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JUNE 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

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ALTON LOCKLEAR
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ALSO PRESENT

Chairman Paul Brooks
Tony Hunt
Tammy Maynor
Gary Strickland
The following proceedings were held on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. It's time for us to begin. Welcome to the June Lumbee Tribal Council business meeting. We'd like to recognize our chairman, Mr. Paul Brooks -- also former councilman Mr. Terry Campbell, and we're certainly glad to have all of the members with us tonight. If he would, we would begin with prayer. I'm going to ask Mr. Homer Fields if you want to do the invocation for us.

(A prayer was given by Mr. Homer Fields.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I ask Mr. Larry Townsend to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. William Maiden, will you lead us in the preamble to the constitution?

(The preamble to the tribal constitution was read.)
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Ms. Jan Lowery, would you do the roll call, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Jan, it's my understanding -- he emailed and said he's going to try to make it, but there's a possibility he would have to be at work. And also, Mr. Jonathan Lowery [sic] said something came up with him, and he wouldn't be able to make it. I'd like to ask that they be excused, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?
MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, here. Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper? Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Here.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, I ask that we -- Mr. Frank Cooper had obligations that tied him up as well, so I ask that we
excuse him.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Okay. Thank you.

Any objections to any of these? Thank you.

Next on the agenda is the review and approval of the agenda. I want to thank Ms. Belinda for getting -- working with us on the agenda and getting that out -- and trying to get it out to us in a very timely manner -- and we appreciate that. Thank you. Any motion?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Mr. Maiden.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'd like to offer a motion that we received the review and approval of the agenda for tonight.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Do we have a second?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Second.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Mr. Robert seconds.

All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Any no? Thank you.

Next is the review and approval of the May tribal council meeting minutes. Can we have a motion, please?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, I make a motion that we approve the minutes.
MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion and a second. All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you.

Next on the agenda is community comments, and according to my sheet here, we have no comments. Okay.

Next is committee reports -- our finance chair, Ms. Janie McFarland.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Mr. Speaker, I have one I'd like to introduce tonight. It's CLLO-2014-0908-01 -- it's pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Lumbee Budget. Therefore, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina reserves the right to amend and revise the budget as deemed appropriate to maintain a balanced budget. Okay. The first line item is for cancer and obesity -- is a budget -- it's a reinstatement for the cancer and obesity -- is effective for June 1, 2015, to May 29, 2016. This is a two-year grant, and it's through North Carolina Health and Human Services. The grant revenue is for $240,000, and the total budget is for $240,000. There's also another grant through
Health and Human Services. It's the SBIRT grant, and SBIRT means Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment. This is to educate veterans about programs and resources available for them and their families. That amount is $13,775.

The next line item is grant revenue carryover money. There's an increase and a decrease amount. The increases is $704,920.29, and expenses is in reference to rehabilitation and homeownership reconstruction. The homeownership is $1,184,000, and that is to purchase an additional 32 mobile homes. And there's a home ownership reconstruction -- the decrease is $1,184,00, and it's for the 32 mobile homes. And then the land purchase is $704,920.29. Therefore, be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the following ordinance shall be cited as Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Lumbee Tribal Budget. And this motion is on the floor.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Could we get a second for the committee report? This motion is from the committee. Any questions, any comments?

Mr. Terry Collins?
MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to wake up the audience. I'd like to let them know that the 32 mobile homes that we've added is in addition with the 22 listed in the budget, so that would be 54 total that will be purchased. Will that be in the next year, Mr. Hunt? Within the next 12 months?

MR. TONY HUNT: This year.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: This year?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Could you give us a list of the ones that's waiting for the next 60 -- the next 54 to purchase these homes?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir. We can.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: At the next housing meeting?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes. We can do it at the next housing meeting.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Okay.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bobby.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Are we voting on this as one ordinance, or will it be broken up into parts?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: One.
MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Is everyone clear on that? That's what the committee's proposing.

Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: I will need to recuse myself for voting on the cancer and obesity grant and possibly the SBIRT for involvement in those grants.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Jan. Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, this is concerning the line item in here, number 8100 -- Land Purchase for $704,920.29. I would like to amend this for removal of the purchase of land -- for that money to be used elsewhere in the budget -- for rehab or transitional housing or wherever else the council deems that it needs to be used -- a lot more than the purchase of 88 acres in the township of Pembroke -- because if this purchase is done, then everybody in the outlying districts -- you have stopped yourself from purchasing any land. You're telling your people you have no need to buy anything else in your district -- they don't need anything else.
So I move that we remove that line item from this ordinance and send that back to finance.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Do we need a second?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We want to give our stenographer a chance to get that motion ready, and I would like to have it reread before we vote. Mr. Bobby?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: I'm just asking if she needed a second for that motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes, sir.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Second.

