

# LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday July 25, 2024 / 6:30pm  
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker, Dewey McNeill

Invocation: Homer Fields

Pledge of Allegiance: Carrington Locklear

Preamble: Jody Bullard

Roll Call: Nanci Locklear

Ethics Statement read by Speaker, Dewey McNeill

Welcome: Speaker Dewey McNeill welcomed the members of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, Ricky Burnett, Vee Oxendine, and Larece Hunt. Administration, Tribal Administrator Ricky Harris, Ms. Tammy Maynor the audience, Cumberland County members, Miss NCNAYO, Dr. Cherry Beasley, Director of Health and Human Services, Ms. Candace Revels, Director of Indian Education of Cumberland County, and members on livestream.

## **Council Members Present at Roll Call: 17**

Graylen Mitchell

Gerald Goolsby

Harold Smith

Pam Hunt

Jody Bullard

Carrington Locklear

Larry Chavis

Kristie Hunt

Nanci Locklear

Yvonne Dial

Dewey J McNeill

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Josephine Doss

Larry Soles

Alex Baker

Homer Fields

*Quorum established*

Yvonne Dial asked that Ms. Kathy Hunt and Mr. Billy Oxendine be excused from the business meeting due to medical related issues.

*There were no objections*

Jody Bullard made a motion to approve the agenda

Alex Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Jody Bullard made a motion to approve the June Tribal Council Minutes & Actions

Graylen Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

### **Presentations**

Kenly McLaurin (Miss NCNAYO) came and introduced herself and was recognized by her district representative Councilman Alex Baker. A gift was presented to her and photos were taken.

Mr. Cayten Locklear (Mr. NCNAYO) introduced himself and was recognized by his district representative Councilman Jody Bullard. A gift was presented to him and photos were taken. A honor song was given by Cumberland County Drum Group.

Larece Hunt, Vee Oxendine and Chair of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs gave updates Presentation given by AARP to get with tribal leaders to notify about phone scam that is targeting seniors and elders, AI can record your voice or someone in your families voice and you will receive a call stating that they are in trouble they need money, send immediately. The petition of the Roanoke-Hatteras Indian Tribe of Dare County for State Recognition is still in review. The Catawba Nation is federally recognized and is seeking state recognition. Bill 385 developer wanting to build at Cedar Point, this bill has been tabled.

Chairman Ricky Burnett spoke on the upcoming "Listening Session" next meeting will be July 30, 2024. Building At Cedar Point where the remains of our ancestors and Indian graves are located, Archaeologist, Chris Southerly will speak on the importance of not disturbing graves. The Native American Graves Protection Act, representative will be giving an over view and an impact on our state tribes, how it affects us and what our rights are. September 17, 2024, 9am. to 3pm. at RCC an inaugural business synopsis will take place inviting business people, the tribe and the public to attend. Dinner will be served at this event, the commission will send more information to the council. June 12<sup>th</sup> the leaders legislation which contained some members of the commission, and tribal leaders went to the house where they met with some of the legislators, they were able to address and point out some of their concerns. The American Indian Workforce Development (WIA) during the first quarter 23 -24 the program had 104 participants thru the commission. The SUNS Program Supporting undergraduate native students is now available. Information about this program is available on the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs website, Ms. Kimberly Hammonds is the contact person.

Vee Oxendine gave out a copy of the Executive Director's Report

Larece Hunt gave out his contact information in case the council needed to contact him. (910) 258-1325

Gerald Goolsby asked for a rotation from the three commission appointees to come and report once a month. Mr. Larece Hunt mention that meetings take place quartley.

Tribal Administrator, Ricky Harris gave the chairman's report. Talked about the upcoming Budget Work Sessions and rain date for Tribal Council Members that didn't get to attend due to the rain. Ms. Pam Hunt received the Long Leaf Pine award from the governor's office. Alex Baker was recognized for purchasing the drum for the group that performed the honor song tonight.

## **Committee Reports**

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**ETHICS – Bobby Emanuel**

**CLLR-2024-0725-01 “Censure”**

ROLL CALL VOTE

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CARRIED

*Item came out of committee*

## **Calendar Review**

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July 27<sup>th</sup> - Budget Work Session 9am.

29<sup>th</sup> – District 2 Community Meeting Southern Spirit 6:30pm.

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Education 6:30pm.

Health 7:30pm.

6<sup>th</sup> – Finance 6:30pm.

Housing 7:30pm.

15<sup>th</sup> – Tribal Council Business Meeting, 6:30pm. Tribal Complex

17<sup>th</sup> – District 3 Community Meeting, Back to School Bash, 10am – 1pm.

19<sup>th</sup> – Budget Work Session 6:00pm, Tribal Complex

20<sup>th</sup> – Budget Work Session 6:00pm, Tribal Complex

22<sup>nd</sup> – District 4 Community Meeting 6:30pm, Back Swamp Fire Department

### Other Discussion

Gerald Goolsby stated that reports needed to be received from LTH before the next Eco. Development Committee Meeting. A report was supposed to be given before the July 2, 2024 Shareholders meeting which did not happen.

Nanci Locklear made a motion to adjourn

Pam Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

There were no objections

Benediction was given by Harold Smith