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**THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING**  
**ComTECH FACILITY, PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA,**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009**

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1 (Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.)

2 RICKY BURNETT: Let me say I welcome you. This  
3 meeting will now come to order. I ask you if you have a cell  
4 phone on, please put it on vibrate or turn it off.

5 At this time, we will have our invocation. I'm going  
6 to ask Mr. Ray, if he would, to lead us in a word of prayer.

7 (Invocation was given by Councilman Ray Littleturtle.)

8 RICKY BURNETT: Please remain standing. We'll ask  
9 Mr. Kernice, if he would, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

10 (Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Councilman Kernice  
11 Locklear and recited in unison.)

12 RICKY BURNETT: And again, as you remain standing,  
13 we will do our Preamble to the Lumbee Constitution.

14 (Preamble was lead by Speaker Ricky Burnett recited in  
15 unison.)

16 **Preamble to the Tribal Constitution:**

17 "In accordance with the inherent power of self-governance of  
18 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, the Tribe adopts this  
19 Constitution for the purposes of establishing a tribal government  
20 structure, preserving for all time the Lumbee way of life and  
21 community, promoting the educational, cultural, social and  
22 economic well-being of Lumbee people, and securing justice and  
23 freedom for the Lumbee people."

24 RICKY BURNETT: You may be seated. Madame  
25 Secretary, if you would do our roll call, please.

1 (The following Lumbee Tribal Council members answered roll  
2 call as follows:)

3 Audrey Revels Hunt, District 1

4 Sharon Hunt, District 2

5 L. Louise Mitchell, District 2

6 Laura B. Sampson, District 3

7 Pam Spaulding, District 3

8 Helen Locklear, District 4

9 Kernice L. Locklear, District 5

10 Charles Bullard, District 5

11 James Deese, District 6

12 Larry Chavis, District 6

13 Ray Littleturtle, District 7

14 James H. Locklear, District 7

15 Terry Campbell, District 7

16 Steve Sampson, District 8

17 James T. Smith, District 9

18 Bradley McMillian, District 10

19 Linda Revels, District 11

20 Furnie Lambert, District 12

21 Shelley Strickland, District 12

22 Ricky Burnett, District 13

23 Welford Clark, District 14

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: All present.

25 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you. And again, we welcome

1 each and every one of you here with us tonight.

2 At this time, we will review and approve of our agenda  
3 for tonight.

4 **Review and Approval of the Agenda**

5 AUDREY HUNT: I would like to move the  
6 Recognition of the Valedictorians and Salutatorians being at the  
7 beginning before the Constitution and Ordinance falling under  
8 Committee Reports, just the first thing.

9 In other words, it will go before Constitution and  
10 Ordinance, just the Recognition of the Valedictorians and  
11 Salutatorians.

12 RICKY BURNETT: Would you like to do that first?

13 AUDREY HUNT: Following the Committee -- after  
14 Community Comments, yes.

15 RICKY BURNETT: Okay. I don't have any problems  
16 with that. Mr. Kernice.

17 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Ms. Louise?

18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes.

19 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: The people that we nominate on the  
20 Election Board, do we have to bring their name up tonight?

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes, you can.

22 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Okay. Put that on the agenda.  
23 Where would that go?

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: You can do it down at business.

25 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Under business?

1           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Or under the -- after the  
2 Constitution and Ordinance.

3           KERNICE LOCKLEAR:     After the Constitution?

4           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Yeah.

5           KERNICE LOCKLEAR:     Okay.

6           RICKY BURNETT:        Mr. Kernice.

7           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Right after the Ordinance.

8           RICKY BURNETT:        Okay.

9           LARRY CHAVIS:        Preacher Ricky, Speaker. I got a  
10 2010 Indian Housing Plan I need to add to the agenda tonight.

11          RICKY BURNETT:        Okay. Any others? Hearing none  
12 seeing --

13          PAM SPAULDING:        I'm sorry. Preacher Ricky, I need  
14 to take away one of my resolutions. It's the Credit Line  
15 Reinstatement. And the reason for that is that we have to get  
16 different wording.

17                We've got -- the resolution as it currently is is not  
18 correct. So, it needs to go back to Committee. So, if we can  
19 delete that.

20          RICKY BURNETT:        Just delete that on?

21          PAM SPAULDING:        Please.

22          RICKY BURNETT:        Okay, the Credit Line  
23 Reinstatement, delete that one from the Finance Report.

24          AUDREY HUNT:         And I'm sorry, I need to add one  
25 thing to the Education and Culture, if you would. After the

1 update, I'd like to add a comment about -- from Mr. Welford.  
2 It's dealing with the -- a trip to Georgia for the cemetery.

3 RICKY BURNETT: All right. Any others? Seeing  
4 none, hearing none, I entertain a motion we accept the agenda.

5 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: So moved.

6 FURNIE LAMBERT: Second.

7 RICKY BURNETT: Moved and seconded. All in favor,  
8 let it be known by saying aye.

9 (Ayes were given.)

10 RICKY BURNETT: All opposed?

11 (No nays were given.)

12 RICKY BURNETT: Motion carries.

13 ("Motion 1" - Motion for Review and Approval of the Agenda  
14 was passed.)

15 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, we would look at and  
16 Review and Approve of the May Tribal Council Actions and Minutes.

17 **Review and Approval of May Tribal Council Actions and Minutes**

18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Burnett, there is a correction  
19 on Page 8, Line 12, Campisi. I believe that's spelled C-A-M-P-I-  
20 S-I (spelled). C-A-M-P-I-S-I (spelled).

21 RICKY BURNETT: And I know normally the Speaker  
22 doesn't, but I need to draw your attention on that also on Page  
23 8, Line item 18, 21 and 23. It has Mr. James Harold Locklear.  
24 That wasn't Mr. James Harold Locklear. That was myself. 18, 21  
25 and 23, it should read Ricky Burnett vice James H. Locklear.

1           Is there any other corrections? 18, 21 and 23. Any  
2 others? Hearing none and seeing none, I entertain we accept.

3           STEVE SAMPSON:           So moved.

4           RICKY BURNETT:           I need a second.

5           LARRY CHAVIS:           Second.

6           RICKY BURNETT:           Any opposed? Motion carries.

7           ("Motion 2" - Motion for Review and Approval of the May  
8 Tribal Council Minutes and Actions was passed.)

9           **Community Comments**

10           RICKY BURNETT:           At this time, we have our Community  
11 Comments. And again, to inform, if you've not been here before,  
12 you have a three-minute time limit. The Parliamentarian will let  
13 you know once that time.

14           And I just want to make sure that I've got the right  
15 names here. And some of them, I have Mr. Garnie McNiell. And  
16 help me, is it Gerlin Locklear; is that right? Okay. And I have  
17 Ms. -- is that Mary Anne? Mary -- I can't make out the last  
18 name.

19           (Spellings of the above names were taken directly from the  
20 Visitors Sign-In Sheet.)

21           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Mary Anne, Ms. Mary Anne?

22           RICKY BURNETT:           Is there anybody here named Mary?

23           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Are you speaking tonight? No.

24           RICKY BURNETT:           Okay, I don't have a Mary. And  
25 then Ms. Peggy Jacobs. Got it.

1 At this time, Mr. Garnie.

2 GARNIE McNIELL: Can I stand right here?

3 RICKY BURNETT: Yes, Sir. Is that where you want  
4 him, is that good? Can you hear him? I'll just ask you to speak  
5 up loud so everyone can hear as you speak with us.

6 GARNIE McNIELL: Members of the Tribe, the Tribal  
7 Council, and Mr. Jimmy Goins, and all the members of the Tribe.  
8 Y'all had one thing in mind when y'all set the tribal enrollment,  
9 that was to get the Indian people moving. In the last two weeks,  
10 you know, they've been moving.

11 But, I'm here tonight to ask that y'all would add to --  
12 I've never spoke in front of people before like this. But, I  
13 want you to -- you're doing a good job on the Tribe. But, you  
14 got the people moving like you wanted them, right, to get  
15 enrolled?

16 So, what we need to do is to add an amendment to the  
17 resolution to extend the re-certification. You got the people  
18 moving, let's keep them moving. And the purpose of the re-  
19 certification was to get the people moving. They're moving.

20 So, if any of you Tribal Council was out there the  
21 other day, or Monday or last week -- this week, you seen the  
22 people in line. It was hot. They stood in line. They was  
23 waiting to get re-certified. What, it's cut out 23rd?

24 Now, if you care about your Lumbee people, you see  
25 they're moving. Now, that's what y'all wanted. So, I'd like to

1 see y'all make an amendment to the resolution to keep that thing  
2 going. I think the Election Board calls for thirty (30) days  
3 before election. What, October the 1st? And October the 1st,  
4 2009, that's thirty (30) days before the next election.

5 Now, if you're for the people, you read the Preamble to  
6 the Tribal Constitution, what we got up and read, that last part,  
7 the well-being of the Lumbee people and securing justice and  
8 freedom for all the Lumbee people.

9 Now, if you really care about the Lumbee people, you  
10 will re-certify and let them go ahead and get a picture I.D.  
11 Because really, the picture I.D. really ain't important. If  
12 they're on the rolls, they got an entity number, and they also  
13 got a enrollment number, without the picture I.D. don't mean you  
14 can't vote.

15 What you're gonna have is a mess on November 3rd when  
16 you don't let people vote. And like she said, we're trying to  
17 get Federal Recognition in Washington, D.C. And in order -- I  
18 look at it as a -- the Tribal Council as a Deacon Board of a  
19 church. Mr. Jimmy Goins is the pastor of the church.

20 Now, that's the way I look at it. Now, y'all can laugh  
21 about it, but it's not really funny, because you got so many to  
22 stand in line, fainting and doing in that hot water. It's a  
23 shame they would cut it out after you have that many people to  
24 stand and get --

25 LARRY CHAVIS: Mr. McNiell, your three minutes is

1 up?

2 GARNIE McNIELL: It's already up, Boy?

3 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes, Sir.

4 GARNIE McNIELL: Just when I feel like I'm ready to  
5 preach.

6 RICKY BURNETT: You know how church people are,  
7 they want you to give it to them quick and get out of the way.  
8 Thank you, thank you. Ms. Locklear? Where is she, Ms. Locklear,  
9 Gerlin Locklear.

10 GERLIN LOCKLEAR: I've got only -- I have a  
11 complaint. Let me read it. I've got a complaint, the way they  
12 treated my mother when they went and did her house. And the roof  
13 ain't done right. She ain't got no heat, no air condition. And  
14 the floors are going down. It's not right.