MS. BELINDA BREWINGTON: Have her state it one more time to make sure it's how she wants it stated.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Would you repeat that one more time?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I make a motion to amend this proposed amendment CLLO-2014-0908-01 -- to approve the ordinance, but to remove item 8100, Land Purchase for $704,920.29 -- that that item will be removed from this ordinance and sent back to council for that money to be budgeted elsewhere -- I'm sorry -- to the finance committee to be budgeted elsewhere.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion and a second. If we would give Ms. Belinda an opportunity to repeat it, please. That would help everybody be clear on what we are discussing here. Ms. Belinda?

MS. BELINDA BREWINGTON: We want to amend proposed amendment CLLO-0908-01 -- to approve the ordinance -- to remove the 8100 and send back to the finance to be budgeted elsewhere.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. --

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Two questions concerning this finance ordinance. Ms. Jan, there was a grant that you received for the veterans. That is not in here? We don't need to approve that?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Yes. That is in here in the SBIRT.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Okay. Second, I don't think that Ms. Anita can make a motion to -- she can make a motion to remove it, but she can't make a motion to send it to finance to have it rebudgeted elsewhere. That's two different things. It would have to come back to the council. You can send it back to committee, and the committee decides, but you
can't make a motion to send it back to
committee and have them to budget it elsewhere.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay, Ms. Anita.

Would you like to restate?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, I
will restate that motion. I make a motion to
approve this ordinance with the deletion of
line item 8100, the Land Purchase for
$704,920.29 -- for that item to be removed --
for the council to, at a later date, rebudget
that money.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We will be speaking
as soon as Ms. Belinda reads it to us -- we
will be speaking to the motion.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker. Point
of order. Ms. Anita, I think that your
amendments can state that we can remove this
item, but for you to mandate to the council
what to do, I think that's going beyond our
rules of order code. There's nothing wrong
with you making a motion -- there's nothing
wrong with you making a motion to delete that
item, but then to dictate to the council what
they must do with it, I think that's going a little too far.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I will further make a motion to approve this ordinance with the deletion of line 8100, Land Purchase, in the amount of $740,920.29, period.

MS. BELINDA BREWINGTON: To approve the ordinance with the deletion -- to move?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Remove.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: To approve the ordinance with the deletion of that item.

MS. BELINDA BREWINGTON: To approve the ordinance with the deletion of the line item 8100, Land Purchase, $704,920.29?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. BELINDA BREWINGTON: Period?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Period.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a motion and a second. If you'd like to speak to it, please, if you would, members of the council, speak only once until everyone's had an opportunity to speak, please -- and speak loudly so the stenographer and Ms. Belinda can
make sure we've got everything that is stated. Thank you. Mr. Terry?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a substitute motion to leave it in there as is because we've been dealing with this forever and ever and ever. It's time it comes to a head -- make a substitute motion to keep it in as is tonight.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a substitute motion to leave it as is.

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: I second that.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a second by Ms. Areatha -- to speak on the substitute motion.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Because we've been dealing with this for a long time and certainly not a reason to vote for $704,000.00 to pay for land -- surely we've got a better reason than that.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Anyone else? Are we ready to vote?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Call to question.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Call to question.
The substitute motion is to just go with the original amendments and not to remove. Okay. We're going to do a roll call vote as long as the secretary is ready.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Evan Davenport?

Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Pass.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Point of order.

We're voting to remove it or to leave it here? I'm more confused.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The substitute motion -- Ms. Belinda, would you read the substitute motion?

MS. BELINDA BREWINGTON: It's to leave as is.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. -- to the councilmen, Ms. Belinda's motion -- Ms. Anita's motion was to remove the line item, Land Purchase. Mr. Hunt's motion or call for a substitute motion was to not delete it -- not
remove it, but to leave the amendment or the
ordinance as it is. Any questions?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: We'll come back --

pass.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear? Bobby
Oxendine?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: No, against.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Did you say no?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: (Nonverbal response.)

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Point of
order. You can't vote on this.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?
MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper? Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear, we need to go back to you.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Is there anyone else? Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I have nine yes and seven no.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The substitute motion passed. The substitute motion was to leave as is. Now we'd like to read the motion -- the land budget as Ms. Janie McFarland read in the beginning. Would you like for her to reread the entire thing?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order.
That takes care of that. The substitute motion takes care of that, so we don't have to go back to it. The substitute motion says the same thing that her motion says. We will be voting on the same thing twice.

MR. LESAUNDRİ HUNT: Is everyone clear on that? Okay.

Next thing on our agenda is housing. Mr. Terry Collins?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Aren't we supposed to vote on the ordinance now? We just voted to leave it in there, we didn't vote on passing it.

MR. LESAUNDRİ HUNT: According to the parliamentarian, when Mr. Hunt's substitute motion was to leave it as is, we left it as is.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I was under the impression the vote was to leave it in there and come back and vote on the total ordinance. So that vote -- we just voted for everything?

MR. LESAUNDRİ HUNT: Any questions for the parliamentarian?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Alton, when he put his substitute motion in motion, he actually said go back to the
original motion because there was no change in
the substitute motion. In order to have a
substitute motion, there has to be a change,
and there was no actual change in voting on
what she presented.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Terry Collins,
housing.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yeah, Mr. Speaker.

