

LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday May 19, 2022 / 6:30pm
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker, Ricky Burnett

Invocation: Jody Bullard

Pledge of Allegiance: Bobby Emanuel

Preamble: Richard Jones

Roll Call: Sharon Hunt

Ethics Statement read by Vice Chair, Corbin Eddings

Welcome: Speaker Ricky Burnett welcomed Judy Sampson, Anita Blanks – former Tribal Council Member, Mable Moses – former Sr. Miss Lumbee, Francis Chavis – former Tribal Council Member, LaKishia Sweat – former Tribal Council Member, and John Lowery – Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe.

Council Members Present at Roll Call: 21

Billy Oxendine

Sharon Hunt

Gerald Goolsby

Pam Hunt

Jody Bullard

Harold Smith

Wendy Moore

Carrington Locklear

Larry Chavis

Richard Jones

Nanci Locklear

Yvonne Dial

Rudy Locklear

Corbin Eddings

Dewey McNeill

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Shelley Strickland

Annie Taylor

Ricky Burnett

Homer Fields

Quorum established

Billy Oxendine asked to add the Purnell Swett plaque for the Lady Rams to the agenda. Corbin Eddings explained that the plaque had been approved in the March Education meeting, but nothing has been put forth as of yet.

Wendy Moore made a motion to approve the agenda

Billy Oxendine 2nd the motion

There was No Objection to the motion

Dewey McNeill made a motion to approve the April Tribal Council Minutes and Actions

Larry Chavis 2nd the motion

There was No Objection to the motion

Chairman John Lowery addressed the council. Spoke on how the tribe is working better on customer service to better improve services to our people. Working to give them easier access to our programs. Sales force is creating customized digital program so that the Lumbee People can go online and apply for services and programs. The Tribe will also be able to use out in the field when meeting with members and also allows different departments within the tribe to communicate together. The Tribe may have to come to the Tribal Council to close enrollment when switching to the new platform, as there may be a disruption in enrollment. The Chairman also asked for agreement from the Council in voting for the new ANR department – Chairman asks to please vote for the department as it will be a positive step for the tribe and the farmers that work hard to put food on our table. Chairman recognized Veterans Stand Down and that the Tribe will provide programs for veterans, and lunch will be provided. The Tribe will celebrate Memorial Day with the opening of Warriors Way on 5/26/2022 @11 am. Everyone has been working hard to have a place for our veterans to stay. Honor Cord Ceremony will be held 5/31/22 @ 6:30pm. This is an important event to showcase our young leaders. Chairman praised the Powwow success, even with having to close Friday night of the Powwow due to inclement weather, but thanked to everyone for coming out, and showing support. Thank you to the Council for providing support for our Powwow. Chairman Lowery focused on the hiring of an Ombudsman to help with customer concerns and is being trained in the Tribes different services as to help with customer service, and customer concerns. Said person will be announced next month.

Chairman Lowery recognized Tammy Maynor for her 20 years of service to the Lumbee Tribe – longest serving employee at the Lumbee Tribe. Praised her dedication and loyalty to the Lumbee Tribe and the Lumbee People.

Community Comments

Anita Blanks District 9 – Ms. Blanks expressed concerns on how she should be able to express her concerns to her representative regarding resolutions and ordinances that are being passed by the Committees to be approved by full council. Ms. Blanks also recommended that the Resolutions to be voted on be posted to the website so that the public can reach out to their representatives for input.

Virbina Coronado – District 7. Mrs. Coronado expressed that the Native Cohorts application had not been accepted or approved, but will continue to apply for grants to enhance the Arts within the Lumbee Tribe.

FINANCE – PAM HUNT

CLLO-2021-0916-01 "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2021-SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE"

ROLL CALL VOTE

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CARRIED

EDUCATION – YVONNE DIAL

CLLR-2022-0519-02 "SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING FOR THE EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE"

ROLL CALL VOTE

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CARRIED

AGRICULTURE – WENDY MOORE

CLLO-2022-0519-01 "ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT"

ROLL CALL VOTE

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CARRIED

Calendar Review

June – 2 Health & Human Services 6:30

Education 7:30

June – 6 C&O 6:30

ANR 7:30

June – 7 Finance 6:30

Housing 7:30

June – 9 Federal Recognition 6:30

Economic Development 7:30

June – 16 Tribal Council Business Meeting 6:30

Corbin Eddings made a motion to adjourn

Larry Chavis 2nd the motion

No One Objected

Benediction was given by Homer Fields