15 And I'm seen other people's house, I'm went in it. And  
16 their houses looks ten times better. They got air condition,  
17 they got heat. And my mama's sitting there sick, and my brother,  
18 my half -- just as well say my brother, my mama adopted him.

19 And then it's got water underneath the house, and it's  
20 got a odor and it stinks. And it's like -- and it's like mildew  
21 mess. And my mama -- I mean, my daddy's gone, but he tried.  
22 But, my mama and them's in it laying right now sick because they  
23 -- it's not right. I don't think it's fair.

24 RICKY BURNETT: Can I ask you a question? What  
25 district are you in?

1 TERRY CAMPBELL: Seven.

2 RICKY BURNETT: Seven?

3 GERLIN LOCKLEAR: Right there on 74.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Seven.

5 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Where at on 74?

6 GERLIN LOCKLEAR: Right there in front of -- used to  
7 be Dobb's Junk Yard.

8 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: And your name is?

9 GERLIN LOCKLEAR: Gerlin Locklear.

10 RICKY BURNETT: Gerlin Locklear. All right, thank  
11 you, Darling. All right, at this time, Ms. Peggy.

12 PEGGY JACOBS: I guess I sort of have a complaint,  
13 too. I have a friend that came from Montana. Came down from  
14 Montana to renew her card. She stood in line six hours. It  
15 costed them over six hundred dollars (\$600) to come home.

16 She said the lady was very rude to her and would not  
17 renew her card, and told her she was not active in the Tribe.  
18 And I would like for somebody to get me some insight on that.  
19 And I've talked my friend out so far of going to the paper. She  
20 is very upset.

21 And we don't need any bad publicity, not at this time  
22 anyway. But, so far, I've kept her from doing anything, from  
23 going anywhere. But, she is upset and she's going somewhere if  
24 she doesn't get some answers.

25 RICKY BURNETT: If I could address that, I talked

1 with one -- well, you're out of 13, one of the other constituents  
2 -- and told her that I would look into that matter. And we'll  
3 get the answer, because it's not right. It's not right. I'll  
4 stand here and say it's not right.

5           If you qualified in all respects for that, we will.  
6 I'll get with Ms. Ruth and I'll get with Ms. Tammy also and find  
7 out what's going on.

8           PEGGY JACOBS:           What can I tell her? 'Cause she's  
9 going back Sunday.

10           RICKY BURNETT:           I'm looking into the matter. If  
11 you want, I'll give you my number. Mr. Chairman?

12           CHAIRMAN GOINS:           Just tell her to file a petition  
13 with our lower court. Tell her to file a petition with our lower  
14 court, follow the legal procedure. That will be the best thing  
15 to do. Have her to call Tammy and find out. We got a lower  
16 court and then it goes to Supreme Court. That's what she needs  
17 to do.

18           RICKY BURNETT:           Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At  
19 this time, before our Committee Reports, as Ms. Audrey has  
20 requested. Also, I need to say that during this -- and I failed  
21 to mention, we were going to do it as far as the recognition of  
22 the 2009 Lumbee Valedictorians and Salutatorians, that once this  
23 presentation is made, we're going to take a ten minute -- ten  
24 minutes.

25           It's not like getting out of Sunday School and going

1 outside and just keep going. Ten minutes and then we'll come  
2 back in, because we're going to take some pictures. And there's  
3 a little food, I think, that's available for them, because we  
4 want to recognize them.

5 So, Ms. Audrey, at this time.

6 (Presentation to 2009 Lumbee Valedictorians and Salutatorians.)

7 AUDREY HUNT: We do apologize for the cramped  
8 space, but this was something we had planned.

9 It is a great honor at this time to recognize some  
10 special young people. We are now going to recognize some of our  
11 graduating -- our seniors who just graduated. They are out  
12 future leaders and they were leaders in high school.

13 These young people that we're recognizing now, along  
14 with their parents because the parents were also supportive. And  
15 that means a lot when you have a supportive parent to get you  
16 through school.

17 These are our Valedictorians and our Salutatorians from  
18 Cumberland, Scotland, Hoke and Robeson Counties. So, today or  
19 tonight, you will be receiving a pin, one of the Lumbee pins.  
20 And I do want to tell you a little bit about the pin.

21 The pin, as you'll see it here, is circular in shape,  
22 and it has the Lumbee logo. And it is symbolic of the Circle of  
23 Life. It emphasizes the importance of each Lumbee being a whole  
24 person.

25 There are four parts of the circle that represents a

1 balanced life, spiritual, emotional, physical and intellect. The  
2 colors and the location of the colors represent the four  
3 directions. You have the east which is yellow, the south which  
4 is red, the west is black, the north which is white.

5           And it is believed that together they not only  
6 represent a well-balanced individual, but also a complete human  
7 being. This balance and completeness is universal and represents  
8 the equality of all mankind, thus the colors, red, yellow, black  
9 and white.

10           The Lumbee Pinecone Patchwork surrounding the Circle of  
11 Life represents pride, power and the will of the Lumbee Tribe.  
12 The four direction colors and the Pinecone Patchwork are  
13 essential features of the Lumbee logo, and betray the coming  
14 together of the old and new traditions in one symbol of unity for  
15 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

16           Along with this, you will also receive a prayer pouch.  
17 This prayer pouch, we want you to take this with you. It's for  
18 you to keep you safe in your future endeavors. You will also be  
19 receiving a plaque. And the plaque, if you would, Preacher, the  
20 Speaker at this time will read on of the plaques. It's hard not  
21 to say Preacher.

22           RICKY BURNETT:           It's all right.

23           JAMES H. LOCKLEAR:       That's in the minutes of last  
24 month.

25           RICKY BURNETT:           It says, "Tribal Certificate of

1 Commendation. This certificate is awarded to Heather in  
2 recognition of their hard work and dedication to the Lumbee value  
3 of education by earning the distinction and title of  
4 Valedictorian at the School of Information Technology.

5 "The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe wishes to  
6 acknowledge and publicly recognize Heather's achievement in such  
7 a spirit that the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe therefore  
8 presents this Tribal Certificate of Commendation."

9 And I'm going to go ahead and read the name. "Heather  
10 Blue on this evening, Thursday, June the 25th, 2009."

11 AUDREY HUNT: And do we have Heather with us here  
12 tonight? Before we do the next one, we'll go ahead and tell them  
13 we're also going to be giving them a feather. And at this time,  
14 Chairman, if you'll tell them a little bit about the feather.

15 CHAIRMAN GOINS: Evidently this must be important to  
16 get me to put this calico on and come out here. I am wringing  
17 wet sweat. But, I -- the only way I've ever presented the Eagle  
18 Feather is honor, it's not a joke.

19 Somebody is standing here tonight, Ray Littleturtle,  
20 that our Tribe is proud of somebody. Somebody's done something  
21 so great, so fantastic, the whole Tribe is standing, we agree, in  
22 agreement. The recipient of the Eagle Feather from any Indian  
23 Tribe is the highest honor you can bestow on a member of a Tribe.

24 Therefore, once you receive the Eagle Feather, you're  
25 expected to live and walk your life at a higher standard than

1 anyone else in the Tribe. Why is the Eagle Feather so important?  
2 Your people, my people, believed that when they prayed to God,  
3 God was so far up, Grandfather was so far up that the eagle would  
4 come down and pick their prayers up with their feathers and carry  
5 them on up to Grandfather.

6 This is a holy feather to the American Indians. So,  
7 the recipients of this feather tonight, I want you to understand  
8 that this is the greatest honor your Tribe can bestow on you.  
9 It's not -- the certificates, they're beautiful. It's not the  
10 pin, it's not the prayer cloth. It's the American Indian Eagle  
11 Feather.

12 This Eagle Feather is so important. I just placed one  
13 on my best friend's body Sunday at church to go with his spirit  
14 to heaven. That's how important this Eagle Feather is. And  
15 guys, I want to thank you boys for being there singing the  
16 Traveling Song.

17 That's what this feather is. It's not a joke. This is  
18 something. I'm so humbled to be a part of tonight, Larece. My  
19 God, this is the greatest thing we do for our people, and we need  
20 to recognize our young people. We need to recognize them.

21 And this Eagle Feather is so important, I feel tonight  
22 I'm not good enough to present it to you. But, there's one in  
23 this room that I believe represents what's good in the land of  
24 the Lumbee. He knows our traditions. He knows the ways of our  
25 people. And it would be an honor for me tonight if he would

1 stand up with me, Ray Littleturtle, and help present these Eagle  
2 Feathers.

3 (Applause was and a standing ovation was given.)

4 (A Lumbee Tribe pin, prayer pouch, Certificate of  
5 Commendation and Eagle Feather was presented to each of the  
6 following recipients.)

7 AUDREY HUNT: At this time, we'd like to  
8 recognize Jeremy Daniel Locklear. Would you please stand.

9 ROSE LOCKLEAR: He's not here. He's at school.

10 AUDREY HUNT: All right, we're going to ask you,  
11 his mother. Jeremy's parent is Rose Locklear, grandparents Rosie  
12 and Jimmy Revels. He is the Valedictorian of Purnell Swett. He  
13 is going to college. He is going to be going to UNC-Chapel Hill,  
14 and he is going to major in chemistry.

15 Daniel D. Francis, Jr., if you'll come forward, please,  
16 along with your parents, Sue and Richard Russ. Daniel is the  
17 Salutatorian from Riverside Christian Academy. He has been  
18 accepted to college, and he will be going to UNC-P majoring in  
19 engineering.

20 Christopher Spaulding, parents Albert and Glenda  
21 Spaulding, would you come forward, please. He is also the --  
22 grandparents are A.G. and Libby Spaulding, Clarence and Mary  
23 Smith. Christopher is the Salutatorian from Purnell Swett. And  
24 we have another one that's going to Carolina. He's going to  
25 major in biology.

1           Did Elizabeth Jacobs come in? Elizabeth is not here,  
2 but Elizabeth was also Salutatorian from Red Springs High School.

3           And the last one we have is Ariana Van Allen. And  
4 that's Valedictorian from Information Technology. Let's give all  
5 these young people a hand.

6           I would like, if you were recognized, along with the  
7 parents, we'd like for you to stand, please. We're going to do  
8 an Honor Song for you.