With line item CLLR-2015-0618 -- this is a lot
in Pine Crest Golf Course. The administration
needs a resolution -- a resolution on a loan to
build a house on that lot. And it's my
information that the house is sold; is that
right?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir. We already have
an applicant for that.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: All right. So we need
to vote on purchasing the loan for this house.

Any questions? The house is not built, but
they have a lot for the house.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We'd like to ask that
no recording videos be done before the council.
This is a rule that the council made several
years ago, so if you would, we'd appreciate
MR. TERRY COLLINS: Any questions?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any questions? We have a housing motion, we need a second. Do we have any questions on the construction and the land loan?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: There's a section in here, and it's the one, two, three, four, fifth, -- no, it's the third paragraph. It says, "Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has established a Tribal Government-to-Government relationship with the State of North Carolina and the United States Federal Government." That's not correct, is it? We have a government-to-government relationship with the federal government?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: You have a federal-to-federal relationship with HUD, with HHS -- you enjoy that freedom. You have a relationship with the federal agencies --

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So we are federally recognized?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: We -- I -- you know,
that's the thing, some feel like we are, some
don't.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: That's what
we're saying here.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: You do have a
relationship with the federal government. We
enjoy that when we are able to receive federal
funds from HHS and from HUD -- or from Justice.
We receive Department of Justice grants as
well.

MR. TONY HUNT: We're just stating that we
have a relationship to do business with them --
not that they recognize us -- not that the
federal government recognizes us as a
federally-recognized tribe. It's a
relationship --

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Let me ask you
this. We're saying that this is a pilot
program? Is this -- so apparently --
typically, a pilot program means there is going
to be more. Is that the plan?

MR. TONY HUNT: If we can get folks that
would be qualified for it, yes, ma'am, we
would.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: But do we have
MR. TONY HUNT: This money -- we're doing a land and construction loan directly from the bank, and then what will happen is that money will be paid back directly to the bank as the homeowner pays the loan back.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So in the future from this pilot program, we will not go out and use our money to purchase the land prior to having a situation where somebody's qualified to -- for us to go in the bank and borrow money; is that what we're saying?

MR. TONY HUNT: I really don't understand your question. You said we wouldn't go buy anybody land?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Are we going to go out and buy land and then build -- for people to build houses on?

MR. TONY HUNT: No, ma'am. I don't foresee us doing that unless we have someone that's qualified, and then we could purchase the land -- and if we did a model like this, we would do the loan and the land purchase together. But we have to understand that this -- what we're doing here is something that we
haven't done before like this.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Does anyone else have any questions? Mr. Bobby?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Hunt, we have this person who is interested in buying a home in Pine Crest. Why do they need to go through us? Why don't they go through Lumbee Bank or whatever -- get their own loan, build their own home in Pine Crest? Why do they need to come through the Lumbee Tribe for us to put up or be the frontman for a loan? If they fail, if they can't afford it on their own and they fail, then we're stuck with another loan.

MR. TONY HUNT: If I'm correct, Mr. Bobby, this is a family that, because their income level, they're above the income -- right above the income for being able to qualify for our new construction. And the thing of it is that they may have some sort of -- have a -- one issue with their credit, and it may not be a big issue, but it's an issue that the bank would not deal with. So what we're trying to do here with this pilot program is start helping some folks that kind of fall out of the range for our construction and to help these
people as the tribe is trying to spread out and help more people and our members that are in need that fall in those loopholes -- that they can't get a loan for themselves, but they can't qualify for a program either. So that's what we're doing here. That's the reason we said it was a pilot program.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anyone? Mr. Bobby?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Excuse me, Mr. Tony, but why did we purchase land down there to begin with -- to build a house to help somebody like that -- you know, who couldn't afford this and couldn't afford that. Why don't we find land somewhere else and build a house instead of in Pine Crest? You know what that's telling a lot of people the past few months because of buying that land down there? You know they didn't appreciate you spending tribe money like that. So I don't think we should do that.

Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. I think we've had three to speak against. Is anybody for it? Anyone?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I'd like for you to -- we talked about this in the
finance meeting the other night -- we got some
information before the whole council didn't get
-- is this in any way going to affect the
services we've got going on for our present
programs? Would it take away -- defer
anything? Would anybody be penalized from our
rehab or energy assistance, or is this
additional? Please, comment on that because --
I think the point here is people are thinking
that it's going, this $240,000, is to be taken
away from some type of member. We need a
little more detail with that.

MR. TONY HUNT: No, sir, it's not. The
money that is going to be used is a loan, and
what it will do -- it'll take the land and
construction loan together. It will take care
of the money that was billed to purchase the
land, and it wouldn't affect anybody that's
under the new construction. There's no monies
coming out of any of the housing budget -- like
it or any of those other programs. So this
money will not affect any of the other programs
that we're running. Like we said, it's a pilot
program that we're trying to look at and see if
it will be successful, and if it is successful,
then that will be something that we'll bring
back to the council to see if it's something
that you do want to do further and maybe build
upon what we've done here.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Terry?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Tony, this is like
a contract to build a presale. Will the tribe
make a profit?

