

LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday November 21, 2019 / 6:30pm

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker, Ricky Burnett

Invocation: Douglas Locklear

Pledge of Allegiance: Ted Woodell

Preamble: Terry Hunt

Roll Call: Wendy Graham-Moore

Ethics Statement read by Speaker Ricky Burnett

Council Members Present at Roll Call: 19

Carvicous Barfield
Sharon Hunt
Janie McFarland
James Hunt
Ted Woodell
Wendy Moore-Graham
Jarrod Lowery
Larry Chavis
Douglas Locklear
Reginald Oxendine
Jan Lowery
Alvin Mercer
Dewey J. McNeill
Marshil Locklear
Frank Cooper
Annie Taylor
Michael Chavis
Ricky Burnett
Terry Hunt

Quorum established

No absent members were excused from meeting

Larry Chavis asked that Michael Chavis be recognized as being present at Tribal Council Business Meeting,

Speaker Ricky Burnett welcomed Tribal Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. former Tribal Council Members Barbara Lowery, Janet Locklear, Anita Hammonds Blanks and Administrative Court Justice Alton Hagans.

Janie McFarland asked that the Rules and Decorum be added to the agenda and section be read.

SECTION 2. TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

5. The Speaker shall prepare an agenda for every regular meeting with items presented to him/her for discussion and/or or action, with copies provided to each council member postmarked/mailed within five (5) business days in advance of the meeting. The Tribal Chairman and any others requesting to be added to the monthly council business meeting agenda with items presented for discussion and/or or action, must provide copies to each council member postmarked/mailed within five (5) business days in advance of the meeting. Supporting documents for an agenda item shall be included in mailed/mailed packages to the Tribal Council only. To the extent possible, committees will refrain from conducting committee meetings during this seven (7) day period.

Speaker Ricky Burnett read section out loud

Ted Woodell made a motion to approve the agenda

Janie McFarland 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Dewey McNeill made a motion to approve the October Tribal Council Minutes & Actions

Terry Hunt 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Presentation to Dr. Connie Locklear was given by Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr, and Education Chair, Frank Cooper

Presentation to Reggie Brewer was given by Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. and Speaker Ricky Burnett

Presentation to Tawanda Hunt was given by Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. and Treasurer, Sharon Hunt

Presentation to Angeleta Hunt was given by Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. and Treasurer, Sharon Hunt

A proclamation was presented to each member being recognized along with a gift.

Photos were taken

Presentation and update on Federal Recognition was given by Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. and Paul Moorehead (via teleconference), a partner at Powers Pyle Sutte Verville

Reginald Oxendine made a motion to approve the October 21, 2019 Special Called Minutes & Actions

Frank Cooper 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Community Comments

James Hunt – Provided a list for consideration.

Elsie Hunt – Elders Issues – Budget money for elders, don't leave them out.

Annie Taylor – Elections and the council is elected by the people, take control

Anita Blanks – Concern – Failure of the Supreme Court to fulfill its Constitutional responsibilities, cases filed and not heard in a timely manner or not heard at all, filers are not being notified and cases are treated differently and mandate of parameters the Tribal Council can remove Supreme Court Justices just as the put them on there.

Mitchell Locklear spoke on Ordinance titled Tribal Banking, Finance and Real Property, council needs to make sure that law is being followed.

Jennings Bullard – Drainage issue in District 5 related to the Dream Catcher Project, taxing of the 4-mile ditch, no help with drainage issue, if you take from nature, nature will take it back, not asking to defund asking to relocate.

Eddie Moore – Thanks to the 12 who voted that the Dream Catcher Project is not a good fit for District 5, Proud to be Lumbee, Pride in the government is weak, Pride in the people is strong. Give the monies for the Dream Catcher Project to another district that wants it, VETO has planted seeds of division in our tribe. Seeds of division or seeds of unity.

Committee Reports

Constitution and Ordinance – Reginald Oxendine

CLLR-2019-1121-01 “ELECTION BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR DISTRICTS, 3 AND 14”

(Linda Maynor Oxendine)

ROLL CALL VOTE

19Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

Term will expire November 21, 2025 (6-year term)

Oath was given by Administrative Court Justice Alton Hagans

Photo was taken

CLLR-2019-1121-02 “LUMBEE TRIBE ENTERPRISES, LLC BOARD APPOINTMENT”

(Gilbert Leon Jacobs)

ROLL CALL VOTE

17Y2N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

Housing – Annie Taylor

Veto Override CLLO-2019-0919-06 “Defunding Of The District 5 Dream Catcher Project Community”

ROLL CALL VOTE

13Y6N0ABS

Wendy Moore-Graham spoke and asked that the council members do what's in the best interest of District 5.

Jarrod Lowery spoke and asked that tribal council members listen to the people and vote for the veto override

Secretary Wendy Moore-Graham announced that it passed

Speaker Ricky announced that the motion failed, the override needed 14 votes

A debate among the council members took place on the vote

Jarrold Lowery made a motion to take a 10min recess

Jarrold Lowery made a motion to come out of recess

Reginald Oxendine stated that attorney Grady Hunt was consulted and stated that a vote of 14 was needed for 20 or 21 seated members

Janie McFarland stated there was a court case that set precedent for what is seated and weather the number is round up.

Speaker announced that according to Roberts Rules of Order the **Veto Override "FAILED"**.

Finance – Sharon Hunt

CLLR-2019-1121-03 "Continuing Resolution"

ROLL CALL VOTE

14Y3N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

CLLR-2019-1121-04 "Earmark Of Legal Counsel Funding"

ROLL CALL VOTE

17Y3N0ABS

CARRIED

Item came out of committee

Calendar Review

November 25th Federal Recognition 6:30pm.

November 25th Economic Development 7:30pm.

November 25th LNTP 8:30pm.

December 2nd Health 6:30pm.

December 2nd Ethics 7:30pm.

December 2nd Constitution and Ordinance 8:30pm.

December 3rd Housing 6:30pm.

December 3rd Finance Budget Work Session 7:30pm.

Larry Chavis made a motion to adjourn

Benediction – Reginald Oxendine