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ALSO PRESENT

Chairman Paul Brooks
Sheila Beck
Tony Hunt
Representative Charles Graham
Representative Garland Pierce
The following proceedings were conducted on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, this is the call to call the October council meeting to order. We want to welcome you here tonight, both to our members and guests. We have two of our representatives, Mr. Garland Pierce and Mr. Charles Graham, and also Mr. John Lyon from AT&T. He will be doing a presentation shortly. But we're glad to have him and our chairperson of our election committee. We're glad to have Ms. Sheila and also all of our council members and the administrator. If you'll stand with us, please, we want to ask brother William Maiden if he would do our invocation for us.

(A prayer was given by Mr. William Maiden.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jarrod Lowery?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Jan Lowery is going to lead us in the preamble to the tribal constitution.

(The preamble to the tribal constitution was read.)
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. We're going ask our secretary, Ms. Jan Lowery, to do a roll call, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? 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: Jonathan Locklear?
MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?
MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?
MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Here.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins? Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: 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.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Fifteen. We have a quorum.

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: We do have a quorum. Madam Secretary, we'd like to ask to excuse Mr. Evan Davenport. He did send me a text message that he had to work tonight.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, I move that those not in attendance be excused, including Mr. Davenport, be excused for tonight's meeting.

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Thank you. All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Any opposed? Thank you.

Next on our agenda is the review and approval of the agenda. Can we get a motion?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: I make a motion that we approve the agenda.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: It's been made and second.

All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any opposed? Any no?

Thank you. Next item is review and approval of September tribal council minutes and actions.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, on the -- down on the front -- the fourth page, the third paragraph from the bottom -- recognition of the Lumbee Boys and Girls Club. Correction on the Dr. Rose Marie Lowery. It's Lowry Townsend. That's a different name.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Please, make a note and correct that, please.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I move that the minutes be approved.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Can we get the motion approved?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We got a second. All in favor, say aye.
(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any oppose? Thank you. We
do have with us as we -- and before we mention that,
Mr. John Lyon is here to do a presentation for us.
We're going to ask him to come at this time, and
Representative Charles Graham -- we're going to have
him in attendance tonight.

MR. JOHN LYON: Thank you very much. I feel
like I'm almost with family now. You folks have seen
me out here over the last six or seven years, and
it's always the same purpose. You know, with
budgets, you never know what kind of money is going
to be available. Fortunately, we've been very
successful with AT&T with supporting your
back-to-school supply program, and I want to present
a check in a second, but first, I want to thank all
the council members on another matter.

Let's see -- it was January or February I think it
was, and I have worked very closely with Larry Townsend
and Representative Graham in promoting the Inspired
Program -- the scholarship program where AT&T sponsors a
special program up in Washington, D.C., specifically for
American Indians or Alaskan natives. It's a three-week
course up at George Washington University on tribal
relations, and no one from the Lumbee Tribe has ever been
selected to go to that before -- and I appear before you folks -- like I said, I think it was in January to get the word out, and you certainly did. There were plenty of applications from the Lumbee students. Only ten students from across the entire country were selected. Hundreds of entries were received, and one of them was a young lady from the Lumbee tribe, Alexia Locklear -- and I hear from her parents that she had a wonderful time -- and we're probably going to set up a seminar a month before next year's applications start locally here so that more of your students can hear about it. Also, two other students were actually included on the wait-list last year. They put ten -- ten students on the wait-list in case any of the original ten could not make it, and two of those were Lumbee students as well. So I wanted to thank you for getting the word out last year. It paid dividends, and Alexia had a great time.

And on for tonight's presentation. As you know, AT&T is very involved with educational initiatives -- that's our primary philanthropic endeavor across the United States, and the Lumbee Tribe has a fantastic program. Your back-to-school supply program -- without those necessary tools to get the kids started off right in the school year, they're going to be behind. So I applaud you for applying that program -- and so far, I think it's the
eighth consecutive year. If we can do the presentation here.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bobby is the head of our education committee.

MR. JOHN LYON: I've asked the two representatives to join me as well because they are both very involved in educational initiatives, very supportive. But for the eighth consecutive year, AT&T has very proudly supported the back-to-school supply program with a check for $2,000. Representative Graham, would you like to say anything?