MR. TONY HUNT: I don't think that we're
doing anything to make a profit off of this.
It's the interest -- whatever the bank charges,
and then it will be paid back.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: But the tribe will get
the to the topic in the $35 --

MR. TONY HUNT: Yeah. We'll get that,
we'll get that back.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Okay, okay.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, thank
you. So reading the ordinance here, it says
that -- give me one second -- reading the
ordinance here it says that for individuals who
-- exceeding the HUD income guidelines for
NAHASDA yet are not qualified for a mortgage.
So in this country we have a situation where
the rich are taken care of, and the poor are
taken care of, but the working man in the
middle can't get any services from any
government agency because they're not poor
enough -- and so that's the way I see it. This
here's another program for individuals who are
actually out there working, and you know, they
can't get help from anywhere else because
they're not poor enough, and the bank's not
going to help or give them a mortgage because
they're not rich enough. So I think that we
have a lot of people in all our communities
stuck in this section -- that are in that group
of people -- that if we have a pilot program
which is what I see -- if we can get our
members help and build up this program, I don't
see why we don't do it, I don't see why not. I
see no reason to continue to deny any one of
our members services because they're not poor
enough. So why can't we have a pilot program to
see if this works? And if it works here, we
could put it in other districts all over our
county -- but we have to start somewhere. Now,
can the place be debated? Sure. Why not at
least have a pilot and see if it works -- help
those that need help regardless of how much money they make.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Terry, were you speaking in favor.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yeah. Yes, I was.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. So we have three no and three in favor. Mr. Tony?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order. Mr. Speaker, I just got a signal from our stenographer.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Folks in the audience to restrain -- folks in the audience, you have to restrain from talking because she's like a recorder at the courthouse. If there's noise in the background, she can't pick our voices up, and she just signaled me -- she cannot understand nothing with you talking in the background. So we just ask you be polite. We want to conduct our meetings in an orderly manner so she can record it in a orderly manner. So, audience, we ask you to restrain from talking.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Tony?

MR. TONY HUNT: That's all that was --
that's all I was pointing out.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, can we -- and this is concerning the document, not the action that's taking place on -- but this is a resolution that's supposed to be for the bank so that the tribe can go borrow money, but it's a bit vague. It says that you -- that we -- that the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Housing Department request to purchase and construct a new home on a lot of land in the Pine Crest subdivision. I know we have a lot -- we have the specifics. Could we amend this to put in the specific lot information -- not just put on a lot of land? It's a legal document, it's going to the bank. The bank's going to have that lot information on everything that they have. We should be more specific on our resolution.

MR. TONY HUNT: We have no problem with that, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LESAUNDRi HUNT: Mr. Tony, if I may, -- and as the speaker, I try not to say anything that's going to sway the vote in any way. The folks haven't been given any promises or anything of what might happen prior to this?
MR. TONY HUNT: You know, we dealt with them just like we would deal with any other applicant that comes to us.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Terry.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Hunt, so they could just -- after the house is finished, just change their mind? Or would you do a contract?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: No. We would do a contract with them.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Would they have to pay earnest money?

MR. TONY HUNT: No, sir. I don't think they'd pay earnest money.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Alton and then we'll proceed.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Question, they have a contract at this point now that we are partnering with them to build a home -- and that we're pretty much like cosigners on the loan?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Correct?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir.
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: And this is the property that was purchased by the tribe back in 2012?

MR. TONY HUNT: Something like that.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: So if we don't do something, we're going to be holding on to this property that everybody has complained about that we bought. So why don't we just give these people a chance to build this house and move on? It takes care of the property, it takes care of the complaints.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: All right. We're ready to vote. We're going to do a roll call vote, please. Is anyone -- is everyone aware of what we're voting for? Any questions on the vote?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Let's read it again, and let's make it very clear since it was not clear the last time.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Collins, would you like to read it?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Okay. Whereas, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is a recognized American Indian Tribe of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Constitution of the
Lumbee Tribe -- the Tribal Constitution and its inherent powers and self-government, and;

Section 1 of the Constitution delegates all administrative authority to the Tribal Constitution Chairperson of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina;

Whereas, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has established a Tribal Government-to-Government relationships with the State of North Carolina and the United States Federal Government;

Whereas, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina promotes tribal welfare by providing affordable housing, creating safe and healthy environments and promoting self-determination, and;

Whereas, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Housing Department would like to pilot a new program where homeowners that exceed the HUD income guidelines for NAHASDA; yet are not qualified for a mortgage, would have an opportunity to own a new home.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Roll call vote, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?
MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper? Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Doug Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?
MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear? Alton Locklear?
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?
MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?
MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? Sixteen, yes.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And the motion carries.
MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, that's all I have.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Collins. And Mr. Collins, if you would, repeat the home purchases that will be done this year.
MR. TERRY COLLINS: Okay.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you.
MR. TERRY COLLINS: The tribe usually budgets 22 a year. The -- okay, finance -- Ms. McFarland found -- how much? A quarter --
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: One quarter --

MR. TERRY COLLINS: 1.2 -- she found some money, and we put it in mobile home replacement -- enough to buy an additional 32 mobile homes. So instead of buying 22, we're going to be buying 54 mobile homes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. And the administrator did tell us the other night that it's going to take a little bit of time to get all of this done, so it won't happen in the next 30 days, but it will hopefully make 54 people a good Christmas present.