9           RAY LITTLETURTLE: You're invited to gather around to  
10 the drum. You need to understand, people say we have no song.  
11 They say we have no culture. This is a lie. We have been  
12 practicing this for several hundred years.

13           Some of us belong to the Native American Church, the  
14 old church. Eagle Feathers is something that we've always had.  
15 And we've always honored our kids for education. If you'll look  
16 at the Chief, he's not dressed the way they dress out west. He's  
17 dressed in the eastern regalia representing the Lumbee Nation.

18           And as y'all make your way out, tell ten people about  
19 the Lumbees because you'll show them another twenty. After you  
20 tell the ten, twenty more will see what you're made of. So,  
21 listen to the song.

22           (An Honor Song was played by the Lumbee Tribe Drummers and  
23 Singers.)

24           RICKY BURNETT: We're going to take ten minutes and  
25 we'll allow the recipients to go first.

1 (Off the record at 7:10 p.m.)

2 (On the record at 7:23 p.m.)

3 RICKY BURNETT: We'll call the meeting back to  
4 order. At this time, Constitution and Ordinance, Ms. Louise.

5 **Constitution and Ordinance Committee Report**

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: All of you have your ordinance in  
7 your packet. And the ordinance that we're looking at tonight is  
8 the Ordinance on Decorum Governing the Duties of the Tribal  
9 Council Officers and Decorum of Council Meetings.

10 Back when I first came on in our orientation on the  
11 Constitution, and listening to other tribal members, there was  
12 some language that we needed to try to add into this ordinance.  
13 And tonight, we're -- we've been working on this for several  
14 meetings that we've had, and trying to get the right language,  
15 and listening to the Council Members of what they felt that  
16 needed to be in this ordinance.

17 Some of you probably already know the changes we're  
18 asking for the amendments. But, I'll kind of just go briefly  
19 through them. And if you have any questions or concerns or  
20 changes, this will probably be the time.

21 In Section 1 on the first page, Duties of Tribal  
22 Council Officers, we had some Council Members that felt that we  
23 did not have enough of language in here to give the duties of  
24 what the Officers would hold, and also qualifications. And this  
25 is a part of language that came from a meeting in the training

1 that I went into at a Housing meeting, and also in your Roberts  
2 Rules of Order also.

3 But, it kind of just gives a little more meat to this  
4 ordinance as saying what a Speaker's responsibility is. And as  
5 all Tribal Council Members, we need to be familiar as much as  
6 possible with our Lumbee Constitution. Also, all the laws that  
7 we have in place, we need to be knowledgeable of that. And also,  
8 Roberts Rules of Order.

9 And that's why having different orientations and  
10 different training programs help us in that way, in a lot of  
11 ways. And so, it deals with the Speaker. It also goes to the  
12 Vice-Chairperson, who by the Constitution has to be a certain age  
13 in order to serve in that position if something was to happen to  
14 our Chairman.

15 So, that age qualification has to be there also. And  
16 then the Secretary's responsibilities and duties, and also the  
17 Treasurer. And if you'll notice down on Page 2, at Number 14,  
18 there has always been a concern, too, that whoever the Officer is  
19 of the Treasurer of the Council should also chair the Committee  
20 of Finance because it's kind of a continuation of each thing.

21 So, that is the first amendment to this Constitution.  
22 Does anyone have any questions or concerns? Okay.

23 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: I have -- did you say comments?

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Whatever, yes, concerns or  
25 comments.

1           LAURA SAMPSON:           And we're just talking about Number  
2 1, A, B, C and D?

3           LOUISE MITCHELL:        Yes, Section 1, we're talking about  
4 1a, mostly just 1a. And there are some typo errors that need to  
5 corrected also, and capitalization on Tribal Council and Speaker.  
6 So, we'll get that notification done also.

7           But, we're dealing with Section 1, Number A under  
8 Section 1, 1a.

9           LAURA SAMPSON:        1a?

10          LOUISE MITCHELL:       And 1b and 1c. Okay, Ms. Laura?

11          LAURA SAMPSON:        I would just like to say that I  
12 strongly disagree with 1b in that you put an age limit on that.  
13 I feel like if someone is elected to this Council, then they have  
14 proven their leadership ability. I've been the Speaker once and  
15 weren't quite thirty-five (35) when I did it, but real close.

16          LOUISE MITCHELL:       That --

17          LAURA SAMPSON:        I'm not through.

18          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Okay.

19          LAURA SAMPSON:        So, I strongly disagree with that.

20          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Okay.

21          LAURA SAMPSON:        I disagree with the age limit on  
22 that.

23          LOUISE MITCHELL:       On that, Ms. Laura, that's Vice-  
24 Chairman. Our Constitution says, and I don't have it in front of  
25 me, if something was to happen to Mr. Jimmy Goins, if he was to

1 get sick, and Lord hope nothing happens. But, just suppose  
2 before his term was up, our Vice-Chairman, which is Furnie  
3 Lambert, he would serve in that position.

4 And our Constitution, you would have to amend the  
5 Constitution to change that thirty-five (35). Because in our  
6 Constitution, it says you have -- the qualifications for the  
7 Chairmanship, you have to be thirty-five (35). So, that's  
8 dealing with the Vice-Chairman's position only.

9 Not the Speaker position, and not the Secretary  
10 position, or any Committee Chairperson. It's dealing only with  
11 the Vice-Chairman. If something was to happen to our Chairman  
12 that is in place now, and he was to fill that, you would have to  
13 be thirty-five (35).

14 LAURA SAMPSON: So, was that a change to -- is that  
15 in itself a change to the duties in the form -- in this document?

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: No, that just came from the  
17 Constitution as added language into this.

18 LAURA SAMPSON: So, that just simply reflects --

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: That reflects the qualification  
20 that you must be to hold Vice-Chairman's seat.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: As it relates to?

22 LOUISE MITCHELL: The constitution.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: Okay.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Okay, moving on to Number 2, on  
25 Page 2, Number 16, which would be line 19.

1           There was a consensus of a lot of Tribal Council  
2 Members that when you first come on this Board or this Council,  
3 or Committee, that no person shall be appointed or elected as an  
4 Officer who is serving the first year of his or her term of  
5 office. And the reason for that is a learning process.

6           A lot of times, you know, some people come on  
7 Committees or be an Officer, and they just don't know exactly  
8 what to do. So, that language was put in there to try to maybe  
9 just strengthen that person, to give them time to learn. Ms.  
10 Sharon?

11           SHARON HUNT:           Ms. Louise, I think it should  
12 probably read who is serving the first year of his or her first  
13 term of office.

14           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Okay. That might have been  
15 something that was left out, Ms. Sharon. The first term, that's  
16 fine. His or her first term.

17           LAURA SAMPSON:         So, that doesn't mean first year,  
18 that means first three years?

19           LOUISE MITCHELL:       No, say like if you were elected in  
20 your first year, your first year. Okay.

21           LAURA SAMPSON:         I'm sorry, I -- or maybe I'm not.  
22 But, -- and going back to my first comment, I mean, because that  
23 does reflect the Constitution, I will agree with that only  
24 because it's the Vice-Chairman. As it -- as this relates to a  
25 Committee Chair, I'm going to disagree again because, you know, I

1 just think, you know, you have people who are talented, and who  
2 have ability to do an outstanding job. And you know, I think in  
3 some ways, it might cripple us as a Council.

4 I mean, and I just don't think across the board that we  
5 should put those limitations on our Committees and on our Council  
6 Members. And as a first-term person to Health and Human  
7 Services, I enjoyed that Committee. I feel like we done an  
8 outstanding job.

9 Had comments from the community, had comments from  
10 other Board Members that we did an outstanding job as Chairperson  
11 for that Committee. And I just think, you know, that we may be  
12 crippling ourselves. When people are talented, we should allow  
13 them to use their talents and abilities to do their job.

14 SHARON HUNT: Ms. Louise, that does not refer to  
15 Committees, that refers to elected Officers. The Committee  
16 Chairs come further in Section 3.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes. It deals with the Tribal  
18 Council itself Officers.

19 LAURA SAMPSON: Well, and that, too. I mean, you  
20 know, you may have people who have served in other capacities.  
21 When I came to this Council, I mean, this wasn't my first  
22 experience as a Board Member. I had served on other boards. And  
23 I at the same time will speak to that point in that we should not  
24 put those restrictions on people.

25 Just because we feel they're new to us, I mean, a lot

1 of times, when you're a President or when you're a Chairperson,  
2 when you're a Secretary. I mean, when you're a Secretary on a  
3 church council, it kind of reflects the same duties as the  
4 Secretary on another council. So, I would disagree as well.

5 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Bullard.

6 CHARLES BULLARD: Yeah, I attend to agree with Laura.  
7 You've got a lot of qualified people out here. Just say if Mr.  
8 Purnell Swett was to get on the Council, he couldn't serve as a  
9 Chairman? I mean, come on, now.

10 Or you take like Larry Chavis at the Lumbee Bank, he  
11 couldn't be over the Economic Development? We need -- I mean, we  
12 don't need to restrict ourself (sic) to talented people.

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford?

14 WELFORD CLARK: We have all at one time or another  
15 have served our communities in different capacities. But, I  
16 think we would have to agree that being a member of this Tribal  
17 Council is as unique a position as there is. And there is  
18 nothing that you can do to gather experience in what we have to  
19 do as a Tribal Government because there's nothing akin to it.

20 First of all, we are dealing with laws and regulations  
21 from the Federal Government. There's folks sitting on here now  
22 that's been on here a year that if I laid a twenty dollar bill up  
23 there couldn't tell you what NAHASDA means, and they've been here  
24 a year. So, just because we're talented in some area, that  
25 doesn't mean we're talented in every are.

1           We formulated this government and we had -- it seems  
2 like I have to say this a lot -- we had in mind the State  
3 Government and we had in mind the Federal Government. In order  
4 to serve as a Committee Chairperson in the Congress of the United  
5 States or the Congress in Raleigh, you have to ascend to that  
6 position by a matter of seniority.

7           Nobody gets elected -- and in fact, they -- a new  
8 person that's elected to the Congress, they're even told, they  
9 can request what Committee they want to be on. But, they're in  
10 fact, they're told what Committee they can be on. They don't  
11 even have the privilege of choosing a committee.

12           So, we've put people in positions on this Council that  
13 have not served, talented people in some areas, but yet not quite  
14 able to serve the needs of this government, this people. We need  
15 to use our experience, and we need to use our expertise to make  
16 sure. Because there has to be some continuity.