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES GRAHAM: Well, I'll just turn around and say to the council and -- I want to personally thank John and AT&T for his outstanding work with the boys and girls clubs. I was telling one of the council members earlier everything helps, every dime helps in terms of trying to promote educational needs of our children. And, of course, one of the benefits of education is that the boys and girls club certainly does a great job with promoting educational, cultural, and social means for our children and will certainly go a long ways in promoting that. Thank you, John. I just want to personally thank you for staying committed to this
cause and to this tribe in this way. Thanks a lot.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES GRAHAM: Yes. I do have one other presentation. This is the Office Depot Foundation called the Backpack Foundation. Had an opportunity to collect several of these packs, and they were in a box. Don't you like that, Mr. Bill?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Looks like the symbol of our culture.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES GRAHAM: How great they did that. So we do have several of these on behalf of Office Depot. I'd like to thank Office Depot personally for this. These will serve our children and our boys and girls club as an incentive or a reward. It's a backpack, and you actually put it on your back, and inside, we have a few little school supplies as well, pens and crayons and things. It will serve as a good way for boys and girls club -- and it will be able for us to make this presentation. Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRY HUNT: Thank you, Representative.

REPRESENTATIVE GARLAND PIERCE: Well, I'd just for a minute to thank all of you over the years, and I'm just glad to be with you -- and I work well with Charles, and obviously we do all we can for this county, and I think you know that we're just a phone
call away. And I want to thank AT&T because years ago, being a senior member of delegation when all of this started years ago. So thank you for your continued support, and I know that we'll be old men, so we have an obligation to do that as well. Thank you this evening.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: We have another presentation. On behalf of the Lumbee Tribe, we'd certainly like to show you and give you this plaque, AT&T -- show you our appreciation and our gratitude for all the things that AT&T does for us and our children.

MR. JOHN LYON: Well, thank you, Mr. Bobby.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Amen. And next on our agenda is community comments. We don't have any community comments tonight, so we'll move on to our committee reports, and we have one, health and human services, and the chairperson for that is Ms. Jan Lowery. Ms. Lowery?

MS. JAN LOWERY: It's been a while since I have updated the council on what the health committee has been doing -- and we did have a meeting this past month -- and I have passed out some handouts for most of you to look at and to read after you get home tonight. But the first project is a colorectal
cancer project. We had two folks come before us and
tell us about a project that they want to conduct in
the community about colorectal cancer and how to
prevent that, and they're working in conjunction with
the North Carolina Indian Health Board, and Ronnie
Bell from Wake Forest School of Medicine -- and they
received funding from the cancer center at UNC Chapel
Hill -- and what the project is going to consist of
is going out to the community and conducting four
focus groups to talk to our Lumbee membership about
accessing health care and going for screenings for
colorectal cancer. And in return for that from the
focus groups, they will conduct a report as to what
they had found.

They will also design culturally-appropriate
materials that, in turn, we can use in our community to
educate our community members about going for screenings
for colorectal cancer. It can be preventable if you go
through your screenings, when they're -- when it's time
for you to go and prevent cancer. So we had -- they had
come to us and they asked us for permission to move
forward with this project, so we bring it to you tonight
to tell you about it and answer any questions that you
might have. And they're asking for approval to move
forward, and if we do, there will be a memorandum of
understanding between this project and the administration, the Lumbee Tribe.

So they would work in collaboration, and then they would come back to us after a certain length of time and tell us about the progress of their project and a final report and materials that we can use in our community. So with that, I'll ask if there are any questions that you might have -- and this is a process that the health committee put in place so that if you hear of a focus group meeting in your district, you are aware of who it is and what they're doing and can encourage some folks to go and sit down and talk with them.

They will be getting a small fee of like $10 for each person who participates, but they'll mainly be talking about when -- when -- when do our people really decide it's time to go for screenings, if they ever do, and can we increase the cancer-free that's happening in our communities. But this focus of this project is colorectal cancer, so -- yes, Mr. Larry?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The data of this group -- they'll be able to set up and educate the community about the need for this -- but they will start collecting data when?

MS. JAN LOWERY: When is the project? Yeah. I don't know if they gave us a date for when they're
going to start. They will start as soon as we give them the okay and the letter to start -- so that's when they will start. After they do the focus groups, they will come back to us with a report of what they found and any data that they collect.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The reason I ask that question -- right now Southeastern is doing a colorectal study, and they've been doing it for about eight to ten years. They just did the screening about a month ago, and the doctors who came in and spoke were from the School of Medicine at Campbell University -- and then some of the local people from the hospitals came. They said less than 25 percent of the population, of the male population, of Robeson County have these exams.

