



# LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2017 / 6:30pm  
Tribal Housing Complex  
Pembroke, NC 28372

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Preamble to the Tribal Constitution
- V. Roll Call
- VI. Review and Approval of Agenda
- VII. Review and Approval of March Tribal Council Minutes & Actions
- VIII. Presentations
  - Dr. Leah Frerich UNC School of Public Health "The American Indian Colorectal Project"
  - Swearing In Election Board Officials – Danielle McLean
- IX. Community Comments
- X. **Committee Reports**
  - Economic Development – Alton Locklear**
    - CLLO-2017-0420-01 "Lumbee Tribe Holdings, INC Reorganization"
  - Constitution and Ordinance – Reginald Oxendine**
    - CLLR- 2017-0420-01 "Chairman James "Jimmy" Earnest Goins Memorial"
  - Health and Human Services – Jan Lowery**
    - CLLR-2017-0420-02 "Tribal Diagnostics"
  - Finance – Anita Blanks**
    - CLLO-2016-1006-01 "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2016-SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE" Amendment #3
    - CLLR-2017-0420-03 "Title VI Loan Guarantee"
  - Housing – Barbara Lowery**
    - CLLR-2017-0420-04 "RESOLUTION TO INSPECTIONS AND WARRANTIES FOR NEW HOMES BUILD USING MONIES FROM THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA"
    - CLLO-2017-0420-02 "ORDINANCE TO COLLECT ACCURANT WAITING LIST FOR ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS MONTHLY"
- XI. Tribal Administrator Report – Freda Porter
- XII. Calendar Review
- XIII. Benediction

## **PREAMBLE TO THE TRIBAL CONSTITUTION**

In accordance with the inherent power of self-governance of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, the Tribe adopts this Constitution for the purposes of establishing a tribal government structure, preserving for all time the Lumbee way of life and community, promoting the educational, cultural, social and economic well-being of Lumbee people, and securing justice and freedom for the Lumbee people.

# LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday, March 16, 2017 / 6:30pm

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker Bobby Oxendine

Invocation: Corbin Eddings

Pledge of Allegiance: Jarrod Lowery

Preamble: Janie McFarland

Roll Call: Jan Lowery - Secretary

## Council Members Present at Roll Call: 16

LaKishia Sweat

Terry Hunt

Janie McFarland

Alton Locklear

Bobby Oxendine

Jarrold Lowery

Larry Chavis

Douglas Locklear

Reginald Oxendine

Jan Lowery

Bill Brewington

Corbin Eddings

Janet Locklear

Frank Cooper

Annie Taylor

Shelley Strickland

Ricky Burnett

\*\*\*Jonathan Locklear came in after roll call (6:35)

Barbara Lowery came in after roll call (6:35)

Alton Locklear made a motion to approve the agenda as written

Janie McFarland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Bill Brewington made a motion to accept the February minutes and actions

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

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Speaker Bobby Oxendine recognized Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. and his wife Shelia Godwin, Mr. Lareece Hunt, Mr. Gregory Richardson and Mr. Furnie Lambert with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, members of the Lumbee Tribe and Mr. Ron Oxendine

### **Presentations**

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- Furnie Lambert, Chairman of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs – Land in Trust  
Alton Locklear made the motion to approve the Land in Trust agreement approved by the NCCIA dated 04/10/14 as it is written  
Larry Chavis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
ROLL CALL VOTE  
18YES-0NO-0ABS  
MOTION CARRIED
- Furnie Lambert spoke on the next Commission meeting to be held at the Boys and Girls Club June 2, 2017 at 10:00am. with the Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. support. All Council Members were invited.
- Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr. and Speaker Bobby Oxendine presented the Community Service Award to Mr. Buddy Dial from the North Carolina Indian Unity Conference.  
*Photos were taken*
- Larry Townsend gave a report on the 2017 Executive Council Winter Session.  
*No notes or handouts were given out*
- Speaker Bobby Oxendine recognized Miss Indian North Carolina Kayla Oxendine
- Rose Lowry-Townsend recognized Boys and Girls Club and Staff winners from NC Indian Unity Conference. Categories mentioned were pottery, beading and wood burning.  
*A display table of the First place, Second place and Honorable mention awards were set up for viewing, photos were taken*
- Jo Jo Brooks Shifflett gave a presentation and video on “Standing Rock”  
Ms. Jo Jo Shifflett presented the Tribal Flag and map that was use at “Standing Rock” to Kaya Littleturtle, Reggie Brewer, Frank Cooper, Bill Brewington and Tribal Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr.  
*Photos were taken*  
Mr. Sam Byrd gave a quick comment of thanks.