17           This government doesn't start new every year. There's  
18 a continuity in it from things that we done last year that's  
19 rolling over this year, that a new person that is not familiar  
20 with what a certain committee has been doing along the way, all  
21 of a sudden, they're going to change directions and go another  
22 way.

23           So, for continuity, we should do this. And it's not a  
24 great big price to pay to wait one year. And I would think it's  
25 not asking too much. And I think it would do us well if we wait.

1           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Mr. James?

2           JAMES DEESE:           Ms. Louise, I do agree with Mr.  
3 Welford because, you know, me as being a freshman on this  
4 Council, I feel like I still in the learning -- I am in still the  
5 learning process. I feel like I'm learning and I would not be --  
6 would not do justice for my people if I'd jump up here and get on  
7 a -- be a head of a Board.

8           I feel like it is a learning process. And even after a  
9 year, you're still learning. I feel like we got people that's  
10 been on this Council for the second term. And I think every one  
11 of us will agree that they're still learning today. So, I feel  
12 like you've got to wait your period and then get on the Board.

13           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Terry?

14           TERRY CAMPBELL:       I believe we all sitting here come  
15 from different backgrounds and different expertise. We all -- we  
16 have school teachers sitting here. And we have people that are  
17 in finance. We have people that are in construction, that have  
18 construction backgrounds. I believe that those talents, if an  
19 individual is qualified and they -- to fill that Committee Chair  
20 should have it.

21           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Okay, Mr. Speaker, do we want to  
22 vote by section?

23           RICKY BURNETT:        Just move on, go through the whole  
24 thing. Just go to the second one and then --

25           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Okay, Section 2. Number 2, Line

1 38, this language was put in there based on the fact that we had  
2 only -- we had Tribal Members, enrolled members that had a  
3 concern about going into closed session. And this deals with  
4 open session, except when it's the discussion of contracts,  
5 litigations, and as you read there, the retention or discharge of  
6 personnel, when the question of the moral turpitude of any member  
7 of the Tribe is discussed and with discussion.

8           This language is also in an ordinance that we already  
9 have in place that deals with committees, our ordinance, our law  
10 that's there. So, the language is basically the same in that  
11 ordinance also. Okay, any questions?

12           Page 3, Number 42. Teleconference calls shall not be  
13 allowed except for emergency meetings of the Tribal Council on  
14 time-sensitive issues. That came out of Constitution Committee.  
15 It was heavily debated, heavily discussed. Looking at NAHASDA  
16 requirements, part of that decision come from that also.

17           Okay, the other change, added language, Section 4, Line  
18 1 at the top, Number 14. A member may be excused from attending  
19 the Tribal Council, Housing and the Finance Meeting provided he  
20 or she has cause, and shall provide written or verbal  
21 notification and the absence is excused by the majority vote of  
22 the Tribal Council.

23           We do have these Committees and this Council, that is a  
24 requirement of Tribal Council that they attend and they meet.

25 Okay, moving on to --

1           LAURA SAMPSON:        Ms. Louise, I'm sorry. Could you  
2 elaborate on that again?

3           LOUISE MITCHELL:       It's meetings, the three meetings  
4 that we mostly have to mandate and meet, the Tribal Council  
5 meetings, --

6           LAURA SAMPSON:        Yes.

7           LOUISE MITCHELL:       -- Housing and Finance.

8           LAURA SAMPSON:        So, you're saying that -- this says  
9 that this body, this Council will decide who is excused and who  
10 is not; is that right?

11          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Based on -- based on the --

12          LAURA SAMPSON:        By a majority vote of the Tribal  
13 Council.

14          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Yes, based on just cause. It says  
15 cause in there.

16          LAURA SAMPSON:        And what is just cause?

17          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Well, it could be sickness. It  
18 could be death.

19          BRADLEY McMILLIAN:     Well, who decided that?

20          JAMES H. LOCKLEAR:     Out of town on some business or  
21 whatever.

22          BRADLEY McMILLIAN:     Well, who decided just cause?

23          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Well, you got to have a reason why  
24 you're excused.

25          LAURA SAMPSON:        Do we need to spell out just cause?

1 I mean, that might mean one thing to me, another to you.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Well, I think it would probably be  
3 up to the Council to decide what would be just cause. It would  
4 be up to this body.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Do we not need to spell that out?

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: I think you ought to leave it to  
7 the discretion of the Tribal Council.

8 LAURA SAMPSON: Well, I think we should spell it  
9 out.

10 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: It was spelled out in Committee.

11 LAURA SAMPSON: So, why was it -- if it was spelled  
12 out in Committee, why wasn't it written in here?

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: It was talked about. It was not  
14 spelled out as far as the language. It's not, you know, put into  
15 the -- worded.

16 LAURA SAMPSON: So, how was it spelled out in --

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: It was just discussed, Ms. Laura,  
18 in our Constitution Committee Meetings that we were having and  
19 we've been having ever since January.

20 LAURA SAMPSON: And what was that discussion?

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: It was discussed. Sickness, death,  
22 could be out of town.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: So, what --

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: But, that's just cause, you know.  
25 Just cause. And it would be up to the Council Members to decide

1 the just cause. Mr. Shelley?

2 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Should there be a comma after  
3 Tribal Council?

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes.

5 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Okay.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: And I made that correction on mine,  
7 and I will get with Patrick on that.

8 WELFORD CLARK: Ms. Louise?

9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes?

10 WELFORD CLARK: Can I comment? There was a lot of  
11 -- and this was probably the most heavily discussed item in the  
12 Constitution and Ordinance Committee, in the meetings we had  
13 discussing. This one probably generated more attention than any  
14 of them.

15 And the consensus -- not the consensus, but the  
16 majority, if not almost the unanimous vote of the ten (10) or  
17 twelve (12) that was attending the meetings was this, as it  
18 relates to spelling out what cause is. It would be impossible  
19 for us to write down everything that could possibly happen, every  
20 excuse that we could possibly have, that could come up, every  
21 contingency, every emergency.

22 So, it would be impossible for us to list everything  
23 that was excusable. We just couldn't, it's just not possible to  
24 do it. So, we decided this, and this is what was voted on in the  
25 Committee, is that if a member misses a Council meeting, you

1 could be on your way up here to the meeting, Mr. Speaker, and you  
2 could get a cell phone call and it says your nephew was just  
3 involved in a terrible accident, and they're airlifting him to  
4 Duke.

5           And you're going to turn around; right? That may be  
6 your most favorite nephew in the world. Or you may be a  
7 spiritual leader in your family, and that your presence is  
8 important to the family. And that could happen in any number of  
9 situations. Certainly, the Council would see the rationale in  
10 excusing someone from that.

11           But, you cannot spell out every contingency that might  
12 happen. So, we left it up to a majority vote like we decide  
13 everything else of the Council, that if a person can't come,  
14 they'll say Mr. Speaker, I was not here and this was the reason I  
15 was not here, I ask to be excused.

16           The Speaker presents it to the Council, right, and  
17 presents, if you will, his recommendations, or her  
18 recommendations, and then we discuss it and we vote upon it. I  
19 don't think there's a better way to do it.

20           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Okay, moving on, Line 25, Number  
21 18. In the event a regularly scheduled or special-called meeting  
22 of the Council is postponed or canceled, the Tribal Council  
23 Secretary or his/her designee shall notify members by phone or e-  
24 mail in a timely manner.

25           Okay, moving on to Section 3, Committees, Line 34. Did

1 you have --

2 TERRY CAMPBELL: I'm sorry. What will we define as  
3 a timely manner?

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: As soon as possible, I would say,  
5 you know. As soon as you know that the meeting is going to be  
6 canceled. As soon as, you know, that could be gotten out. I  
7 wouldn't think it would be, you know, --

8 TERRY CAMPBELL: Fifteen (15) minutes before, a half  
9 hour before, a hour before?

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Well, I don't -- there's no -- I  
11 mean, there's no time for as soon as you know that it's canceled,  
12 someone would be responsible for trying to get that message out  
13 as soon as possible, ASAP, you know.

14 WELFORD CLARK: Excuse me.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Go ahead.

16 WELFORD CLARK: And again, the same Committee  
17 Chairperson could be on the way to the meeting and get an  
18 emergency call. Now, if we say thirty (30) minutes, if we say  
19 fifteen (15) minutes, or if we say an hour, and you're sitting in  
20 the emergency room, or sitting back there and somebody that you  
21 love is in trauma or something, the last thing that we should  
22 expect from that person would be to start calling folks and say  
23 that I'm not going to be there.

24 But, as soon as what is reasonable. We make a big deal  
25 about being reasonable. And I've heard about everybody on this

1 Council speak about the fact that we're adults. I think that we  
2 have allowed in this ordinance, in some of the terms we've used,  
3 we're allowing each other to be adults. And we very well expect  
4 to treat one another as adults.

5 No, I better not say that. Well, no, I will say that.  
6 I will say that. The Lord says that, "To the pure, everything is  
7 pure. And to the impure, everything is impure."

8 And He also said that, "Out of the abundance of the  
9 heart, the mouth speaks. And as a man thinketh in his heart, so  
10 is he."

11 So, if we're constantly suspicious of everyone, and  
12 call into question everyone's notice, according to the Lord and  
13 not according to Welford, probably that person himself cannot be  
14 trusted. So, I'm saying that we're offering us each a chance to  
15 true one another.

16 And if we want to specifically address certain things  
17 that's happened between us, we'd spend the rest of the night here  
18 pointing fingers. But, I'm not interested in that.

19 (Councilman Steve Sampson excused himself from the meeting.)

20 LOUISE MITCHELL: Okay, Ms. Laura.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: I would just like to say, you know  
22 what, that's great and good sound advice. And it would be nice  
23 if we could use that on every occasion, not just tonight.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Okay, moving on along, Section 3,  
25 Committees, and Number 1, Line 34. Interested tribal members may

1 participate in Tribal Council Committee dialogue with the  
2 acknowledgment of the Committee. That should be an of there.  
3 We're on Section 3 with Committees.

4           Okay, Section 2, 37, and we have the same language  
5 there for the Committee. No Chairperson of a Committee shall be  
6 appointed or elected who is serving the first year of his/her  
7 term. First term, Ms. Sharon, of office? Do you want to add the  
8 first in there also?

9           SHARON HUNT:           Yes, of his or her first term.

10          LOUISE MITCHELL:       His or her first term, okay. That  
11 is it.

12          RICKY BURNETT:        You've heard this report, --

13          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Ms. Sharon?