Okay. Next on our agenda is the tribal administrator's report.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Tony, since we didn't get a chance to speak first, -- since we already purchased this land, what are we exactly going to do with this property?

MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Alton, one of the things that we're looking at doing that's in the early stages of -- of the preliminary stages of the new market tax credit is that the Lumbee Tribal Council is -- would like to apply for a low-income housing tax credit project. This would allow us to construct single-family
homes with veterans preference. There would be
a community facility on-site with a variety of
services for behavioral health, diabetes
prevention, and other programs to be provided.
The homes on this site could be a combination
of transitional houses or permanent housing,
depending on the need of those families. So
we're looking at developing a project to where
folks can come in and get the counseling that
they need and also provide an opportunity for
their families to be there as a part of it
also. That's what were looking at, and we need
to understand too that with the amount of land
that we're buying,-- we're not sure, but there
is a great possibility that we can actually
maybe do two projects on the property that we
have -- because we have the infrastructure --
you know, the water and the sewer. So we may
be able to do another project also.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: And now that, if I'm
correct, it's subject to council approval?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes. We would bring all
that back to you. Once we apply for the new
market tax credits, and once they're in the
point of being approved, then we would bring
the whole program back to you, back to the
council.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Tony, this was in
the IHP last year?

MR. TONY HUNT: In the Indian Housing
Plan?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Is that correct?

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, it was.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. And for the
public's information, the council has been told
the information Mr. Hunt just shared with you
-- that we'd like for you to have the knowledge
of what the plan was. Okay. Mr. Terry
Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Administrator, you
probably didn't have anything to do with it,
but people's getting tired of everything going
to Pembroke. We got to start spreading this
stuff out. Red Springs is got a Wal-Mart,
Pembroke's got a Wal-Mart, Lumberton's got a
Wal-Mart. Hoke, Scotland, and Cumberland
County's got a Wal-Mart. So are we going to
start sharing the wealth? Thank you, sir.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Hunt?
MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir. Just a few announcements, and then Mr. Strickland's going to come and give us our powwow report we'd told you that we'd have ready.

First, I want to pass on to the council is the State of the Tribe address by Chairman Brooks will be on the seventh of July at six o'clock at the Boys and Girls Club right here in Pembroke, and that's in conjunction with a homeowner appreciation day also.

The next item is our Senior Ms. Lumbee pageant. That is the 29th of June at 6:00 p.m. at the Robeson Community College. We have an envelope that we'll put your tickets in -- and there's two tickets, one for you, and one for your spouse or significant other.

The third thing is that Pembroke Senior Village on Candy Park Road -- the grand opening will be on the 14th of August at 11:00 a.m., and that will be on-site -- and I would also like to inform the council that we've already qualified at least the first ten families that are going into the apartments. So they've started working with those applicants, getting them qualified, and approving them to go ahead
and letting them go into the apartments.

The fourth thing I'd like to say is that our Boys and Girls Club summer camp is going well. We have the enrollments. The first session is 76. The enrollment in the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club is 176. Hawk Eye up in Hoke County Boys and Girls Club has 64 enrolled, and Southern Spirit has 85 enrolled.

We'd also like to say that on your desk you have a flier. This is in conjunction with the grant that Ms. Jan had been working on. Our Veterans Conversation is what it's called. We'll meet here on Friday, June 26th at 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. here at the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club. If you'll take that flier and look at it, you can let veterans know in the community -- and we're advertising and letting veterans know by putting the fliers out all over the service area and different government agencies to let veterans know so that they can come.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Excuse me, Mr. Tony. We did discuss this flier at the finance meeting. I'm just guessing -- there's some important and significant changes that needed
to be made on the flier as directed more to the Lumbee veterans; is that correct? Were we going to change that?

MR. TONY HUNT: That change was made, yes.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: No. It's still on the flier.

MR. TONY HUNT: Okay. You got the wrong one then.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Okay. Thank you.

MR. TONY HUNT: I'm sorry about that. We did make the change that was supposed to be made.

At this time, we have the powwow report by Mr. Gary Strickland.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: Good evening, Mr. Speaker, council members. The 2015 Dance of the Spring Moon Powwow that was held at the Southeastern Farmers Market the first weekend in May -- it was really good time. We got a lot of compliments, had a lot of drum groups who said they would be back next year. In attendance, there was 5,114 people that came through the gates -- that was collected through. Dancers who attended and registered was 470. A lot of dancers still coming to the
powwow do not register and still participate.

Drum groups -- we had 12 including the two host

Drums. We had 53 vendors, five of those being

food vendors. Service groups that came into --

to give information about the program -- we had
eight different service groups to come in. We

raised, advertising wise, $34,100.