They are free, and they do it each year, and they send -- they make a phone call or they'll send a paper out to you letting you know when it's going to be in your community, and I would strongly encourage it. This is a cancer that can be preventable, it can be handled, but you got to go get checked, and a lot of our people are hesitant to do this because -- well, for various reasons -- and I guess some people might say it's an invasion of your privacy. Well, you have to make the choice: do you want to live, or is your privacy that important? So I
would encourage you strongly to support this. We've set up a health board here that can maintain this data and work with whatever the rituals are of this group -- comes from this information about -- but I would strongly encourage you to support it.

MS. JAN LOWERY: On the back side, there is a timeline of when the project will begin. It's 2015 to 2016, so it's a one-year project -- and then below are the members who are a part of that team. So are the weeks. They are going to hire a part-time person from our community that is Lumbee that will help -- that will help gather -- but as of today, that person had not been hired. The application -- the positon came out on the UNC-Chapel Hill job website, and people were turned to that website to apply. So if we could just -- if there's not anymore questions, if we could just vote out loud, vote to move forward or not on the project.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Is there anymore questions? We're ready to vote. Let's do a vote by a showing of hands, please. If you okay this, I'll need to know by a raise of hand.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The study will begin. Ms. Jan, I'd like to recognize Councilman
Doug Locklear.

MS. JAN LOWERY: The second project that I want to talk to you about also calls for a memorandum of understanding. A lot of you have already heard me talk about this is the Access to Recovery Project, and it is a grant that has come to the State of North Carolina, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse -- and the goal of the project is to help folks who are addicted to substances -- abuse drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and who want to recover from that abuse -- so they're in the recovery phase. They may have already gone in for treatment or they must have -- they decided that they would just stop on their own or they need assistance to help them through the recovery piece, and the grant actually provides -- pays for services.

If you look on the front sheet, it lists some of the activities that a person can engage in to help them through the very critical moments in their recovery process so they don't turn back -- and perhaps they will need child care, maybe a person wants to go back to school, or maybe they want to get a part-time job and they need child care. This grant will actually pay for child care services. Copays will go to the doctor. Maybe a
person is in recovery but has never gotten classes or has never gotten the full esteem that they need to help with their self-worth. This grant will actually pay for those types of things. The list goes on and on -- but how the Lumbee Tribe comes into play is that there are cultural activities that a person in recovery can participate in, and the grant will pay for that. Some of those are like hunting or fishing or powwow dancing, the drumming, the making of regalias.

So we want to write a memorandum of understanding with this project that we will provide the cultural activities that our people may need for recovery. And so, again -- massages, chiropractor, gym memberships -- we can get as creative as we need to be so our people in our area -- can help them get through the recovery process.

It is a grant and it's only available for four years, so we've got four years to help our people with federal dollars. We can use the cultural center if you know someone who can go in -- and we can contract with each person to do the activity, and we can pay them and also help that person in recovery. Using the Lumber River for kayaking, getting kind of outdoor sports so we can identify people who can use those cultural services, and we can help them with the recovery process, and we can get reimbursed. The tribe can get reimbursed for those
services.

So I ask you again to move forward with the project with a memorandum of understand, that we work with them to provide these services to our membership, and I'll entertain any questions you might have about the project. I know we had quite a few at our health committee meeting when we talked about this project.

And so the committee did vote to move it forward, but we want to bring it before the full council for approval before we did a memorandum of understanding. Are there any questions? Oh, and for those that may not have been at the health committee meeting, if you can think of any activity that will assist our people who are in recovery and would like to work with the -- us on this project, please let us know.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a question. Who determines that somebody's in recovery?

