

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SPECIAL CALL TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH 3, 2016

CHAIRMAN HARVEY GODWIN, JR.

TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

LAKISHIA SWEAT	TERRY HUNT
JANIE OXENDINE MCFARLAND	LESAUNDRI HUNT
ALTON LOCKLEAR	JONATHAN LOCKLEAR
BOBBY OXENDINE	JARROD LOWERY
LARRY TOWNSEND	DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR
REGINALD OXENDINE	JAN LOWERY
BILL BREWINGTON	ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS
JANET LOCKLEAR	FRANK COOPER
AREATHA PATTERSON	SHELLEY STRICKLAND
WILLIAM MAIDEN	BARBARA LOWERY

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TERRY HUNT
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ALTON LOCKLEAR
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DANIEL JONES
ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS
JANET LOCKLEAR
WILLIAM MAIDEN
DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR

1 **PROCEEDINGS**

2 *(The following meeting was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at*
3 *6:30 p.m.)*

4
5 Speaker Bill Brewington called the meeting to
6 order and requested Mr. Bobby Oxendine to give the
7 invocation.

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

9 Ms. Jan Lowery took a roll call for attendance
10 purposes, and the following members were present: Terry
11 Hunt, Janie Oxendine McFarland, Alton Locklear, Jonathan
12 Locklear, Bobby Oxendine, Jarrod Lowery, Larry Townsend,
13 Reginald Oxendine, Jan Lowery, Bill Brewington, Daniel
14 Jones, Anita Hammonds Blanks, Janet Locklear, and William
15 Maiden. There were 14 members present, and therefore, the
16 council had a quorum.

17 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Aren't we going to say the
18 Pledge of Allegiance?

19 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No. Not at a special
20 meeting.

21 Mr. Bobby Oxendine asked that Mr. Lesaundri Hunt
22 be excused due to eye surgery and is not able to drive.

23 Mr. Alton Locklear asked if Ms. LaKishia Sweat be
24 excused due to an audit.

25 Ms. Jan Lowery asked that Frank Cooper be excused.

1 Mr. Jonathan Locklear made the motion to excuse
2 those folks from the special call meeting.

3 Terry Hunt seconded the motion.

4 A voice voted was taken on the motion, and all
5 members were in favor of the motion.

6 Mr. Bill Brewington asked that everyone stay after
7 the benediction for a little housekeeping.

8 At the last tribal council meeting, Mr. Ron
9 Oxendine made a recommendation that we select a person to
10 represent council a voting person for LTE.

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: What is the wishes of the
12 council?

13 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Have we not already
14 voted for someone for LTE? Is this an additional person?
15 What are we voting on?

16 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No. This is a voting
17 person.

18 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Well, that's what we
19 voted on.

20 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No. That's the purpose of
21 this meeting tonight. The purpose of this meeting tonight
22 is to present LTE a voting person to represent council.

23 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: It was my
24 understanding that we voted for the economic development
25 person. That person is automatically on the LTE Board

1 according to the bylaws.

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Anita, we don't have
3 control of the LTE bylaws. We are just doing the
4 recommendation from the LTE to present them a name and what
5 they do with their bylaws and how they handle --that's what
6 they recommend and asking for tonight. Anybody else?

7 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, I would like
8 to nominate Mr. Jarrod Lowery to serve on the LTE Board.

9 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second the nomination.

10 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, in our economic
11 development meeting last week, I thought that was one of
12 the things we were supposed to bring back here tonight, and
13 in that meeting, we selected Mr. Al Locklear to serve on
14 that board.

15 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Would you like to nominate
16 Mr. Al Locklear?

17 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Nominate Mr. Al Locklear.

18 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Second.

19 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: At this time to represent
20 the Council on LTE, you have two nominations: Mr. Jarrod
21 Lowery and Mr. Al Locklear. Any other nominations?

22 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Not to offer a nomination,
23 but I think we are working backward here. It came out of
24 the LTE community -- I'm sorry -- the economic development
25 committee. It came out of the committee with the

1 nomination, and that's what comes to the floor, and if we
2 need to go back to committee to do this all over again, it
3 should come out of the committee. All actions has to come
4 out of the committee; am I correct?

5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Not necessarily.

6 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: When do actions not have to
7 come out of committee?

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: When the LTE asked for a
9 nomination, we can that direction as long as we can get
10 that nomination through tonight. It doesn't matter to me.
11 Mr. Jarrod, [sic] do you withdraw your nomination?

12 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: No, sir.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Let the economic made their
14 recommendation. Then we'll vote and go from there.

15 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, the
16 recommendation of the committee has already been made.

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: All right.

18 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, in
19 January, we voted on the chair of the economic development
20 committee; did we not? This whole council. We know that
21 the economic chair is the person who is automatically on
22 the LTE Board. LTE bylaws state that economic chair is
23 becomes a member of their board as soon as they're put in
24 that position. Why are we doing this? What has changed?

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Anita, if that is the

1 case, then we wouldn't be having this meeting tonight.

2 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: That is the case.