And through the gate, we brought in

$23,924.31. These numbers -- the dollar is
down from last year. We advertised well, but

we had a couple of things going on in the

county, in the region, and several proms going

on that Friday night. There was a rain day

that had been rescheduled for tomorrow night

for another program in Fairmont. The total

number less in attendance this year from last

year was 636 people -- that makes up the

difference on the gain. Our drinks -- very

close to the amount of money. We actually had

more participants in the school day that was

held on Friday also -- and we're working on

some things for the 2016 and 2017 powwow. And

at this time, we also listened to the -- some

of the council representatives that we had in

attendance. Next year, we're going to make
sure that a council representatives is on the powwow committee, and we'll be making some other changes from there also. And at this time, I'm open to any questions you may have.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

THE WITNESS: Yes, Mr. Maiden.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'd just like to say thank you, Mr. Gary, for this powwow report, but it is not sufficient. We need handouts. I would like to see handouts with income and expenses so that we can look at the numbers and compare them for ourselves. And if you looking for a volunteer for the powwow committee for next year, my hand is up in the air right here (indicating).

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: I appreciate that.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'd like to see a written report just like all the other reports that we've been getting.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: We'll have one ready at the next full council meeting.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I thought that was going to be available to us now.

MR. TONY HUNT: We can't do the expense items because we still have outstanding bills
that we're closing out on. So that's the reason we didn't do a comparison of what was made minus the expenses. So as soon as we get all those numbers, we'll bring that back to you. But we have not closed out all of the bills that we had for the powwow -- so all of the expenses.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: Any further questions?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Strickland, I think we need to think about moving the powwow to the culture center. I think we'll get more tickets.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: I know that is something that we're going to try to put in place hopefully by the 2017 Dance of the Spring Moon powwow, and that's what I can say at this time. We can't -- depending on what kind of funding we have for the culture center to get it in place and have everything to where we can handle a crowd of 5,000 plus to come in. I know we've been talking to the vendors at this year's powwow, and that's what they want also. Talking to a lot of the people, that's what they want also, but we want to make sure that
we have a product -- that's a good product out there that we can show off at the same time -- nothing that we can come in and something that's half done. One of the things that we've dealt with a lot of times in the past, we've had projects that we're trying to put together -- piecing it all together. We want to have the cultural center up to the standards of this council and the Chairman.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I agree too what Mr. Terry said, and I solicit that this council consider making a resolution -- and we have 2016 at the culture center. And if it's there, I'm like Mr. Maiden, and I volunteer to serve on the committee -- but we can't wait nine months and then say well, we can't do it at the culture center. If we were to do it at the culture center, we need to start planning now.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Right.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: And if it's feasible, or if you have any questions, I'll be glad to sit down with you and show you how.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: Any other questions?

Yes, Mr. Douglas?
MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: I have one question only -- one issue, one problem. Why did we not have drinks outside in the food court area -- but we had drinks inside the building, and I seen folks eating and wouldn't be able to go in and purchase one -- I was one myself and my family.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: Well, one thing we tried to do is alleviate that. We had a lot of signs directing people where the drinks were. We were doing a lot of teas and liquids and things of that nature. Having a tent is good, but you have a lot of equipment that's involved, and we like to have that locked up at night so that somebody cannot come in and disturb that. Moving them back and forth takes a lot of time, effort, and energy. It's something -- if we have it at the culture center, we won't be able to have it in the building in any way, form, or fashion. So that's something we'll do -- definitely take into account. The committee will also have council members on it -- we'll bring that -- try that.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Strickland, I
think that also the mat was a good addition to
the floor.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: Yeah.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I know a lot, a lot
of the dancers appreciated it -- and folks with
breathing problems with dust and all that.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: I can't take credit
for that, Mr. Speaker. Jon Oxendine came up
with that idea at the very last minute, but I
received quite a few Facebook messages that
were very appreciative of their legs not
killing them at the end of the day. And we're
going to try to do a lot with that arena -- it
was very good, and we want to add to that and
make it a little bit bigger -- because after we
had set up the arena, we want to make that one
of the first things that we put in place so
that we can put the arena around it.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Any other
questions or comments? Thank you.

MR. GARY STRICKLAND: Thank you, Mr
Speaker.

MR. TONY HUNT: That's all I have, Mr.
Speaker.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Next is the calendar
review. Everybody get out your calendars.
Chairmen of the committees, can we start with
you? Mr. Jarrod, will you -- if you'd like to
set a committee meeting?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr.
Speaker. At this time, my committee will not
have a meeting in July.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Terry would like
to say something about T-shirt sales.

MR. TERRY HUNT: We're trying to get ready
to have a T-shirt sale at the homecoming, and
graciously the Speaker has volunteered to help
us. He's going to kind of take our hand and
lead us further because I've never did it
before -- and Bobby, if he's able to -- to kind
of guide us over the telephone or something --
but the committee's going to have a short
meeting to set this up. Thank you, Mr.
Speaker, for volunteering.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And we'd like to
thank Mr. Bobby for his work, and we appreciate
having him tonight. He was having some
physical problems, but he said he's going to do
his best to make it, and we're glad to have him
with us also. He may not feel like it -- if
this heat don't change, that could take a toll
on a well person, much less someone having
problems. Mr. Bobby, would you like to say
something?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate everybody's phone
calls and messages, so thank you for your
concern. I had some surgery, and have
something -- go back next week and possibly
surgery again. So I probably won't be with you
during the Fourth celebrations, but I'm
available by phone, and I'll do what I can to
help you -- give some advice.

