new construction and the possibility of using Section 184 to supplement the applicants. He discussed the tribe's assets and accounts are now being handled under the non-profit entity, Lumbee Nations Programs, and possibly switching them over to the Lumbee Tribe after the current fiscal year. He discussed the backlog of lifetime rights applicants and read a motion to change the existing policy and remove the three-year wait.

Councilor Garth Locklear made a motion to accept this new policy. Councilor Frances Chavis duly seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Councilor Pearlean Revels made a substitute motion to table the discussion until the June 3rd meeting. Councilor Aggie Deese duly seconded it. **(Substitution motion passed.)**

Mr. Leon Jacobs then discussed the operating budget for the next fiscal year that was being developed. He passed around a tentative budget for 2004-2005 fiscal year. Changes were made to the proposed policy. He gave an update on the waiver request from HUD on the environmental issues, stating that HUD would be publishing the full report the following week in the local newspaper for 10 days. If there were no written responses, the funds would then be freed up for accessibility.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Lucy Bell made a presentation to the Lumbee Tribal Council and asked for a donation in the amount of \$15,000 to support a summer camp in the Saddletree

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community. The camp is available to kids K – 8 in the form of two separate two-week sessions. Councilor Pearlean Revels made a motion to table the request until the June 3rd meeting. Councilor Jerl Locklear duly seconded it. **(Motion passed.)**

Ricky Locklear and Otis Hunt spoke to the Lumbee Tribal Council and informed them that the contractors had started a committee to help develop communications between them and the council. Ricky Locklear and Otis Hunt were elected as spokespersons. They made the council aware of some of the concerns of the contractors.

Commissioner Raymond Cummings commended the Lumbee Tribal Council on the outstanding job they are all doing. He then spoke about ‘Saving our Youth through Education.’ He encouraged everyone to raise the awareness of education to help keep our youth from falling through the cracks; and to think about providing future educational programs to our youth.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Councilor Frances Chavis presented tote bags to council members and discussed possible colors and logos for the bags. She discussed deadlines for travel and travel accommodations for upcoming trips to Washington, D.C. and Connecticut.

Speaker David Carter requested that the council start considering the appointment of a person to the Board of Elections. Councilor Garth Locklear made a motion to move into executive session. Councilor Aggie Deese duly seconded it. **(Motion passed.)**

(Executive Session began at 10:05 p.m. and ended at 11:05 p.m.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Federal Recognition: Councilor Garth Locklear gave an update on the Federal Recognition banquet. He informed the council that a lobbyist had been hired to push the bill and funds were needed to support this effort. Each council member was urged to sell \$3,000 in tickets. Patrick Strickland reported that 800 tickets had been printed to distribute and sell.

Constitution and Ordinance: Councilor Linda Hammonds advised that a meeting would have to be scheduled for sometime in June.

Finance Committee: Councilor Alton Locklear gave an update on their last meeting. He made a motion that all requested donations from outside organizations be put on hold until the committee could find a way to fund such requests. Councilor Louise

Mitchell duly seconded it. **(Motion passed.)** He reported that money needed to be designated to pay for insurance to cover homes rehabbed by the tribe.

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Health and Welfare Resource: Councilor David Carter gave an update on the dinner to be held at Sheff's on June 14th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. inviting medical professionals in the community to assist the tribe and the committee.

Transition & Personnel: Councilor Larry Townsend reported that Chair Kenneth Locklear scheduled their next meeting for June 15th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Relations: Councilor David Carter gave update on their last meeting. He gave an update on the invited delegates to the Federal Recognition Banquet. He reported that Patrick Strickland and Rebekah Revels were working on developing a pocket-sized constitution. He also reported that local newspapers and television stations were being contacted to run ads in support of the tribe and its services. He urged everyone to participate in the Lumbee Homecoming festivities.

Economical Development Committee: Councilor Alton Locklear gave update on their first meeting. He reported that they are looking at possible business ventures for the tribe to discuss at the next meeting. He scheduled their next meeting for June 15th at 8:00 p.m.

Education Committee: Councilor Lois Oxendine gave update of their April meeting. She reported letters were mailed out to local administrators and teachers to participate in their next meeting. She scheduled their next meeting would be June 15th, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Ruth Woods commented on the proposed land swap and cautioned the Lumbee Tribal Council to carefully review all their documents and information before making a decision.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business presented, Councilor Alton Locklear moved for adjournment. Councilor gave a benediction.

(Meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.)