

TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Thursday, September 17, 2009 / 6:30pm
First Nation Boys and Girls Club & Community Center –District 14
Lumberton, North Carolina

MINUTES

The meeting was call to order by Speaker Ricky Burnett and the invocation was offered by Chad Scott. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karolyn Clark. The Preamble of the Tribal Constitution was recited by the Tribal Council in unison. Thanks were given to Josh Gibbs, John Oxendine, and Michael Oxendine for arranging the tables and setup for the meeting. Also thanks to Barry Clark and Jerry Clark for the preparation of food. The First Nation Boys and Girls Drum Team presented an honor song for the Veterans.

Roll Call was given and those present were; Audrey Hunt, Sharon Hunt, Larmari Louise Mitchell, Laura Sampson, Pam Spaulding, Kernice Locklear, Charles Bullard, Larry Anthony Chavis, James Deese, James Harold Locklear, Terry Campbell, Steve Sampson, James Taft Smith, Bradley McMillian, Linda Revels, Furnie Lambert, Shelly Strickland, Ricky Burnett, and Welford Clark. A quorum was established to conduct business.

Pam Spaulding moved to excuse Ray Littleturtle due to sickness. Steve Sampson seconds the motion. Motion carried. Kernice Locklear move to excuse Helen Locklear due to family emergency. Furnie Lambert seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Two items were added to the agenda a report from Education and Cultural and a resolution for Housing. A motion to table the August minutes until the October meeting was approved due the fact they were not provided in the Council packets to review in a timely manner.

Welford Clark presented a report in defense for the Council in a negative article in the Robesonian. He compiled information so the public will have a better understanding of the activity and duties of the Council members. He gave statistics on the Council meetings, calls, time, and travel on behalf of the tribal members and the district they serve and a comparison of other government official's stipends. He stated that the stipend the Council receives does not cover the expenses that the Council incurs of representing a membership of 55,000 of the Lumbee territory which includes Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, and Cumberland counties. He state he appreciated the Council for the efforts they are expending and he knew how much time, travel, expense of their cars, and being away from home it has entailed.

The report from the Constitution and Ordinance Committee by Louise Mitchell, Chairperson, was the two veto ordinances by the Tribal Chairperson , Jimmy Goins, CLL0-2009-0723-02 "ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE ENGAGEMENT OF CONVICTED FELONS AS TRIBAL EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND CONSULTANTS" and CLLO-2009-0723-01 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TRIBAL FLAG". **Sharon Hunt moved to send the Ordinance CLLO-2009-0723-02 back to the committee. Pam Spaulding seconds the motion. The vote was unanimous with a roll call vote. Audrey Hunt moved to send Ordinance CLLO-2009-0723-01 back to the committee. Sharon Hunt seconds the motion. The votes were unanimous with a roll call vote.**

The report from Economic Development Committee by Kerince Locklear, Chairperson, was on the meetings of projects that were presented for the Lumbee Tribe to invest and do business and paper work submitted for the for-profit.

The report from the Finance Committee by Pam Spaulding, Chairperson, was the first resolution of an amendment to the 2008-2009 Housing Budget moving money from line item of longevity and increasing the legal line item and adding money for the Prospect Club House Community Building. **The motion came from the committee and the Roll Call vote carried unanimously.** The second resolution was the 2009-2010 Tribal Budget. **The motion came from the committee and the Roll Call vote carried unanimously.**

The report from the Housing Committee by Larry Chavis, Chairperson, was resolutions of status change to housing cases # 0283658, # 0415385, and # 0037819. **James H. Locklear moved to do a blanket vote on the cases. The motion was second by Terry Campbell. Motion carried. The Roll Call vote to approve the resolutions of status change in housing cases carried unanimously.** The resolution for District 5 Prospect Community Center Allocation was moved from the committee to approve. **The Roll Call vote carried unanimously.** The resolution for Emergency Housing Services Cap Limit was moved from the committee to approve. **The Roll Call vote carried unanimously.**

The report from the Personnel Committee by Furnie Lambert, Chairperson, was a resolution for the need to create, budget and accept the job description of Housing Services Coordinator Assistant Position and proceed with advertising a job opening for the position which shall begin employment on October 1, 2009. Motion came from the committee for approval. **The Roll Call vote carried unanimously.**

The report from Education and Cultural Committee by Audrey Hunt, Chairperson, was to allow Tribal Chairperson, Jimmy Goins, to do some presentations. He stated the Lumbee Tribe has built relationship with the Veterans Affairs Medical Hospital of Fayetteville, NC by Patrick Graham, Robert Carter, John Oxendine, and Terry White through the Lumbee cultural drumming and dancing at the VA. He present certificates from the Veterans Affairs Medical Hospital for their participation during the "2009 VAMC Fayetteville Employment Appreciation Day". A presentation was given to Vinita Jenkins, editorial writer for the Fayetteville Observer for the reports and articles she wrote in recognition for the Lumbee Tribe. She has been writing on American Indian issues for 10 years and helped the Lumbee Tribe tell the story. She is moving to Arkansas for a position at the University of Arkansas with Chancellor Meadors. A plaque and honor song was presented. Audrey Hunt announced the start of a women's drum group, and the Boys and Girls drum group will be going to Camp Lejeune on Sept. 25 for a cultural celebration. Wanda Locklear, Youth Services Director, reported the field trip to Claxton, Georgia with the Boys and Girls Club to help with a cleanup of burial grounds. She explained how reverence the youth were at the cemetery and how much the youth enjoyed the trip to learn about the ancestors who migrated to Georgia from Robeson during the turpentine jobs and were listed on the tombstone as Croatan Indians.

Committee Meetings Scheduled for September

18-----Boys and Girls Drum Group	10:00am	Southeastern Industrial Center
21-----Economic Development	6:00pm	
21-----Constitution and Ordinance	6:30	
22-----District 2 Community	7:00pm	
22-----Education and Cultural	6:30pm	
26-----Pow-wow, Charlotte, NC		
28-----Economic Development	6:30pm	

October Committee Meetings

1-----Constitution & Ordinance	6:30pm	
2-----First Nation B&G Teen Night	7:00pm	
6-----Special Called Council Meeting	6:00pm	
6-----Housing	6:30pm	
6-----Finance	7:00pm	
8-----LNTP	6:00pm	
8-----Health & Human Services	7:00pm	
9-----District 12 Ground Breaking	11:30am	
11-16—NCAI 66 th Annual Convention		
23-----Hoke County B&G Club Screamfest	7:00pm	
24-----Lumbee Warriors	7:00pm	
24-----Pow-wow Scotland County	10:00am	Grand Entry @ 12:00 noon
29 -----Tribal Council Business Meeting	6:30pm	Soaring Eagle CB

A motion was to move the Tribal Council Business Meeting to the 29th of October. Motion carried.

Chairperson, Jimmy Goins, recognized Furnie Lambert as a state recognized tribe member who was appointed to an advisory committee board for the minority veterans which meet directly with the Secretary of the VA in Washington, DC. He was reappointed for another term.

The meeting was adjourned with benediction by Homer Fields.