14          SHARON HUNT:           Ms. Louise?

15          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Yes.

16          SHARON HUNT:           Going back to Section 2, Number 3?

17          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Section 2, Number 3.

18          SHARON HUNT:           Where we talked about closed  
19 session.

20          LOUISE MITCHELL:       Okay, closed session.

21          SHARON HUNT:           I would like to somehow add in  
22 there issues deemed sensitive by a majority of the Tribal Council  
23 in attendance, which could be Federal Recognition efforts.  
24 'Cause there's lots of times that we might need to go into closed  
25 session if you're -- say for instance if you're talking about a

1 lobbyist or whatever.

2           And I guess the correct way to word it would be issues  
3 deemed sensitive by a majority of the Tribal Council in  
4 attendance. To add that as one of the reasons that we can go  
5 into closed session. And that could cover a lot of things that  
6 pop up from time to time.

7           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Well, you'd have to have a quorum  
8 to actually go into -- I mean, you have to -- I mean, would you  
9 add that, since you're always in our meetings and stuff, we have  
10 to have a quorum?

11           SHARON HUNT:           This is in a Tribal Council  
12 meeting.

13           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Yes, now.

14           SHARON HUNT:           This is in a Tribal Council  
15 meeting, not a Committee meeting. It's a Tribal Council meeting.

16           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Right.

17           SHARON HUNT:           So, you go to have a quorum to have  
18 a meeting anyway.

19           LOUISE MITCHELL:       So, you're saying -- all right.  
20 Okay, Ms. Sharon, do you want to write that language? Does  
21 anyone have any questions on that? Write that language and give  
22 it to me.

23           RICKY BURNETT:           Mr. Shelley.

24           SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Ms. Louise, would budget fall under  
25 this?

1           LOUISE MITCHELL:     No.

2           PAM SPAULDING:        Unless it involves --

3           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Your Constitution gives all

4 meetings of the Tribal Council shall be open to the public except

5 when discussions shall employment issues, fundamental right of a

6 Tribal Council member, personnel, moral turpitude. So, there's

7 -- you know, that's what we're about. We don't want to be going

8 into a lot of closed sessions that we feel like that we're not

9 informing our tribal members of what we are doing.

10          TERRY CAMPBELL:       Hear, hear.

11          LOUISE MITCHELL:     So, we need to be careful of how

12 much language we want to put in here to go into closed session.

13          RICKY BURNETT:        Coming from Committee it needs no

14 second. Roll call vote, Madame Secretary.

15          PAM SPAULDING:        Wait a minute, we've got to have

16 that language.

17          RICKY BURNETT:        The language, she just gave it to

18 you.

19          LOUISE MITCHELL:     Did you -- I didn't write it down.

20          SHARON HUNT:          Do you want it now?

21          RICKY BURNETT:        Roll call, roll call.

22          LOUISE MITCHELL:     Are you ready?

23          RICKY BURNETT:        Yes.

24          LOUISE MITCHELL:     Ms. Audrey Hunt.

25          AUDREY HUNT:          Yes.



1 TERRY CAMPBELL: No.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.

3 STEVE SAMPSON: (Absent.)

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.

5 JAMES SMITH: No.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.

7 BRAD McMILLIAN: No.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.

9 LINDA REVELS: Yes.

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.

11 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

12 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.

13 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.

15 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.

17 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Sharon.

19 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

20 LOUISE MITCHELL: 12 yes, 8 no, 1 abstain.

21 RICKY BURNETT: Motion carries.

22 ("Motion 3" - Roll call vote on Amended Ordinance No. 2005-

23 0003 was passed.)

24 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: My district nominee --

25 RICKY BURNETT: Excuse me, excuse me. We're in a

1 meeting. Respect.

2 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: -- Crawley Locklear's name on the  
3 Election Board. I don't know whether you got one, Mr. Charles.

4 CHARLES BULLARD: No, I'll just second yours.

5 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: As an alternate.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: What is his name?

7 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Crawley Locklear.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Crawley Locklear, which district?

9 Well, you're appointing committee is what?

10 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: District 5.

11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Is it 5 or 1?

12 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: 1, 1.

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: District 1.

14 ERTLE OXENDINE: And that's a regular member, not an  
15 alternate; correct?

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: A regular member, yes. A regular  
17 Election Board member.

18 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Right.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Seconded by Charles. District 1,  
20 appointing committee. And I'd just like to remind the other  
21 appointing committees on this, and it's coming from the  
22 Constitution, and I've did several reminders. Get together, we  
23 need five alternates.

24 Mr. Ertle has been asking for that for some time. And  
25 we've been dealing with it ever since January and February. So,

1 you need to get together and get five more names as alternates.  
2 Thank you.

3 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, Education and  
4 Culture, Ms. Audrey.

5 AUDREY HUNT: Can I do it from here? Do you  
6 mind?

7 RICKY BURNETT: Yes, you can do it from there.

8 **Education and Culture Committee Report**

9 AUDREY HUNT: Before you, you have a -- an  
10 ordinance that's called Reclamation of the Lumbee River's  
11 Ancestral Name. Before we vote on it, let me give you a little  
12 bit of background information.

13 According to Tribal oral traditions, our people have  
14 always known the river as the Lumbee. Prior to 1809, the Lumber  
15 River was known as Drowning Creek. In 1809, the North Carolina  
16 General Assembly designated a stretch of Drowning Creek from the  
17 Hoke/Scotland County border to the North Carolina/South Carolina  
18 state line as the Lumber River.

19 We have written documentation that exists to support  
20 the traditions of our people, one of which is in 1888, from  
21 Representative Hamilton McMillian. He wrote a pamphlet on the  
22 origins of the Lumbee Tribe. And in his pamphlets, one of the  
23 statements that he wrote was, "The Indians built great roads  
24 connecting the distant settlements with their principal seat on  
25 the Lumbee."

1           In October, on October the 26th, 1900, there was an  
2 All-Indian Lumbee River Conference of the Holiness-Methodist  
3 Church. And this was organized under the leadership of Reverend  
4 H.H. Lowry, who was also a Lumbee Indian. And on May the 10th,  
5 1904, the Robesonian had an article, and it was called "Lumberton  
6 as it is Now," and in this article, the river again was referred  
7 to as the Lumbee River.

8           In 1905, John Charles McNeill, a prominent author who  
9 grew up near a Lumbee Indian settlement in Scotland County wrote  
10 many poems and articles. And in these articles, he referred to  
11 the river as the Lumbee River. References to and the use of the  
12 Lumbee and the Lumbee River are found in 1800, 1888, 1900 and  
13 every year between 1904 and in 1952.

14           In 1952, there was a Tribal Referendum that was held.  
15 And the tribal members voted to adopt the Lumbee as the Tribal  
16 name. And this was done because of the geographic proximity to  
17 the river. Having given you the background, I will now go to the  
18 ordinance.

19           "Whereas, in 1953, the North Carolina General Assembly  
20 designated the Tribe as Lumbee;

21           "Whereas, in 1956, the United States Congress  
22 recognized the Tribe as Lumbee.

23           "Therefore, be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the  
24 Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina this ordinance that shall be cited  
25 as the Reclamation of the Lumbee River's Ancestral name.

1           "Therefore, be it further resolved, the Lumbee Tribe  
2 shall henceforth refer to its river by its ancestral name of  
3 Lumbee in all correspondence and Tribal publications; thus  
4 repatriating the Tribe's cultural, patrimony and primordial  
5 relationship with the river.

6           "Therefore, be it further resolved, the Lumbee Tribe  
7 shall lobby for State Legislation to change the legal name of the  
8 river from Lumber River to the Lumbee River."

9           RAY LITTLETURTLE:    It is a scenic and natural river.  
10 So, it has connotations of the Federal Government.  So, it's  
11 going to have to be done by Congress, not the State of North  
12 Carolina.

13           In 1534, when Robeson came through Drowning Creek, he  
14 said there was a wild bunch of Indians living under their own law  
15 along the banks of the Lumbee River.  So, it goes back to the  
16 1500s.  We have got to have McIntyre make a -- that can be a  
17 local thing.  And we want him to be a voice for it, and then  
18 change the signs on the river down at Lumberton and at other  
19 places where it tells it.

20           That's how we've always been known.  And Mr. Pikey  
21 Brooks, and Mr. Raymond, all of them called it the Lumbee River.

22           RICKY BURNETT:       Thank you, Mr. Ray.  Any other  
23 questions?  Coming from Committee, it requires no second.  Roll  
24 call vote, Madame Secretary.

25           LOUISE MITCHELL:       Ms. Audrey Hunt.

1           AUDREY HUNT:           Yes.

2           LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Sharon Hunt.

3           SHARON HUNT:            Yes.

4           LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Louise Mitchell.   Yes.

5                                    Ms. Laura Sampson.

6           LAURA SAMPSON:        Yes.

7           LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Pam Spaulding.

8           PAM SPAULDING:          Yes.

9           LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Helen Locklear.

10          HELEN LOCKLEAR:         Yes.

11          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Charles Bullard.

12          CHARLES BULLARD:        Yes, Ma'am.

13          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Kernice Locklear.

14          KERNICE LOCKLEAR:        Yes.

15          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Larry Chavis.

16          LARRY CHAVIS:            Yes.

17          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. James Deese.

18          JAMES DEESE:            Yes.

19          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Terry Campbell.

20          TERRY CAMPBELL:         Yes.

21          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Ray Littleturtle.

22          RAY LITTLE TURTLE:       Yes.

23          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. James Harold Locklear.

24          JAMES H. LOCKLEAR:       Yes.

25          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Steve Sampson.

1 STEVE SAMPSON: (Absent.)  
2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.  
3 JAMES SMITH: Yes.  
4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.  
5 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.  
6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.  
7 LINDA REVELS: Yes.  
8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.  
9 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.  
10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.  
11 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.  
12 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.  
13 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.  
14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.  
15 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.  
16 LOUISE MITCHELL: Passes.  
17 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, motion passes.  
18 ("Motion 4" - Resolution "Reclamation of the Lumbee River's  
19 Ancestral Name was passed.)  
20 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, the Chair recognizes  
21 Mr. Larece Hunt from the North Carolina Commission of Indian  
22 Affairs. Mr. Larece?  
23 (Oral report from the NCCIA by Larece Hunt.)  
24 LARECE HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I bring  
25 you greetings from the Commission of Indian Affairs, and Mr. Greg

1 Richardson, the Executive Director and the Chairperson Mr.  
2 Brooks. We had our meeting on June the 5th in Raleigh. And one  
3 of the first items on there at our January meeting, we found out  
4 that Mr. Roscoe Jacobs, Sr., former Chief of the Waccamaw-Siouans  
5 had passed away at the age of 86.