And I'd like to ask my co-chair of the
education committee if they would to set up a
date for the meeting -- and look at the next
council meeting for our education awards
program -- and I'll talk to Ms. Belinda about
that. But if we could put that on the agenda
for next time, Mr. Speaker, and follow through
with that. Again, thank you for your concern,
your phone calls, and everything that you've
done.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And that would be
Mr.-- Mr. Terry Hunt.
MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Bobby, I'll be calling upon you.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Bobby, for what you do for us all. Mr. Speaker, if it's all right with the committee, I think that Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m. for the education committee.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Repeat that, please.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thursday, July 9th, the education committee at six.


Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: No.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to hold off since the State of the Tribe address is going to be on the 7th.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: She's going to hold off setting a meeting since the Chairman's address --
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: We don't actually get July off; is that correct, Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: No.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Terry?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yeah. Let's do a housing meeting on the 7th at 6:30.

MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Terry, we're have the State of the Tribe address that evening.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. TONY HUNT: We can make it the 6th.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Make it the 6th?

Let's do it on the 9th.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Housing following education and culture on the 9th.

Okay. We're not going to have our prayer and benediction at this time. We have Mr. William Maiden -- he's coming with LNTP, but I would like to --

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Mr. Speaker, I just want to let the council know -- and I mentioned this a few months ago -- I would like to see -- and I'll do a resolution form if I have to -- have a powwow back in Scotland County. If not this year, if no money's available, then maybe set a target date of next
year. Also, I'd like to look at the possibility of a boys and girls club in Scotland County. I'll be going to the education and culture meeting for more information.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Right before Mr. Maiden comes, we, the council, would like to ask for a moment of silence for our former tribal council chairman, Mr. Jimmy Goins. He died in an automobile accident -- and also, for the former chairman, Mr. Milton Hunt. And we'd also -- Mr. Brewington brought to my attention the tragic incident in Charleston, South Carolina, yesterday. Someone went into the church and killed nine people. So, if you would, we would like to ask everyone to stand for a moment of silence for these individuals.

(A moment of silence was held.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Mr. Maiden, if you would come, please.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, council members. I'd like to bring something before you tonight to try to resolve. This is an issue with LNTP that we brought to you in the early part of the year. We had a couple of
young men who came to us and asked permission
to use our 501(c) for the LNTP. The young man
is here tonight, Mr. Anthony Miller. We'd like
for him to come forward to do a brief
discussion on what he's doing and what they're
looking to do, and then after that, we'll take
some questions from you that are here tonight.

Mr. Miller?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Thank you. Please,
excuse me. I'm severely dehydrated from
yesterday, so I'll try not to stand before you
long. Basically, I'm here representing the
LIFE Foundation. The LIFE Foundation -- what
we want to do is be able to help people to pay
back their student loans. You know -- the way
things are set up now is people get
scholarships when they're in college. Well, we
have a lot of people that receive scholarships,
and if they don't graduate, then that money is
wasted. So me and another guy come up with
idea of -- let's help people who have finished
school pay off their student loans -- because
we've talked to a lot of people who say, have a
bachelors degree and would love to go back to
school, but their student loans is dragging
them down -- it's pulling them down. So that was what the LIFE Foundation's whole plan is for.