### **Community Comments**

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N A Hunt – District 1 Rehab Issues

Ron Oxendine – LTE contract update

*Handout was given out on 3 contracts: McNeil Airforce contract, AT&T and Marine Core*

John Oxendine – Powwow

Furnie Lambert asked that Gregory Richardson briefly speak on State Recognition of Indian Tribes

*Speaker Bobby Oxendine asked for any objections none noted*

*Larry Chavis made the motion*

Gregory Richardson spoke on Senate Bill 179 that has been introduced into the North Carolina General Assembly. The Bill's purpose is to authorize the North Carolina General Assembly to recognize the Chowanoke Tribe

John Oxendine – Budget process for Powwow (HUD monies and raised monies)

## **Committee Reports**

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### **Constitution and Ordinance – Reginald Oxendine**

- **CLLR-2017-0316-01** "Election Board of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Nomination"  
Larry Matthew McNeill for District 5, 7 and 11
- **CLLR-2017-0316-02** " Election Board of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Nomination"  
Maryland Spaulding for District 3 and 14
- **CLLR-2017-0316-03** "Election Board of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Alternate Nomination"  
Felecia W. Turner
- **CLLR-2017-0316-04** "Election Board of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Alternate Nomination"  
Telethia Goins Clark  
ROLL CALL VOTE  
16YES-0NO-0ABS  
CARRIED  
*Items came out of committee*  
Tribal Attorney Danielle McLean administered the Oath to Mr. Larry Matthew McNeill  
*Other elected nominees were not present and will be sworn in at a later date*

### **Economic Development – Alton Locklear**

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- **CLLR-2017-0316-05** "Purchase of Tribal Council Promotional Items"  
ROLL CALL VOTE  
17YES-0NO-0ABS  
CARRIED  
*Item came out of committee*
- **CLLR-2017-0316-06** " Creation of a Tribal License Plate"  
Alton Locklear asked that this item be sent back to committee for further discussion  
Larry Chavis 2<sup>nd</sup>  
There were no objections
- **CLLR-2017-0316-07** "Request for Documentation of Lumbee Tribal Enterprise"  
ROLL CALL VOTE  
17YES-0NO-1ABS  
CARRIED  
*Item came out of committee*  
*Mr. Terry Hunt abstained*

*Alton Locklear mentioned that the county offices will be moving to the old BB&T building after some construction, land has been broken out at the Pepsi site 250 jobs will be available, two companies may be located at the old Converse site and another company may possibly be located at the Jeffery's site. There has also been some discussion that the School Board maybe moving into the County Building.*

### **Education, Cultural and PR – Frank Cooper**

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- **CLLR-2017-0316-08** "Establishment Of A Lumbee Tribal Eagle Staff"  
ROLL CALL VOTE  
18YES-0NO-0ABS  
CARRIED  
*LaKishia Sweat made a motion to make a correction on the last Therefore to read "located under lock and key".*
- **CLLR-2017-0316-09** "Establishment of An Educational Scholarship Foundation"  
Frank Cooper asked that this item be sent back to committee for further discussion  
There were no objections

Jarrold Lowery expressed that the Public School of Robeson County Central Office is looking for a location and COMtech land that could hold an office of any size and would love to see the county consider that.

Bill Brewington asked that the Education Chair, Frank Cooper give an update on the Scholarships that were due on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Frank Cooper stated that there are approximately 30 applications and the committee was formed at his last committee meeting will go thru the application and choose the recipients. The names will be marked out so that the committee member will not know whose application they are reviewing, each application will have a number assigned to it.

Alton Locklear asked how many scholarships would be given out.

Frank Cooper stated that twenty-five scholarships will be awarded.

Ms. LaKishia Sweat stated that anything dealing with the County or State would not be located in Pembroke.

### **Planning Committee – Speaker Bobby Oxendine**

The Planning Committee is made up of Council Members and the Administrative Staff. The purpose is to set some direction for the tribe such as building homes how many, when and where, keeping things in focus so we can move forward.

Positions on the committee were chosen by Council Members and Speaker Bobby Oxendine, the Administrative Staff was chosen by the Tribal Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr.

Members of the committee are as followed:

Speaker - Bobby Oxendine

Vice and Economic Chair – Alton Locklear

Finance Chair – Anita Blanks

Housing Chair – Barbara Lowery

Education Chair – Frank Cooper

Secretary and Health Chair – Jan Lowery

Federal Recognition Chair – Jarrod Lowery

Parliamentarian – Lesaundri Hunt

From the Administration:

Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr.

Tribal Administrator – Dr. Freda Porter

Tribal Lawyer – Danielle McLean

Housing Director – David McGirt

Finance Director – Sharron Bell

Program Director – Tammy Maynor

Youth Services – Rose Lowry-Townsend

A meeting date for this committee has not been set at this time.