6           So, in an effort to recognize his memory and the  
7 contributions that he had made towards Indian people and Indian  
8 business throughout the state of the North Carolina, the North  
9 Carolina General Assembly recognized Mr. Roscoe for that effort  
10 with Joint House Resolution 343, in which they recognized --  
11 special recognition for Mr. Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. from the Waccamaw-  
12 Siouan Tribe.

13           We also heard an updated report on the Meherrin Tribe.  
14 And Mr. Ed Brooks is representing one of the parties. I'll give  
15 you a little background. The Meherrin Tribe had a split on their  
16 representation they wanted on the Commission of Indian Affairs.  
17 One group said the people that were in charge are no longer  
18 speaking for us. There was a split.

19           So, we got two different groups and each one saying  
20 this is the person we want on the Commission, the other person is  
21 saying the same thing. It ended up because the Commission of  
22 Indian Affairs doesn't get into that kind of dispute between the  
23 different Tribes, and therefore we did not seat either one of the  
24 two representatives on the Commission.

25           So, out of that process, we were named as Defendants in

1 a lawsuit because we failed to seat either group. But, we didn't  
2 know who to sit. So, right now, they are -- at our June 5th  
3 meeting, and it may be something different now, Mr. Brooks, it's  
4 before a Judge. And one Judge is saying, well, one group will  
5 decide, and the other group will decide.

6 And after, I think, July the 1st, the General Assembly  
7 is going to pass legislation that the Commission can make a  
8 decision on future cases, but not this one. And so, it's really  
9 touchy and there's a lot involved in it. But, the Commission,  
10 we're not in the business of settling disputes between dis-  
11 membership and separating disputes among the Tribes.

12 Our attorney says -- or the Assistant Attorney General  
13 from the State of North Carolina says that legislation will be  
14 introduced, but right now, it's not and it has no bearing in this  
15 particular case.

16 She also informed us that as of June the 5th, the North  
17 Carolina Indian Cultural Center has been served papers, or served  
18 notice, that they had sixty (60) days to inform the Attorney  
19 General's Office that they have insurance on the Lumbee Tribal  
20 Center; and that that center is presently under their leadership  
21 as of June the 5th.

22 And I don't know as of our meeting tonight, but as of  
23 June the 5th, the leadership of the North Carolina Indian  
24 Cultural Center was under investigation. There's -- from what we  
25 can understand in dealing with past Board Members, there's a

1 whole lot of stuff going on out there that the State does not  
2 approve.

3           The Attorney General's Office is involved in it. And  
4 again, there is -- like I said, there's a meeting tonight, and I  
5 don't have anything to do with that other than the fact that our  
6 -- the Assistant Attorney General who represents the Commission  
7 says that they are under investigation.

8           The Tribal Council also administers LIHEAP and Energy  
9 Assistance. And you've had a lot of folks complaining about the  
10 services they're getting or not getting that has made its way to  
11 Raleigh. And I may mess up her first name -- Colmarine (spelled  
12 phonetically) Wilson is the Assistant Director for the Low Energy  
13 Program. And I think she's been down, I think, to spend some  
14 time with you folks.

15           And basically, she said what you were doing was correct  
16 except one thing. Once you've established a line item that say  
17 for instance you will say we're going to provide, the most we can  
18 give you is seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750). If you go an  
19 do something to help that person, and you spend five hundred  
20 dollars (\$500), that person is still entitled to the other two  
21 hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

22           I think that was an adjustment they said that you guys  
23 need to make. But, other than that, the program is running in  
24 accordance to what your rules say you should be. The Commission  
25 also approved two appointments to the State Advisory Board on

1 Education. Jonathan Blue will represent the Robeson County  
2 Indian Education program, and Audrey Hunt will represent the  
3 Lumbee Tribe.

4 Our next meeting is scheduled for September. Any  
5 question? Yes, Sir.

6 RAY LITTLETURTLE: One side note there. The  
7 management of the Culture Center is being specifically by the  
8 Attorney General's Office, and has been given thirty (30) days to  
9 cease and desist management of that center. Because you can't  
10 sublease, you can't sublease State property.

11 Either the lessor or the lessee, but you can't get  
12 another person in there as an extra party. And they've been  
13 doing that. So, there's gonna be a lot of things coming to the  
14 surface.

15 LARECE HUNT: Mr. Littleturtle, and Mr. Furnie,  
16 and Mr. Garth Brooks, and our own Commission of Indian Affairs,  
17 and we've been hearing a whole lot that's going on with the  
18 Culture Center and the different kinds of activities. The  
19 complaints just go on, and on, and on. But, hopefully now that  
20 they're getting ready to bring some closure to it, because the  
21 Attorney General's Office has gotten involved in it.

22 So, they're getting ready to take a serious look at the  
23 types of lease, who issued the leased agreement, that kind of  
24 stuff. So, it's a can of worms, guys, that's going to get  
25 opened. Yes, Sir?

1           TERRY CAMPBELL:       Mr. Hunt, did I understand, was  
2 that just a figure you were using, that seven hundred and fifty  
3 dollars (\$750) as the cap on the line item?

4           LARECE HUNT:           Yeah, I just threw that out for  
5 figures. And I don't remember the number. But, our  
6 representative from the State Department who was giving her  
7 report, she gave out the numbers. And I don't remember what it  
8 was. But, I used that to prove a point that that was a major  
9 adjustment that she said your office needs to fix.

10          TERRY CAMPBELL:       And just a follow-up, was that just  
11 in one incident that we're talking about, where the individual  
12 was -- with the LIHEAP?

13          LARECE HUNT:           This lady was from the Office of  
14 Low Income Energy Assistance. And their office has gotten  
15 complaints on top of complaints. So, they actually sent someone  
16 down to spend some time here in your office to see what was going  
17 on, to see if there was any validity to the complaints.

18                               And they basically found out that you were in  
19 compliance other than that one adjustment.

20          TAMMY MAYNOR:        I can elaborate on that. We had an  
21 incident out of Cumberland County. The lady went in for  
22 assistance, and that one individual raised quite a few questions.  
23 We were made aware of the complaint. We weren't even aware that  
24 there was an issue there.

25                               And myself and Mr. Ronald addressed that issue. No one

1 had brought it to us. It had been taken to the Salvation Army.  
2 The actual complaint began at the Salvation Army and we didn't  
3 know anything about it.

4 But, once it was brought to our attention, we were able  
5 to help rectify the problem. We even worked with the State and  
6 we have a wonderful relationship, as a matter of fact. Today our  
7 relationship with the Department of Health and Human Services is  
8 better than it's every been. So, you're correct.

9 LARECE HUNT: And yeah, she finished it off with  
10 Ms. Wilson's summary was that, hey, you guys have been very  
11 supportive with the suggestions they've made, and you're doing a  
12 good job. Mr. Welford?

13 WELFORD CLARK: I don't know, Mr. Larece, if you  
14 can even answer this question, but just more of a comment than a  
15 question. I would just like to know what we can do. I think  
16 that we probably have a greater interest in the Cultural Center  
17 than any other Tribe in the state.

18 And I just wonder what we can do, if this would be a  
19 good time for us to take some steps to reclaim this thing. And  
20 what process we may have to follow to make that to happen. I  
21 don't know if you have any --

22 LARECE HUNT: I'm almost afraid to venture, but  
23 based on the reports that we've heard over a period, of ongoing  
24 conflicts and different boards being created, different people  
25 said I would not serve on that board anymore. We've had meetings

1 and people on the board just automatically say you're not on this  
2 board anymore, get up and leave. And it's been a nightmare.

3 But, I would suggest at this point, because again the  
4 State Attorney General's Office is involved in it. So, look at  
5 it seriously. I would suggest -- and this is just my opinion --  
6 I would suggest your attorney get in touch with the Attorney  
7 General or the Assistant Attorney General, Lee Ann Rose, and  
8 express an interest.

9 Because the State is getting ready to make a change.  
10 And I don't know who's going to be there and holler and say give  
11 me a shot at it or what. If you're interested in that, then  
12 these guys need to make it known that you guys are interested.

13 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: I just didn't really understand all  
14 of what Mr. Ray was trying to say. Were they trying to lease it,  
15 let somebody else go in there and do something? I couldn't get  
16 the --

17 LARECE HUNT: They're not trying, they have done  
18 it.

19 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Oh, they have done it? Oh.

20 LARECE HUNT: Supposedly, somebody leased the  
21 center. You got three different sections out there. You got  
22 your golf course, you got your swimming pool, you got your  
23 amphitheater. Joe Smith -- and I'm making up names. Joe Smith  
24 went out there and leased -- said I want to lease the Culture  
25 Center.

1 Joe Smith then turned around and leased the pool to Mr.  
2 Campbell. I leased the golf course to Mr. Ray. I can't do that  
3 without State approval. That's State property. They can't do  
4 that.

5 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Oh, yeah. Okay, you clarified it,  
6 Brother.

7 LARECE HUNT: And supposedly, legislature has set  
8 aside monies to -- for improvements out there. And one of them  
9 is to get rid of that algae, the green growing stuff in the pond  
10 that's spreading. We spent thousands and thousands of dollars.  
11 I say we because I pay taxes, too.

12 The General Assembly gave money to control that growth  
13 without messing up the environment. And the stuff is worse now  
14 than it ever was. So, now all of a sudden, they're saying we  
15 gave you money, give us some proof that you spent the money and  
16 how you spent it.

17 From my understanding, they asked for receipts. But,  
18 no receipts can be found. So, now they're saying do you have any  
19 insurance on that property. We got State property that's not  
20 covered by insurance. So, as of June the 5th, they had sixty  
21 (60) days, and may be less than that now.

22 (Comment from audience member.)

23 RICKY BURNETT: Let me stress this, and we  
24 appreciate Ms. Annie, I do, for her concerns. But, I need to  
25 stress to you, this is a Council meeting. The only ones that can

1 address the person speaking is the Council Members. If you have  
2 any questions for Mr. Larece or anyone else that has input, after  
3 the meeting if you could see them; okay?

4 No disrespect, but it's a meeting.

5 (Comment from audience member.)