LIFE stands for Lumbee Indians Furthering Education. And -- to me, it's just a good thing. It's just positive feedback for the tribe, for the council, and for the individuals in the community. I've talked to a lot of people who's willing to donate -- but the biggest thing is they want to be able to use it as a tax write off. That's why I'm coming to the council this evening asking if I can use the council's help -- that we can make this a successful program. Any questions, any concerns?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, let me just add to what Mr. Miller is bringing. This is a subject that we brought before the council again earlier this year. We went before Mr. Tony and Ms. Tammy and asked them the question of any setbacks in regards to these gentlemen using our 501(c) number, and I would like to ask Mr. Tony or Ms. Tammy, one of the two, to explain anything that might take place for them using our 501(c).
MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Maiden, we did -- our staff, look into the 501(c)(3), and the thing that I would just let the council know is that you can let anyone else use your 501(c)(3). The thing about that is though is that any reporting or anything that happens with that 501(c)(3), the applicant -- the holder of that 501(c)(3) number is responsible for it. So you just have to be aware that you're responsible for anyone up under you using your number for activities that they're doing to make sure that they're covered up under all of the statutes that cover what you can use a 501(c)(3) number for. So that was what Mr. Maiden asked us to look at, and we did -- for as far as someone else being under the umbrella of your number. They can do that, but just to make you aware, that the holder of the number, the LNTP, would be responsible for making sure all the information is filed -- and any activity taking place up under it and making sure that it is qualified up under the 501(c)(3) number.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: If I might add, these young men first came back to us in December, and again, what they're looking for -- they're
going to private foundations or whoever and
they're seeking the donations. That's not
costing you anything -- they're doing all the
work. They're out asking for the monies to do
this program -- but they met with us back in
the December. The LNTP gave them our
blessings. We met with you council members
shortly after the new year, and there was never
a vote taken on the matter -- there was some
discussion, and it was just left in the air.
Mr. Miller has come back to me and asked me has
the board made a decision. I would like for
the board, if you can tonight -- can we make a
decision on this matter for these young men so
that they can either proceed or not. I would
like to ask -- yes, Mr. Miller?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: One more thing. The
LIFE foundation -- meaning me and the other
guy, Byron Brooks -- we want to let you know we
will work hand-in-hand with this with full
transparency, you know. If we have to come in
every month and show you the numbers, and show
you whatever you want to see -- we just want to
let you know there's going to be full
transparency, and we're not here trying to do
anything sneaky or anything to that matter.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: And when this was brought to us, there was a lot of discussion about the future of the LNTP -- I think that was the question. And personally, I feel like that's still in limbo. You know, we've got mixed feelings about whether that's going to continue -- to sell the property we have -- the life of that. So I would just hate to see us commit to these young fellows for something that we couldn't carry through. And then my next question is, Mr. Miller, what would be the time frame for you to get your own number? Is that a possibility?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: I think I looked it up one time, and I think it was saying -- like it was six weeks or six months that it would take about getting a 501(c)(3) number. So what I basically wanted to do is come through the tribal council and see if I can use yours because we can use this as an outlet. Y'all know a variety of people that could help with this program, and this is something that our Lumbee people have needed for years -- a scholarship program. This is something that --
it's just good publicity all around. It's just something we should've been doing. So that was my idea with the whole thing. Let's just partner with one another.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: And, Mr. Bill, to your first question -- I don't see LNTP as often. We've got the property up for sale, but even if we sell it, there's still LNTP. We still have Maxton, and I don't see that resolving.

I would like to add about someone using a 501(c)(3) number -- a few years ago -- those of you might not know, but I chair a Running Waters Singers powwow in Fayetteville, North Carolina, every year. At one point, when we were applying for some scholarship funds for some arts council grants, we asked the tribe about using their 501(c) because we didn't have one. They let us use their number to apply for a grant. We were denied because they said that they would prefer we use someone's 501(c) in the county we were in. So the tribe was willing to help me a while back. And at the same time, even now -- those of you may know the Cumberland County Association for Indian
People -- they allow us to use their 501(c)(3)
in order to apply for grants in Cumberland
County. So we have faced that, and we had some
problems. Mr. Terry?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Miller, just a
question. Is there some point in time when
you'll request your own number, or are you
going to live off this one forever?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Well, I would like to
partner with you guys and go from there with
it. Sometime later down the road, if you ask
me to get my own number, I would have no
problem doing that -- but I don't see getting
my own number if this can be successful.

MR. TERRY HUNT: How can you help the
tribe?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: It's good publicity.

MR. TERRY HUNT: I understand that, but
any other way you can help the tribe?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Like I said, a
scholarship foundation is something that's been
needed. We're not -- this is not going to
particularly going to help you guys, but it's
something for the community.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Like I said, we could set
up a tribal scholarship for the tribe or
something.

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Say that one more
time.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Set up a scholarship for
the tribe.

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Well, this
scholarship foundation is for the tribe.

MR. TERRY HUNT: This is to help tribal
members with their student loans?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Yes, yes.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Oh, okay.

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Yes. This is for
tribal members. And what we're looking at
doing is -- if this is successful in the future
-- if we can partner with companies and
organizations, then the people that come to us
to help pay off their loans -- we can then, in
turn, talk to these companies and see if they
have any positions available for these people
who are unemployed. So it's just working
hand-in-hand -- we're helping them pay off
their loans and find careers.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Thank you.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Any other questions?
If there aren't other questions, I would like to entertain a vote on this tonight if possible. Is that feasible, Mr. Speaker?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: I second.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: So can we take a vote?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Jan, would you like to?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes. I would like to. If Ms. Jan would take a roll call vote.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. And this motion would?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Allow the -- what's the name?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: The LIFE Foundation.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: It would allow them to use the LNTP's 501(c) number.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Is there two council members on that board?

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Yes, sir.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?
MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No.


MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, no. Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper? Areatha Patterson?
MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Motion carries.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: If I might add, Mr. Speaker, he acknowledged that he would give us the reports, and -- would you guys rather a quarterly report or a monthly report?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Quarterly report.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Quarterly report.

Mr. Anthony, let us know what's going on.

MR. ANTHONY MILLER: Thank you.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Can we get a motion to adjourn?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Motion to adjourn.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Second that.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We usually don't have any problem with that. We will close in prayer. Mr. Bobby, would you close us in
prayer, please?

(A prayer was given by Mr. Bobby Oxendine.)

(End of proceedings.)