Speaker Bobby Oxendine recognized Ms. Gwen Chavis, President of the United Tribes

## **Tribal Administrator Report – Freda Porter**

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Update on activities at the tribe (a power point was shown)

### **Hurricane Matthew**

FEMA emergency repairs of the Cultural Center

Debris removal 84,070

Dam Repair 1,000,000 (securing a Dam Engineer)

Gap Insurance for Pembroke Senior Village 45,790

**NC Housing Finance Agency** has approved a rapid repair program the ESFRLP-DR (Single Family Residences) The selection of families have been identified, the first 150,000 has been awarded this will help reduce the Waiting List which is 159

Tribal Council was asked not to send Tribal Members to this program, due to the members for this program have been identified

**NC Department of Emergency Management**, three ways to meet additional unmet needs for Tribal Members:

Acquisition (Buyout)

Elevation (House Raising)

Reconstruction (Demo/Rebuild)

### **Golden Leaf Grant:**

Infrastructure (50 Houses – tax credit properties and 10 Elderly Housing/Community Center)

**Unity Conference Workshop** on Hurricane Matthew and lessons learned

Importance of our EMP (Quick to respond)

Need for an ARC Shelter (PBGC)

Being aware of traditional and nontraditional sources of support (NCVOAD)

Importance of partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies

### **Veterans Affairs**

Greg and Pat received their certifications from the NC Division of Veterans Affairs through Jim Prosser, Asst. Secretary for Military and Veterans Affairs

Veteran's Stand Down event will be March 18, 2017 Rev. Ricky Burnett and Corbin Eddings are listed on the program, keynote speaker will be Jim Prosser (flyer was handed out)

Ed Clark is the HUD VASH Coordinator, affiliated with the Fayetteville VA office.

Current status of participants in the program is: 1 Veteran Housed, 3 client vouchers and looking for places to stay, 4 clients have incomplete applications.

### **Smithsonian Partnership**

NMAI traveling exhibition: Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces. To be displayed at the Veterans Resource Center, April 17 – July 31, 2017 partnership with UNCP to include their displays

The Lumbee Festival for June 2017 at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian has been rescheduled to September 2017

### **Information Technology**

80 individuals completed Cyber Security Training

### **UNCP Partnership**

Lumbee Nation Economic Summit for May 24 -25, 2017 was approved by the Economic Development Committee Chair. Theme: Recovery to Prosperity, Prequalify Lumbee Businesses to do business with the Lumbee Tribe. Senator Burr will be a Co-Host. Location for the event Annex and James B. Chavis Student Center

UNC Professor David Salveston led and **Environmental Capstone** course focused on developing a better understanding of the impact of the ACP. Interviews with Tribal Elders  
**Letter to be submitted to FERC** requesting consultation as a Federally Recognized Tribe  
Met with the **Conservation Fund** about potential support to clear fallen trees from the forest area of the NC ICC

**Partnership with SAS Institute** on SAS Curriculum Pathways for Robotics for Boys and Girls Clubs (focused on teaching our kids how to program a Robot).

### **LTE**

In the process of a Mentor Protégé agreement

### **Project Management Tool**

30 day trial (TEAMWORK) program

### **HUD**

Approval from HUD on the Model Activity: Rehabilitation of the Swimming Pool – 2017 IHP

### **Security**

The tribe is now fully staffed in Security.

American Red Cross will be installing smoke alarms in older homes.

### **Strike at the Wind**

Audition dates: March 24, 2017

GPAC Performance dates: June 24-25

Bill Brewington asked Dr. Porter where the information about the damaged on the Dam is coming from, her reply was from a site visit.

Bill Brewington questioned where all the damage came from in less than a year on the Dam, Dr. Porter replied "the Hurricane".

FEMA is paying for the Dam Engineer and the assessment.

Security Officer Timmy reported on the Dam and the damage from the build up debris from the hurricane that caused the Dam to burst. Officer Timmy reported that the Beavers are now rebuilding the Dam by cutting and piling trees to stop the water.

Alton Locklear asked that the Council and Dr. Porter take one of the buses that the tribe has and go out to the Maxton Pond and the Cultural Center.

Speaker Bobby Oxendine agreed to meet and get a date scheduled for that.

Reginald Oxendine asked Dr. Porter about the water quality and levels at Hayes Pond and the Lake since the hurricane. The Lake is within standards but nothing to report on the Hayes Pond. Reginald Oxendine requested a report on Hayes Pond, Dr. Porter asked if he would be paying for it.

Barbara Lowery asked a question about how far we are along on the Cultural Center.

Dr. Porter reported on the debris clean up and the mechanical issues on the Dam.

Barbara Lowery asked what the Cultural Center will look like in six weeks.

Dr. Porter reported that the trees and debris will be cleaned up and that it will be safe for the Powwow. Some wood will be kept for some of the ceremonies that will take place at the Cultural Center.

Speaker Bobby Oxendine spoke on the BGC attending the basketball game at UNCP.

***Calendar Review***

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Health Committee meeting – March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm.

Ethics Committee Meeting - March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30

Constitution and Ordinance Committee meeting – March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm.

Education Committee meeting – March 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30pm.

Economic Development meeting – April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.

Finance Committee meeting – April 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm.

Housing Committee meeting – April 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30pm.

Adjournment – Alton Locklear made the motion

Barbara Lowery 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

MOITON CARRIED

Benediction: Bill Brewington