6 RICKY BURNETT: I'm just saying, respect your  
7 Council. You put them in office, and let's do this the way that  
8 we're supposed to.

9 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Addressing what you're talking  
10 about, collecting money, a for-profit organization cannot collect  
11 money on State land. It's non-profit. There's no profit can be  
12 made on that land for any activity. It was given to the Tribes  
13 of North Carolina. And if we want the land in Lumbee hands,  
14 we've got to see Ronnie Sutton. It's in his Committee. He can  
15 make it happen.

16 RICKY BURNETT: The Chair recognizes Mr. Welford on  
17 the trip to Georgia; is that correct?

18 WELFORD CLARK: Tomorrow morning at 6:30, a group  
19 of 16 children, teenagers from the three Boys and Girls Club that  
20 the Tribe operates, the one in Hoke County, the one in Pembroke,  
21 and the one down in the eastern part of the county, along with  
22 five staff members from the Youth Department, we'll make a three  
23 day journey, or a journey of three days, I should say, to our  
24 ancestral burial grounds that's located outside the town of  
25 Claxton, Georgia.

1           It will be the first of what will be an annual event.  
2 We will go down and we will clean that burial ground up on  
3 Saturday morning. And we will have a ceremony, an appropriate  
4 ceremony Sunday morning at 9:30 on the grounds there to honor our  
5 ancestors who were buried there.

6           There's been a great concern from the elders who have  
7 family members who were buried there during the period of time in  
8 the late 1800s up until about 1920 when the Indian people by mule  
9 and wagons made that trek to work in the turpentine industry down  
10 there, that the graveyards are buried. I promised myself I would  
11 never say graveyard again, 'cause I just don't -- graveyard just  
12 doesn't seem as though it carries enough honor with it.

13           I think it's a burial ground. There's a lot of  
14 difference in a cemetery and a graveyard. The spirits of our  
15 ancestors live, and it lives in our hearts. And we want to make  
16 sure that their burial ground is kept and maintained. Down in  
17 Claxton, Georgia. If anybody wants to come, call me and you can  
18 come and meet us down there.

19           This will be an annual event. It's part of the  
20 cultural enrichment of our children. Just one of the many things  
21 that the Boys and Girls Club are doing with the money that this  
22 Tribal Council, this Tribal Government. We have a substantial  
23 investment in our Boys and Girls Club. And we want the tribal  
24 membership to know that those kids are doing something besides  
25 learning to play pool, and shuffle board, and ping pong, and

1 shoot basketballs.

2           There are many things that are going on. If we're  
3 going to save our kids, we're going to have to save them  
4 culturally. It's just going to have to be done. We're going to  
5 -- and our cultural is a good culture and it's rich. Thank you  
6 very much.

7           RICKY BURNETT:           Thank you very much. Ms. Audrey?

8           AUDREY HUNT:           Okay, I got one last thing. We'd  
9 like to also recognize, if she would please stand, Miss Layla  
10 Rose Locklear, along with her mother, Tonya. Layla has been  
11 crowned Miss NCNAYO for 2009-2010, and we're real proud of you.

12           And also, we'd like to say that she is ranked in the  
13 Top 5 in the Boys and Girls Club of North Carolina. So, we're  
14 real proud of her.

15           (Applause was given.)

16           AUDREY HUNT:           So, there will be a reception for  
17 her Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Boys and Girls Club here in  
18 Pembroke at 306 Norment Street. And we'd like to ask you if  
19 you'd like to say anything? Would you like to speak?

20           LAYLA LOCKLER:           I'd just like to thank everyone for  
21 their support on this journey of my reign. As Miss NCNAYO, it's  
22 my job to carry out the duties of the NCNAYO Organization, which  
23 is to promote the Native Youth to be leaders in their community.  
24 So, thank you.

25           TERRY CAMPBELL:           And what time was that reception?

1 AUDREY HUNT: It is from 4:00 to 6:00 Saturday.

2 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Kernice, Economic Development.

3 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: I'm gonna pass, Brother.

4 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, we will hear from  
5 Finance, Ms. Pam.

6 **Finance Committee Report**

7 PAM SPAULDING: Before we get into our resolutions,  
8 I'd like to announce to the people that the 4.7 million dollars  
9 that we were awarded out of the stimulus money from Mr. Obama, we  
10 are drawing that money down now. Of which, half a million  
11 dollars is earmarked for rehab. So, we're pleased to announce  
12 that.

13 The other thing is that we have applied for an  
14 additional four million dollars of the stimulus money. Now, we  
15 haven't been granted that, but we feel certain we will. And  
16 every dime of that will be earmarked for rehabbing houses. We  
17 plan to catch up with all the repairs of everybody in the past  
18 years that's been on the waiting list for so long. So, if you  
19 can beat with us, hopefully, we'll make this happen.

20 I asked you to delete one of the resolutions. I have  
21 two resolutions to bring before you tonight. The first one is  
22 the 2008-2009 Housing Budget Amendment. As we were going over  
23 our Finance meeting this month, we discovered that our Scotland  
24 County Museum was short on funds to make it to the end of this  
25 fiscal year.

1           So, we're simply taking \$2,400 from a line item in  
2 Administration, which was a salary that we could use. And we're  
3 putting in the Scotland Museum for Youth.

4           "Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tribal Council of  
5 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina does hereby agree to accept  
6 the aforementioned proposed 2008-2009 Housing Budget Amendment."

7           RICKY BURNETT:           Coming from Committee, needs no  
8 second. Any questions? Madame Chair, roll call vote.

9           LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Audrey Hunt.

10          AUDREY HUNT:            Yes.

11          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Sharon Hunt.

12          SHARON HUNT:            Yes.

13          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Louise Mitchell. Yes.

14                                    Ms. Laura Sampson.

15          LAURA SAMPSON:          Yes.

16          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Pam Spaulding.

17          PAM SPAULDING:           Yes.

18          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Ms. Helen Locklear.

19          HELEN LOCKLEAR:          Yes.

20          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Charles Bullard.

21          CHARLES BULLARD:          Yes.

22          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Kernice Locklear.

23          KERNICE LOCKLEAR:         Yes.

24          LOUISE MITCHELL:        Mr. Larry Chavis.

25          LARRY CHAVIS:            Yes.

1 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.  
2 JAMES DEESE: Yes.  
3 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.  
4 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.  
5 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.  
6 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Yes.  
7 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.  
8 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.  
10 STEVE SAMPSON: (Absent.)  
11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.  
12 JAMES SMITH: Yes.  
13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.  
14 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.  
15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.  
16 LINDA REVELS: Yes.  
17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.  
18 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.  
19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.  
20 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.  
21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.  
22 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.  
23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.  
24 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.  
25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Motion carries.

1 RICKY BURNETT: Motion passed.

2 ("Motion 5" - Resolution 2008-2009 Housing Budget Amendment  
3 was passed.)

4 RICKY BURNETT: Ms. Pam.

5 PAM SPAULDING: Okay, the next resolution is Tribal  
6 Council Committee and Business Meeting Attendance Policy.

7 "Whereas, the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of  
8 North Carolina is mandated to attend Housing and Finance  
9 Committee Meetings, and the monthly Tribal Council Business  
10 Meeting;

11 "Whereas, the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of  
12 North Carolina Secretary is tasked with retaining the attendance  
13 record of all Tribal Council members present and absent;

14 "And Whereas, if a Tribal Council member is unable to  
15 attend one or more of the above-stated meetings and requests an  
16 excused absence, the member must submit a written statement of  
17 absence to the Speaker and/or Secretary of the Tribal Council of  
18 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

19 "Therefore, be it resolved, the Speaker and/or  
20 Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North  
21 Carolina will present all written statements of absence from  
22 members of the Tribal Council for the full Tribal Council for  
23 approval or denial."

24 RICKY BURNETT: Ms. Louise.

25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam, this resolution is a part

1 of what's in the Constitution. So, we probably, you know, since  
2 the Constitution passed, and once it's posted it will become law.

3 PAM SPAULDING: And I started to say a while ago  
4 that this is basically the same as what we've already voted on.

5 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes, yes.

6 PAM SPAULDING: So, if I might not get stoned  
7 tonight, delete this from my --

8 RICKY BURNETT: I'll allow it.

9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Okay, thank you.

10 RICKY BURNETT: Line it. The Chair will recognize  
11 Mr. Larry Chavis, Housing.

12 **Housing Committee Report**

13 LARRY CHAVIS: The first thing I'm going to go  
14 over, I've got several. The first thing I'll go over is being  
15 passed out, the 2010 Indian Housing Plan, IHP approval. And go  
16 down to the last therefore.

17 "Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tribal Council of  
18 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina upon review and revision, does  
19 approve and submit the 2010 Indian Housing Plan IHP to HUD for  
20 approve in accordance with the NAHASDA act."

21 RICKY BURNETT: Coming from Committee, this needs  
22 no second.

23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Should that be listed 2009-2010 or  
24 just 2010?

25 TAMMY MAYNOR: It works this way. The fiscal year

1 is 2010, the grant year is '09. So, you know, it's 2010, the  
2 fiscal year.

3 RICKY BURNETT: Madame Secretary, roll call.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

5 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Sharon Hunt.

7 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Louise Mitchell. Yes.

9 Ms. Laura Sampson.

10 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.

12 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.

14 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.

16 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes, Ma'am.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.

18 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.

20 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.

22 JAMES DEESE: Yes.

23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.

24 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.

25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.

1 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Yes.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.

3 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.

5 STEVE SAMPSON: (Absent.)

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.

7 JAMES SMITH: Yes.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.

9 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.

11 LINDA REVELS: Yes.

12 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.

13 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.

15 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.

17 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.

19 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

20 LOUISE MITCHELL: Motion carries.

21 RICKY BURNETT: Motion passed.

22 ("Motion 6" - Resolution 2010 Indian Housing Plan IHP was

23 passed.)

24 LARRY CHAVIS: All right, the next amendment is

25 Emergency and Rehab Service Cap Increase. Go down to the last

1 therefore. No, let's go to the second therefore.

2 "Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tribal Council of  
3 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina does reinstate the cap amount  
4 of Emergency Housing Services to \$10,000 and Rehabilitation  
5 Housing Services to \$20,000.

6 "Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Tribal  
7 Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina authorizes Tribal  
8 Administration to reimburse all monies up to the max amount of  
9 \$2,500 to the Lumbee Tribe members who have made full or partial  
10 reimbursements payments to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina for  
11 housing services that exceeded the \$7,500 emergency and \$12,500  
12 rehab services cap amount."