3 It's been the case. Ask Terry Hunt how he got to be on the
4 economic committee last year.

5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: All I'm doing is the request
6 of the LTE, to bring them a name.

7 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I know exactly what
8 you are doing, but the point is it is totally unnecessary.
9 This council has already made that decision of who we
10 decided to send, so why do we keep coming back?

11 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Hunt, are the LTE bylaws
12 the same today as they were whenever you were elected
13 economic development chair a year ago?

14 MR. TERRY HUNT: They have been changed.

15 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: When were they
16 modified? I have a copy of them, and that is what mine are
17 saying.

18 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order. We will
19 vote. We have two names -- the names of this council --

20 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Chairman, you are
21 overstepping your bounds. It came out of committee. Every
22 action has to come out of committee. You're circumventing
23 the committee for whatever reason -- I don't understand.
24 Furthermore, it is a request from LTE. We will -- we don't
25 have to honor any of the request from LTE. This is a

1 tribal council matter, and we met, the economic development
2 committee met. We discussed this matter at the meeting,
3 and if you feel that the nomination that came out of
4 committee is not what you want, then that we need to go
5 back to committee. Otherwise, it came out of committee,
6 and that is the first item from the membership voted out of
7 committee. It was voted out of the committee.

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No. No. You are wrong, Mr.
9 Al. When the committee brings us the reports, this council
10 can substitute and do all the --

11 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: You haven't given us the
12 actions from the committee.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: What are the recommendations
14 of our economic? If someone else wants to make a
15 substitute, that's fine; amend that, that's fine. What are
16 the recommendations coming from committee?

17 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I would also ask that you
18 should step aside since you are trying to circumvent a
19 order of this council -- a recommendation that came out of
20 committee, and you are not going to hear it.

21 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I am offering it right now.

22 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: You have two motions on the
23 floor.

24 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I withdraw my motion.

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Will you withdraw your

1 motion at this time?

2 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

3 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Is there a recommendation
4 from the economic development committee?

5 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, being that there
6 are none --

7 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, the
8 economic committee voted to send Al back to the LTE
9 committee as he was voted initially by the council in
10 January at the first meeting, and we know that, that
11 position is on the LTE Board by the bylaws, which were
12 revised in July of last year and still make that statement.
13 That's the only way that Terry would have stayed on. So
14 what I want to know is what has changed? That's what I
15 want to know.

16 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I am waiting for you or the
17 chair of economic development. I'm waiting for a
18 recommendation from economic development.

19 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: My recommendation is to send
20 this back to and let's decide if we maybe we should not
21 even need to do this at all since you are sitting wanting
22 to circumvent the committee. Maybe you should go back to
23 committee and started the process all over again.

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Al, you are out of
25 order. The only thing I know is that what was directed to

1 me was to bring a nomination to the LTE. They did not say
2 what order.

3 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: The recommendation from LTE
4 was to -- I don't know how to say this because I am already
5 sitting on the LTE Board already. That has not changed.
6 I'm not off the LTE Board. I can't give you a
7 recommendation to put me back on the board. My
8 recommendations from the economic development committee is
9 that we modify the word, *operations agreements*,-- that the
10 board member sits there for 15 years. That was the
11 recommendation. It was nothing more than that the
12 recommendation was to modify --

13 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Speaker, I cannot hear what's
14 going on.

15 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: The recommendation was to
16 modify the term of the person on the board. That was the
17 recommendation. I am sitting on the board presently.
18 Nothing has changed.

19 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Terry, I think we need
20 -- the way it was explained to me with Ron is the economic
21 development chair would serve on the board, but then the
22 council would have a voting delegate on the board. You
23 would be the best one to clear this up.

24 MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, that night that Ron
25 was in here, he explained everything to the council, and

1 these people in here heard the same thing I am hearing.

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So what is your
3 interpretation since you set on LTE?

4 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Correction. He does not sit
5 on LTE.

6 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker?
7 Mr. Terry has got the floor.

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Terry, go ahead.

9 MR. TERRY HUNT: It still stands what Ron told
10 everybody. I hear the same thing.

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: He asked us to bring a
12 nomination to him, which could be the existing chair, or it
13 could be someone else. You've heard the recommendations
14 from our economic development committee, Mr. Al Locklear.
15 Need no second since it's coming from committee.

16 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: I nominate Mr. Jarrod
17 Lowery to serve on the LTE Board.

18 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Are you putting that as a
19 substitute?

20 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Substitute motion. Yes,
21 sir.

22 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second the motion.

23 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: All right. Substitute
24 motion that Mr. Jarrod Lowery serve on the LTE Board as
25 representative of this council. Discussion? Discussion?

1 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, so are we
2 saying that in addition to the economic chair being on LTE,
3 we are putting another tribal council person on LTE? So
4 are we then saying that because Ron Oxendine stood here and
5 made some kind of request, that will totally null and void
6 everything this council voted on and then bring another
7 name because he didn't like the name we had?

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No. He didn't. Mr. Ron
9 asked that we bring a person to him. We had two options.
10 He said we could bring the existing chair, or we could
11 bring another.

