

LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday October 21, 2021 / 6:30pm
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker, Ricky Burnett

Invocation: Yvonne Dial

Pledge of Allegiance: Ted Woodell

Preamble: Gerald Goolsby

Roll Call: Sharon Hunt

Ethics Statement read by Speaker Ricky Burnett

Welcome: Speaker, Ricky Burnett recognized former council members Pearlean Revels, James B Hunt and Jerl Locklear and all those in attendance and via Livestream.

Council Members Present at Roll Call: 18

Carvicous Barfield

Sharon Hunt

Gerald Goolsby

Harold Smith

Pam Hunt

Ted Woodell

Wendy Moore

Carrington Locklear

Larry Chavis

Richard Jones

Reginald Oxendine

Yvonne Dial

Alvin Mercer

Corbin Eddings

Chocajuana Oxendine

Annie Taylor

Ricky Burnett

Terry Hunt

Quorum established

Carvicous Barfield made a motion to add to the October agenda discussion on the Supreme Court decision/Order (David Locklear vs. Ron Oxendine and the Tribal Elections Board).

Wendy Moore 2nd the motion

Speaker Burnett stated that it needed to go back to the Constitution and Ordinance Committee and as the Speaker he denied to add.

Gerald Goolsby asked what was the purpose of the discussion.

Carvicous Barfield stated that discussion on the Courts decision that was rendered in the David Locklear vs. Ron Oxendine and the Tribal Elections Board and how it reflects on the Tribal Council and where they stand in this situation.

Gerald Goolsby stated that there was a separation of powers and the Supreme Court made their decision and the matter should be discussed in the Constitution and Ordinance Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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CARRIED

Item was added to the agenda

Terry Hunt made a motion to approve the September Minutes & Actions

Annie Taylor 2nd the motion

No one objected

Reginald Oxendine called for point of privilege to introduce a senior student interested in politics from Purnell Swett High that is job shadowing, Mr. Cutler Bryant

Vice Chair, Corbin Eddings read the Community Comment Rules

Community Comments

*District 3 James B Hunt commented on Ethics being fair and honest, the Tribal Council needs a lawyer and a resolution needs to be done in support. Support of Tribal Chairman and asking that the Tribal Council needs to help resolve and issue.

*District 5 Flora Scott concerns and issues about the Supreme Court's decision making and the Tribal Elections Board's authority to certify a candidate then the certification changing.

*District 5 Jennings Bullard Supreme Court's decision making, cut off time for complaints on a candidate that files for a seat. The Tribal Election Board error should had rested on them not the candidate especially so late into the tribal election process. Tribal Council has the opportunity to keep integrity and a fair election.

*District Carol Hunt commented on the Supreme Court hearing, how it was carried out and the ethics and doing what is right and honest.

*District 5 Mark Locklear commented on Supreme Court hearing, questing integrity, truthfulness and conflicts. Ruling that was handed down, personal interest wins out over the greater good. Notarized documents that a candidate grew up was educated and lives in the tribal territory was dismissed. Asked that documents be submitted to the council as evidence due to conflict and the Order showing numerous errors noted disqualifying Ron Oxendine from Tribal Chairman.

Annie Taylor asked that all Council Members get a copy.

Committee Reports

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GERALD GOOLSBY

CLLR-2021-1021-01 "ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LUMBEE TRIBAL STORE"

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – MARSHIL LOCKLEAR

CLLR-2021-1021-02 "FLOODING AND OTHER DISASTERS: RISK AND RESILIENCE IN RURAL NORTH CAROLINA"

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

CLLR-2021-1021-03 "IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS & MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG LUMBEE ADOLESCENTS"

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

EDUCATION – YVONNE DIAL

CLLR-2021-1021-04 "TWO \$500.00 LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED"

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

CONSTITUTION AND ORDINANCE – WENDY MOORE

CLLO-2021-0819-01 "ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LUMBEE TRIBAL CONSTITUTION REFORM COMMITTEE GUIDELINES" AMENDMENT #1

Supreme Court Nominations Letter

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

HOUSING – TERRY HUNT

CLLO-2021-1021-01 "LIHEAP Weatherization Program Reporting Requirements"

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

FINANCE – PAM HUNT

CLLO-2021-1021-02 "HUD VASH EXPANSION BUDGET"

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

CLLO-2021-0628-02 "LOW INCOME HOME WATER ASSISTANCE BUDGET (CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATION ACT)" Amendment #1

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

ETHICS – CORBIN EDDINGS

CLLO-2010-0312-02 “PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ORDINANCE”

ROLL CALL VOTE

18Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

Discussion of the Supreme Court's Ruling

Carvicous Barfield - Where in the Constitution or the Election Ordinance that it gives the court the power to so what it done (ruling) on Thursday October 14, 2021

Two separate entities

Appointments to the boards, the council has to confirm

The Tribal Council takes an oath to support and defend the constitution

How do you tell fifty some thousand people you don't know what to do so we're gonna do it for you.

Where in the ordinance that governs the election process or in the constitution where it says they have the authority to do that?

Wendy Moore – Conflict of Interest Ordinance, sad day in Lumbeeland when things come to light before the Lumbee people on the eleventh hour of an election. The right for any candidate to have a fair election. This is a travesty and conflicts of interest that are blatant and apparent have been ignored by the council and others within the tribal government.

No others commented in the discussion

Calendar Review

November 2021

1st Housing – 6:30pm.

8th Education – 6:30pm.

15th District 6 Community Meeting two areas (Bare Swamp or campus)

18th Tribal Council Business Meeting – 6:30pm.

23rd ANR – 6:30pm.

Constitution and Ordinance – 7:30pm.

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to adjourn

Terry Hunt 2nd the motion

Benediction – Terry Hunt