13 RICKY BURNETT: Coming from Committee, again it  
14 requires no second. Madame Secretary, roll call vote.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

16 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Sharon Hunt.

18 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Louise Mitchell. Yes.

20 Ms. Laura Sampson.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

22 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.

23 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.

25 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

1 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.  
2 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes, Ma'am.  
3 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.  
4 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
5 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.  
6 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.  
7 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.  
8 JAMES DEESE: Yes.  
9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.  
10 TERRY CAMPBELL: Praise the Lord. Yes.  
11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.  
12 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Yes.  
13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.  
14 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.  
16 STEVE SAMPSON: (Absent.)  
17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.  
18 JAMES SMITH: Yes.  
19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.  
20 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.  
21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.  
22 LINDA REVELS: Yes.  
23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.  
24 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.  
25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.

1           SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

2           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Mr. Ricky Burnett.

3           RICKY BURNETT:        Yes.

4           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Mr. Welford Clark.

5           WELFORD CLARK:        Yes.

6           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Motion carries.

7           RICKY BURNETT:        Motion passed.

8           ("Motion 7" - Resolution Emergency and Rehabilitation  
9 Services Cap Increased was passed.)

10          WELFORD CLARK:        Mr. Speaker?

11          RICKY BURNETT:        Mr. Welford.

12          WELFORD CLARK:        Would it be fitting to explain to  
13 the tribal members present exactly what we just did and why we  
14 did it, for their information?

15          LARRY CHAVIS:         The reason why this come about was  
16 that we had several members come back to us saying that they  
17 couldn't get their roof and get some work done on the inside of  
18 their house, too. At the time that we voted on this, the money  
19 was tough in Housing. But, we didn't know that everything, the  
20 material and all was going to go up like it did.

21                 Like square shingles went from like 30-some dollars to  
22 80-some dollars a square. And we didn't know that at the time.  
23 If we would have known that, we would have never changed it. And  
24 that's the reason why we brought it back to the table, to change  
25 it where people can get a little bit more help.

1 TERRY CAMPBELL: More money.

2 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Right, praise the Lord.

3 (Applause was given.)

4 LARRY CHAVIS: All right, the next is Contractor  
5 Directory.

6 "Therefore, be it resolved, the Tribal Council of the  
7 Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina authorizes the Tribal Housing  
8 Department to make available a Contractor Directory to tribal  
9 members who are eligible for Tribal Housing Services.

10 "Therefore, be it further resolved, this Contractor  
11 Directory will be impartial and shall not be used to endorse any  
12 specific housing contractor."

13 RICKY BURNETT: Coming from Committee, requires no  
14 second. Madame Secretary, roll call vote.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

16 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Sharon Hunt.

18 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Louise Mitchell. Yes.

20 Ms. Laura Sampson.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

22 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.

23 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.

25 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

1 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.  
2 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes, Ma'am.  
3 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.  
4 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
5 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.  
6 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.  
7 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.  
8 JAMES DEESE: Yes.  
9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.  
10 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.  
11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.  
12 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Yes.  
13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.  
14 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.  
16 STEVE SAMPSON: (Absent.)  
17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.  
18 JAMES SMITH: Yes.  
19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.  
20 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.  
21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.  
22 LINDA REVELS: Yes.  
23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.  
24 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.  
25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.

1           SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

2           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Mr. Ricky Burnett.

3           RICKY BURNETT:        Yes.

4           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Mr. Welford Clark.

5           WELFORD CLARK:        Yes.

6           LOUISE MITCHELL:     Motion carries.

7           ("Motion 8" - Resolution Contractor Directory was passed.)

8           LARRY CHAVIS:        The next two, if we can vote on  
9 them together?

10          KERNICE LOCKLEAR:    So moved.

11          LARRY CHAVIS:        This is Application Status Changes,  
12 Case 0001611 and 0303963.

13                 "Therefore, be it resolved, the Lumbee Tribe of North  
14 Carolina will agree to change the application statuses of cases  
15 0001611 and 0303963 from Emergency to Rehabilitation in an effort  
16 to provide the adequate rehabilitation services needed."

17          LOUISE MITCHELL:    Do you want to vote on both of them  
18 at the same time?

19          LINDA REVELS:        The "Attest", I think both of those  
20 names are wrong.

21          RICKY BURNETT:        Make that pen and ink change. I  
22 hadn't even noticed. Where it's got Speaker, it's got Laura.

23          KERNICE LOCKLEAR:    And it has Ms. Frances as the  
24 Secretary.

25          LOUISE MITCHELL:    Okay, I need to get another sheet,

1 too. Excuse me just a moment.

2 RICKY BURNETT: Requires no second, Madame  
3 Secretary, roll call vote.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.

5 WELFORD CLARK: What are we voting for? I'm lost.

6 RICKY BURNETT: We're voting on the two that he  
7 just read, from Emergency to Rehabilitation.

8 FURNIE LAMBERT: She reversed it.

9 LARRY CHAVIS: She's going down and coming up.

10 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.

12 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.

14 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.

16 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.

18 LINDA REVELS: Yes.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Bradley McMillian.

20 BRADLEY McMILLIAN: Yes.

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.

22 JAMES T. SMITH: Yes.

23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.

24 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.

25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.

1 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.

3 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Yes.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.

5 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.

7 JAMES DEESE: Yes.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.

9 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes.

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.

11 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.

12 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.

13 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.

15 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Laura Sampson.

17 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Louise Mitchell, yes.

19 Ms. Sharon Hunt.

20 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

22 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Motion carries for both.

24 ("Motion 9" - Resolution Application Status Change 0001611

25 was passed.)

1 ("Motion 10" - Resolution Application Status Change 0303963  
2 was passed.)

3 LARRY CHAVIS: Last but not least, and this is  
4 last. This is the last one. It's District 13 Land Purchase.

5 TERRY CAMPBELL: No.

6 LARRY CHAVIS: "Therefore, be it resolved, that  
7 the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina does  
8 support and agree to allow Tribal Administration to begin the  
9 process of purchasing one tract of land for the establishment of  
10 a Tribal Elders Housing Site in District 13."

11 RICKY BURNETT: Coming from Committee, requires no  
12 second. Madame Secretary, roll call vote.

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.

14 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.

16 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.

18 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.

20 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.

22 LINDA REVELS: Yes.

23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Bradley McMillian.

24 BRADLEY McMILLIAN: Yes.

25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.

1 JAMES T. SMITH: Yes.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.

3 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.

5 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.

7 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Yes.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.

9 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.

11 JAMES DEESE: Yes.

12 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.

13 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes.

14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.

15 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.

17 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.

19 PAM SPAULDING: Do I have a choice? Yes.

20 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Laura Sampson.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

22 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Louise Mitchell, yes.

23 Ms. Sharon Hunt.

24 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

1           AUDREY HUNT:           Yes.

2           RICKY BURNETT:          Thank you very much.

3           ("Motion 11" - Resolution District 13 Land Purchase was  
4 passed.)

5           RICKY BURNETT:          At this time, if I can bring you to  
6 the business of our calendar in June.

7           (Calendar Review, New Business and Additions was discussed  
8 at this time.)

9           JAMES DEESE:           I appreciate Mr. Speaker for giving  
10 me just a moment. I think last month we made a motion that we  
11 would do a memorial for the Veterans. And I think that's a great  
12 idea, not taking nothing away from the Veterans. But, we also  
13 have our Public Safety Officers, Police Officers, Rescue, Fire  
14 Department, that have been lost in the line of duty, a Native  
15 American.

16           I know of three right now that have been killed in the  
17 line of duty, good friends of mine. But, I think we'd be  
18 unjustified if we won't recognize them. I think they have put  
19 their life on the line. You know, our Veterans have fought for  
20 our freedom. Our Firefighters, Rescue, Police Officers, have  
21 fought for our safety.

22           And I think we will be wrong as a Tribe to not  
23 recognize these people also. So, at this time, I would like to  
24 make that as a motion, Mr. Speaker.

25           SHELLEY STRICKLAND: I'll second it.

1           RICKY BURNETT:           I got a motion and a second. Is  
2 there any question on that?

3           LAURA SAMPSON:        When are we recognizing them and  
4 how?

5           JAMES DEESE:           I think maybe whenever the  
6 Committee --

7           WELFORD CLARK:        Mr. Speaker, what Mr. Deese is  
8 talking about, we made a motion some time back last month that on  
9 our new Tribal Complex that we would set aside a parcel of ground  
10 and put a memorial to all of our Veterans that we could find the  
11 names of, somewhere on the grounds out there.

12                           And what Mr. Deese is asking for is that we allow  
13 another part of ground at some other appropriate place under our  
14 new Tribal Complex, that we put a memorial to the people he is  
15 talking about who have lost their lives in the line of duty as  
16 well. A separate little place somewhere where we can honor  
17 those.

18           FURNIE LAMBERT:       Mr. Speaker, can I add something?  
19 On that motion, what happened is Mr. Garth, who is a member of  
20 the Lumbee Warriors Association, he brought that in front of us.  
21 And the Lumbee Warriors Association voted to take that ball and  
22 run with it. We're going to come up with some plans. We have a  
23 committee.

24                           We're going to come up with some plans. When the  
25 building is completed, it will come in front of the Tribal

1 Council for approval or whatever. So, we're going to take it and  
2 run with it for the Veterans Memorial.

3 RICKY BURNETT: Ms. Sharon?

4 SHARON HUNT: Mr. Deese, I'd like to offer a  
5 friendly amendment to your motion that we table that and send it  
6 to the Education, Culture and PR Committee for further study.

7 RICKY BURNETT: Do you accept that?

8 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: I'll second that.

9 RICKY BURNETT: All in favor of that, let it be  
10 known by saying aye.

11 (Ayes were given.)

12 RICKY BURNETT: All opposed?

13 (No nays were given.)

14 RICKY BURNETT: Motion carries.

15 ("Motion 12" - Motion to send Public Service and Safety  
16 Officers Memorial motion to Committee was passed.)

17 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, I entertain a motion  
18 we adjourn.

19 AUDREY HUNT: So moved.

20 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Second.

21 RICKY BURNETT: Don't forget, we have a LNTP  
22 meeting. Mr. Deese, would you give us our benediction?

23 (Benediction was given by Chairman James Deese.)

24 ("Motion 13" - Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.)

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