MS. JAN LOWERY: There will be an assessment done by people who are trained to do assessments, and from that assessment, the tribe will be doing the activities. So people who are trained in mental health assessments are the one that will do -- who will determine if that person is in recovery. Maybe that person may not be directly recovered. They may need to go off for treatment. So they're trained
professionals.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So once they determine, you know -- I'm looking at a list of services that the tribe will provide. And so, we could then just contract these services out? Is that what you're saying?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Well, this -- I didn't have -- we haven't printed out the memorandum of understanding yet, so the services that the tribe would provide are the ones that we're currently doing like the powwow and teaching them to dance in our powwows, teaching them to sew with our elderly, the activities that we're already doing that are culturally appropriate. If it's a service we don't provide, then that's something that we would have to contract out or help someone find outside of the tribe. I want to bring the memorandum of understanding back to the council so you can read what it is and the services that we have agreed to provide. Does that answer your question?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Part of it. And so if you're saying that we would then have to find these -- first of all, who at the tribe would be responsible for it then if we're going to fund something? You know, you've got massage therapy on
there. If we're going to fund that out, do we have
the funds to pay for somebody to actually put that
all together?

MS. JAN LOWERY: If -- Tony Locklear is a
full-time tribal liaison. He lives in Scotland
County. He's covering our territory, and he's also
working with the Coharie Tribe, so we're not the only
tribe that is working with this grant, and he is the
full-time person that is working in collaboration
with us. He is hired and paid by the Access to
Recovery Grant, so there's no extra, added work on
the tribe.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay.

MS. JAN LOWERY: And the services that we
provided -- once those people are already doing it,
they know how to do --

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. Okay.

MS. JAN LOWERY: We wouldn't be providing child
care because we don't have a licensed child care.
This is just what came off the Internet. So before
we move forward, I will let you see the MOU of
services that we would contract to provide.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I need a show of hands if we
can move forward.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'd like to ask a question. I'm looking at the back side of your paperwork, and it says the minimum are 18 years of age and live in these counties. So are the -- you're leaving out Scotland, Hoke, and Cumberland?

MS. JAN LOWERY: With the tribe, it's different. It's with the tribal territory, but that's when they wrote the grant. But the memorandum of understanding is with the Lumbee Tribe and our tribal territories -- and yes, it is for people 18 years of age and older.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Are we ready to -- show of hands? If we give Ms. Jan the go-ahead on this. If you would, would you raise your hand, please.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Looks like unanimous. Okay.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Thank you, everyone.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you once again, Ms. Jan. Thank you for a great job on the health and human services committee.

Next on our agenda is our tribal administrator report.
MR. TONY HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a couple of items I'd like to just bring you up to speed on.

One of them is that I know some of you have heard about the education, the Access Grant, that we've received from the federal government and the Department of Education a week ago. It's a -- I'm just going to give you just a highlight of it because we have some individuals that's going to Washington next week, and they're going to be going over the whole grant again in the process of it, and they're going to be making hopefully some changes to it, and then when they come back with it, hopefully we'll have everything finalized as far as the budget side of it, but it's $2.4 million grant over four years.

It's called the Access Grant. It's been awarded to the tribe, the recipient, and with partners to include UNCP, Robeson Community College, and the Public Schools of Robeson County. Actually, the way this grant started, we were contact by UNCP by Horace Locklear, one of our previous council members, and knew this grant was available, so he asked if we would partner with them. It had to be a tribe to qualify for the grant for the money to come through, so we're kind of like a sister agency is what we're really doing as part of the grant.
The work is going to be done out in UNCP through their program, Robeson Community College, and the Public Schools of Robeson County. We'll bring back a final budget from the Department of Education, and hopefully by the first of next month -- and then we'll come to the finance committee with that so you'll see what all the different line items in it will be and for it to be approved here through the council. Again, like I said, there was some of the numbers that we made with UNCP and RCC and the Public Schools and that they're doing some adjustments -- and like I said -- but those adjustments have to be approved up in Washington. So we have someone that's going up.

They're going to go for a three-day training about this grant, how it works, the reporting part of it and all of that. So once they come back, we'll have a more clear picture about exactly what this grant's all about and what it will achieve out in the community. It's basically in a nutshell is to help American Indian students be -- have them thinking about and getting ready, career ready or college ready, even as a lower grade -- start thinking about it and talking about it as low a grade as fifth grade and in middle school so by the time they get to high school, they've already got their mind on what they want to do. They've been making plans for it, and they'll be
on the right track when they get in high school in their freshman year, so that's kind of it in a nutshell.

But we'll bring back all the particulars to you -- what's going on, and once we do that, we want to have an adequate little press release that will -- something that was sort of coordinated by UNCP because they asked us if we will do a small press release and say that we have received the grant. But we'll do an official press release with the tribal council and the Chairman and have some more detail exactly about what this grant's going to be all about. Over in November, I'll be letting you know what the date is. Any questions on that? If not, just a little statistics and just to let you know.

