

LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday September 19, 2024 / 6:30pm
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker, Dewey McNeill

Invocation: Bobby Emanuel

Pledge of Allegiance: Homer Fields

Preamble: Jody Bullard

Roll Call: Nanci Locklear

Ethics Statement read by Speaker, Dewey McNeill

Welcome: Speaker Dewey McNeill welcomed Chair, Mr. Ricky Burnett with the Commission of Indian Affairs, Mr. Larece Hunt with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, Attorney Daniel Locklear, Sr. Ms. Carolyn Emanuel, Tammy Maynor, Government Affairs, Tasha Oxendine, Public Relations, visitors from Hoke County and members via livestream.

Council Members Present at Roll Call: 16

Billy Oxendine

Gerald Goolsby

Harold Smith

Jody Bullard

Larry Chavis

Yvonne Dial

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Dewey J McNeill

Josephine Doss

Larry Soles

Rudy Locklear

Alex Baker

Homer Fields

Nanci Locklear

Kristie Hunt

Quorum established

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to approve the agenda

Alex Baker 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Alex Baker made a motion to approve the August Tribal Council Minutes & Actions

Alex Baker 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to approve the September Emergency Called Minutes & Actions

Alex Baker 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

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Presentations/Recognition

Senior Ms. Introduced herself and spoke about her experiences she has had during her rein.

She was presented with a gift from council and pictures were taken.

The Executive Director of the Robeson House, Stephanie Andrade and Kristie Fields, Officer and Board of Directors member gave a brief overview of what the Robeson House is about and the clients it serves (nonprofit licensed residential care facility, nonprofit group home) The Robeson House is seeking funds from the tribe so that they can continue to provide services for the youth it serves.

Speaker Dewey McNeill read a Proclamation that would be presented to Mt. Elim Baptist Church in honor of their 100 year Anniversary. *Pictures were taken with members who were present from Mt. Elim Baptist Church. The pastor gave a brief speech.*

Chair, Ricky Burnett and Larece Hunt gave a monthly Commission of Indian Affairs update. June the 12 was the tribal leaders legislative day, members met with legislators and expressed their concerns and things that they would like to see in Indian country. Indian remains were found up around Morganton that belong to the Catawba's. Once identified they were covered back up and the Catawba tribe was notified. The Cedar Point (Bill 385) has dug up remains but are continuing to build homes. Legislatives tried to get the Bill in, private land and you can't tell the land owners what to do. The commission is asking that the tribe join in support to protect Indian remains. A proclamation is currently being put in place for Indian Heritage Month in November. The commission met with the USDA in August. An opportunity for the commission and state tribes to develop a home loan packaging program and partnership with the USDA (our representative is Ms. Pamela Sunshine Richardson, a member of the Hollister Tribe).

Chairman's Report

Tammy Maynor gave updates and reminders on upcoming tribal events. September 27 - 29, 2024 Dance of the Harvest Moon Powwow, tickets for the powwow can be purchased online or in person. Tribal offices will be closed on September 27, first day of pow wow, (school day for the children). Grand Entry will be at 7:00pm. Friday night. Grand entry for Saturday is 12 and 6 and on Sunday 1pm. October 5 will be the annual fish fry that will begin at 11am at the Lumbee Cultural Center. District meeting for 9 and 10 September 24 at Fours Winds at 6pm.

Committee Reports

Agriculture/Natural Resources – Jody Bullard

CLLR-2024-0919-01 “RESOLUTION OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC, THE UNC-CH SUPERFUND RESEARCH PROGRAM, THE UNC INSTITUTE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND WINYAH RIVERS ALLIANCE”

ROLL CALL VOTE
16Y0N0ABS0RECUSE
CARRIED

Item did not come out of committee,

Gerald Goolsby 2nd

There were no objections

Constitution and Ordinance – Rudy Locklear

CLLO-2024-0919-01 “REPEAL OF ORDINANCE CLLO-2023-1221-01 “VIRTUAL USAGE FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS”

ROLL CALL VOTE
10Y6N0ABS0RECUSE
CARRIED

Item came out of committee

Last Therefore to include: this repeal takes effective immediately upon the completion of the posting of the Ordinance for the 30 days

Community Comments

Speaker Dewey McNeill acknowledged receiving Malachi Hammonds community comments.

Malachi, District --- expressed his concerns of the repealing of Ordinance CLLO-2023-1221-01 “VIRTUAL USAGE FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS” along with his reasoning’s as to why he felt that the repeal ordinance should not be passed.

Richard Jones District 6 – The perception of how council is perceived and the lack of members attending meetings and run for office. Vote and do things for the people. The council pass an ordinance to allow a nonlumber citizen to be virtual over a Lumbee.

Sabrina Coronado District 20 – Expressed her concern and the benefits of having a Tribal ID.

Calendar Review

September 24th – District 9 & 10 Community Meeting at Four Winds Boys and Girls Club
27 – 29 The Harvest Moon Powwow, Cultural Center

October 3 - District 9 & 10 Community Meeting 6:30pm
7 – Economic Development 6:30pm
8 – Finance 6:30pm.
C&O – 7:30pm.
17 – Tribal Council Business Meeting 6:30pm.
21 – Education 6:30pm.
24 – District 1 Community Meeting at Pine Needle Elder’s Village, Rowland, NC

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to adjourn

Jody Bullard 2nd the motion

There were no objections

Benediction was given by Bobby Emanuel