The LIHEAP program is going great. Since we've started, we've done right at 500 applications for the LIHEAP program. And the other thing that we wanted to report too is that our enrollment -- we've had since September 1, these are the numbers. Since September 1, we've had 300 new enrollments, we've updated 458 cards, and we've had 95 descendents, and that's children that their parents bring in and getting their cards. It's called descendents because they have to get a card up under their parents until they turn 18.

We'd like to also give this information -- we had this pulled. We're trying to also do some different
things with our telephone calls that come in and
everything, and just to let the council know, we pulled
two months of June and July's phone calls of incoming and
outgoing calls to landlines that came in here to the
tribe, and we had over 30,000 calls that came in within
the two-months' time and going out, so that's a volume of
calls that's coming in and going out of here for every
department that's housed, and that's just the ones housed
here in this department.

That's not vocational rehab, has nothing to do with
the any of the others. That's just the ones that are
housed in here. So we're trying to work with that and do
some things to where we help with the callbacks and make
sure that folks are doing the call backs that they need to
do. But we just want to let the council know so you have
kind of an idea of the type of volume of calls that we're
getting here. Mr. Speaker, I'll entertain any question.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Tony, what was the time
frame of those calls?

MR. TONY HUNT: The -- for September? No. The
calls for June and July. But the enrollment is from
September 1 until October today. Those numbers on
the enrollment were from September 1 up to today, and
we're still looking for -- we'll continue the LIHEAP
program up to the days that we gave to you, and we're
encouraging folks to call ahead in case there's some
lines, or if you've got someone that's coming up for
one of these programs. If they call ahead of time,
we'll tell them how many folks are here, and if they
want to come, especially those folks that are doing
LIHEAP because with those things, everybody sort of
comes at one time, and then there's a long wait, so
we're encouraging folks of putting out that.

If you're going to come, give us a call. If there's
a long wait, we'll let you know so you can come at a
little later time during the day. So if you have anybody
that's going to come, you can have them give us a call,
and we can give them that information over the phone.

MR. LE SAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. I would like to say
that one of our senior ladies from our church -- she
was complimenting the staff when she come in, and
they took care of her. She actually brought two of
the ladies, she so was here five or six hours, and
well, she said they brought her cookies and juice and
took real good care of them.

MR. TONY HUNT: Well, yeah. We try to do that
for the LIHEAP program, try to get them some
refreshments because there was a long wait those
first few days because a lot of them came those first
even a few days. Mr. Bill?
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hunt, give us an update on our manufactured homes and on those contracts. I know there was a situation with the all three, so give us an update on the plans.

MR. TONY HUNT: So the bids are open. The contract was appointed to Mr. Terry Pate. He has that contract. I think all 32 people -- I'm pretty sure have all been identified now. We actually had a meeting and that they've all been identified because housing had a meeting with them, introduced them to the inspectors and everyone that will be working with the project so that they would know the people that are going to be coming out, so I'm pretty sure it's on the way -- don't really have a time line on when the first homes, but I'll find out and have that in our next meeting. I should have a little more information precisely of when the first ones should be coming out.

MR. LESAUNDRi HUNT: Anyone else? Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Just a quick question. Who handles the process? Who's responsible for sending out the bids and when the bids come in? Who handles that?

MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Kent Locklear. We have -- we keep the minutes and everything of that opening
bid of everybody who was present and all those
things.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anyone else have any
questions for Mr. Hunt? Okay. Thank you.

Next before we do calendar review, Mr. Townsend has a
letter he would like to share with the council.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I got a letter that came to
me here in this envelop. Lumbee Councilman Mr. Larry
Townsend. I don't know if everybody got a copy of it
or not, but I wanted to share this with those of you
if you didn't get a copy of it.

To Lumbee Tribe. Dear Lumbee Tribe Chairman Paul
Brooks. I would like to take this time to say thank you
for installing a heating and cooling system in my sister
-- in my sister's house. Her sister is Janice Deese. Jan
has been confined to a wheelchair for the past 40 years.
Jan has hydrocephalitis, water head; scoliosis, curving of
the spine, and arthritis. We, Jan's family, help Jan with
general home -- home hold -- household jobs, cooking her
meals, wash her clothes, mopping her floors, administering
her medications, and taking turns staying with her at
night. We, Jan's family, can attend to her daily needs,
but when it comes time to be taking household repairs, we
are not financially able replace/repair these needs.
Throughout the years, the Lumbee Tribe has helped Jan with
replacing her roof, new floors, installed a handicapped
bathroom, new windows and doors, new hot water heater,
painting the interior walls, installing vinyl siding. The
house that Jan stays in is the homeplace of Felton and
Sally Deese. So far, four generations have called this
homeplace home. I shudder at the thought that without the
assistance of the Lumbee Tribe, this dilapidated homeplace
would have had to eventually would have had to have been
torn down. Though with the help of the Lumbee Tribe, this
Deese homeplace is still providing shelter and a safe
place for future generations to live, work, and play.
Cordially, Phyllis Deese, Mary, and Jan's sister.

I thought this was -- out of all of the negative
stuff we have out there, I thought this was a good,
positive that should be shared with the entire tribe if it
hasn't been shared with you, and I hope that a letter like
this, comparable letters like this, Mr. Administrator,
possibly something could be derived from this to go in the
newsletter to go out to all the people in the territory.
Let the people know that we need to accentuate the
positive that comes out. There's a lot of good work done
on behalf of the tribal council and all departments and
employees of the tribe. So I wanted to share that. Thank
you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Brewington would
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, many of you heard me talk about being a member of the North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief team. Well, I'm in a dilemma tonight. I need some input from the council. We have been scheduled to go to Charleston next week for disaster relief, and I -- it's always been one of my goals to be there, but I've scheduled to go to the NAI conference. My question tonight then -- I apologize, but I'm in a dilemma of what to do if I should decide to go on the disaster relief and not go to the NCI [sic] conference -- the consequences. Do we have to pay back the incurred expenses, and if we do, is there a time limit on which I have to pay them back? I haven't made up my mind yet, but I know my plane ticket's been bought, it's been paid for, and I don't think the tribe should have to pay that expense if I don't attend, but I haven't heard any other rulings since I've been on the council exactly what's the ruling. I need to let this team know if I'm going to be going to Charleston next week or if I'm going to NAI, so, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to know how it's been handled in the past if it was a family emergency or something like that. I could see it, but this is another
program I am involved in, so what is our procedure if
I don't go?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I think it's been done by
administration as far as any cancellations or
anything of that nature. Am I correct, Mr. --

MR. TONY HUNT: We just handle cancellations
now. As far as any repercussions, that's left up to
this elective body. That's not -- we just handle
cancellations. I mean, we can -- Ms. Belinda can
tell you what the cost is incurred, you know, if you
cancel now, you know, what costs we would be out of.
I think there is some -- we might can incur like
registration. Ms. Belinda, do you want to speak to
that?

MS. BELINDA BREWER: I can work on that. We had
someone that backed out on this trip already, and let
me know a couple days ago, and I was able to get our
registration blown over. Also, they were able to --
they had a waitlist for the room, so we were able to
get someone to step in so we wouldn't lose any money.
So we wouldn't lose any money, so I don't know if
it's too late now. I can try to work with that and
let you know. The only other thing was that we would
get maybe a $200 credit out of the plane ticket.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Well, my question is, if
the tribe incurs an expense, am I required to pay
back that part that you can't?

MS. BELINDA BREWER: Maybe, possibly, if it was
just the plane ticket. We only got $200 back credit,
maybe they still can pay the rest for the next trip
or whatever, but if I can get everything else rolled
on over and taken care of, that should be okay. It's
just a plane ticket.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Am I reading it right?
Say it's $1,000, and you can get $700 back, then I
wouldn't owe but $300, right? That's my question.

MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Brewington, we don't have a
policy written for the council. That's something the
council would --

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I don't know if the council
could answer that question. I do know that if
someone goes on a trip, and they come back early,
there is a difference, and I have known council
people to have to pay that difference.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, I
believe there's an ordinance, and it states that if
you're supposed to go on a trip, and you don't go,
you just don't show, then the cost is on you. You're
supposed to repay it, but to my knowledge, nobody's
been required to pay anything back in the situation
he's talking about.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Are we saying the tribe just loses that incurred expense? Is that -- I just want to know the procedure so I can make a decision.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: I would suggest that this is something that the council must deal with ourself, that we bring this up at the next finance committee meeting and let them talk about what if there should be any kind of sanctions or what the outcome should be. That's a suggestion I would like to offer.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I agree.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Yeah.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Is that a motion?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: It's just a suggestion?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Well, how many agrees with Mr. Lowery? It's a request?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: It's a request. Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anyone else?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: On a different subject.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I want to announce to the tribal council and to the tribe that next week, I
will be a candidate for the Southeastern Vice President for the National Congress Executive Board representing all tribes south of Virginia and east of the Mississippi.

I have had people in other states ask me as much as two years ago about running. I've had people talk to me in the last few months about running. I have said to these people I don't know, I have to see how things pledge out. So now, next week is just about upon us. The election will be next week. The electoral nominations will probably come on Wednesday morning, and the elections will be on Wednesday morning or possibly Thursday morning. The caucuses will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

It is scheduled now, and the vote will come and it will open at 7:15 each morning, and now I hear 8:30 because the general sessions will start at 9 o'clock. So if you have friends or acquaintances across the territory, it's very important. If you're not at the table, you're on the menu, and there is no -- the only person at the table right now is -- the vice president is from a tribe here in North Carolina, and I have been told repeatedly that the seat has been vacant at the table.

Now, folks, we can't allow something like this to happen whenever we have the wherewithal and the need for us to be at the table -- and I have served on as a vice
president before, and I never left a meeting to those folks who are not aware of the unlisted tribes and the state-recognized tribes, and I always said to them, wherever they come from, it's not a national congress of federally-recognized tribes, it's the National Congress of American Indians, and we deserve a seat at the table, and we have the opportunity to make it happen. So the ball is in our court, along with others who think like we do, so I would appreciate your support from those that are going to be in San Diego next week.

Provisions will be made for folks to -- you have to be registered for the conference, and you have to be credentialed, and you have to be if you're registered to be able to vote. And the way it's been voted on before -- I've been going to these meetings since 2001. We have always voted by one man, one vote, one person, one vote. And if need be, if you go to a weighed vote, and each tribe has a certain number of weighted votes, then we would have 180 votes by virtue of our size.

So again, I think it's an honor. I think it's certainly a privilege to serve provided we show up and do our job, and I would appreciate having your support.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Larry.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I'd like to -- before we do
our calendar review, our seniors are having a plate
sale next Thursday the 22nd at the Soaring Eagle
building. I'd like to ask you to go out and support
them. Okay. Anyone else?
Okay. If you would look at your calendars, please.

MR. FRANK COOPER: There's going to be a debate
on October 22nd at the Indian Education Building for
the candidates for the tribal chair hosted by Phi
Sigma Nu. It starts at 7 p.m. for anybody that's
interested in being there.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: On the 22nd?
MR. FRANK COOPER: On the 22nd.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And what building is it in?
MR. FRANK COOPER: It's at the old high school.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. IEA building. For
those of you, -- that's a real high school. If
you'll look at your calendars, please. Next week, as
Mr. Townsend's already stated, the NCAI meeting, very
important meeting for us to attend. The following
week is open from the 25th to the 30th. Any
committee member?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?
MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I'd like to schedule
a constitution meeting for Tuesday the third at 6:30.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: November 3rd at 6:30.
That's the town election, I'm just throwing that out there. That's election night for cities and general elections. Anyone else?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to schedule finance the same night at 7:30.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Finance committee following. We'll excuse Ms. Jan for that night.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker, education following.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Education, 8:30. Anyone else? Okay. We would like to -- I know you haven't forgotten, but just to refresh your memory, I know we do have two administrative court positions that we need to work on if Mr. Hagans is on -- if he wants to reaffirm. I guess it would have to come to the constitution and ordinance committee. Ms. Anita, that's if, if the council people in that judicial district, -- you, Mr. Larry, and Daniel. Okay. The other one is District 3, me and Mr. Al Locklear, Ms. Janie, Mr. Terry Hunt, and Mr. Homer. That is our district. I have shared with these councilmen -- I've talked to two different people -- well, actually three. One declined and one said he was going to talk to his wife and pray about it, and he ain't
heard from God yet. It might be one of those where
Daniel prayed and it took 22 days for it to get
through. So we will get together and meet on that
one also. Any other committee meeting need to be
scheduled?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Move to adjourn.

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Second.

MR. LEAUNDRI HUN: We have a motion to
adjourn. All in favor say, aye.

(The council voted.)

(End of proceedings.)