12 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, the
13 council made its choice of who was going to be on there.
14 He doesn't get to come back and say what we can and cannot
15 do. That's not his call. That call has already been made
16 by the council.

17 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker?

18 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I'm calling -- I'm calling
19 for a vote on the substitute motion. Ms. Secretary, roll
20 call on the substitute motion.

21 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Discussion. Are you not
22 allowing discussion?

23 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We keep going back -- all
24 right. Go ahead, Al.

25 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: So answer the question. Are

1 you saying we adding another person to the LTE Board?

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I cannot answer that. The
3 only thing I can answer is what was request of this council
4 to do -- to bring a name to them.

5 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: And the committee decided a
6 name.

7 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Right. But the council has
8 to decide on a name.

9 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: I make a motion that the
10 nominations come to a close.

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No. We have a substitute
12 motion. Roll call on the substitute motion.

13 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: My hand has been up. I have
14 a couple of questions. Mr. Terry said that the regulations
15 or bylaws have been amended. Do we know that for a fact?

16 MR. TERRY HUNT: They are in the process of being
17 amended.

18 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: So they are in the process?

19 MR. TERRY HUNT: Since it's been asked for -- they
20 talked about changing -- all I can tell y'all is the LTE
21 Board is going to change or already has changed and voted
22 on -- they voted on the changes of the bylaws of LTE.

23 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Janie?

24 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: What is the vote?

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The vote is now --

1 substitute vote is Mr. Jarrod Lowery will serve as the
2 representative for council on the LTE.

3 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I make a motion that we
4 adjourn.

5 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: We got two nominations.

6 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'm sorry. The motion to
7 adjourn cannot be dismissed. This board is in -- I make a
8 motion that we adjourn, and that motion cannot be thrown
9 out. That has to be addressed every time. Mr. Bill, you and
10 Jarrod,-- Parliamentarian, motion is made to adjourn has to
11 be carried out.

12 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Second the motion.

13 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, let's vote on
14 the motion to adjourn.

15 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Parliamentarian,--

16 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Motion to adjourn. We will
17 vote on the motion to adjourn.

18 Ms. Jan Lowery conducted a roll call vote.

19 MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat? Terry Hunt?

20 MR. TERRY HUNT: No.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie McFarland?

22 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?

24 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

25 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

1 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: No.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

3 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

5 MR. JARROD LOWERY: No.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

7 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: No.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

9 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: No.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Reginald Oxendine?

11 MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: No.

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

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

15 MR. DANIEL JONES: No.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

17 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?

19 MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: No.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper? Areatha Patterson?

21 Shelley Strickland? William Maiden?

22 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?

24 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, I call for

25 question on the motion.

1 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Motion on the substitute
2 motion. Roll call.

3 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker, point of
4 information. Need to ask Mr. Terry -- Mr. Terry, is
5 someone coming off the LTE Board? Do we need to put
6 another LTE person on there?

7 MR. TERRY HUNT: From my understanding, is from
8 what's going on is they want to change that position to a
9 15-year position period. That position which comes from
10 the council.

11 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Changing the economic
12 position to a 15-year period.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you, Mr. Bobby. Let
14 me read you what was directed to me to do.

15 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, call for
16 question. You keep circumventing the rules.

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Recommend the tribal council
18 select a person to fill this permanent position. Number
19 one, to retain Mr. Al Locklear as nominee. Number two,
20 identify a new candidate.

21 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: That's not what was discussed
22 in committee.

23 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Roll call.

24 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I'm sorry. Read that
25 part again. Retain what now?

1 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Retain Al Locklear as the
2 nominee. Identify a new candidate.

3 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So you mean to tell me
4 because Ron Oxendine comes here -- he has the power and the
5 authority to tell this council that I don't like your, your
6 person that you are sending me, but you can still have him
7 as a nominee, but you get to do everything all over again.
8 It's not fair.

9 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: He didn't say that.

10 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: You said that he could
11 retain -- you couldn't retain him as an nominee. He was
12 not the nominee. He was the chosen person by the tribal
13 council.

14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Roll call.

15 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: This is ridiculous.

16 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: She's out of order.

17 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Larry, you know all
18 about being out of order.

19 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Roll call. Question?

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: And this is to vote to elect
21 Jarrod Lowery to serve on the LTE Board?

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The substitute motion is
23 Jarrod.

24 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: So we are voting on the
25 substitute motion.

1 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Right.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat? Terry Hunt?

3 MR. TERRY HUNT: Pass.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland? Is she
5 here?

6 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. I am here, but I don't
7 know what we are voting on. I mean, we can't work together
8 apparently, so I don't know what we are voting on.

9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?

10 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Pass.

11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

12 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

14 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: No.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

16 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Pass.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

18 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Confirm Jonathan -- I mean
19 Jarrod. Yes.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

21 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Pass.

22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Reginald Oxendine?

23 MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Yes.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Daniel Jones?

25 MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?
2 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Pass.
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?
4 MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Yes.
5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper? Areatha Patterson?
6 Shelley Strickland? William Maiden?
7 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No. And, Mr. Speaker, you
8 are wrong.
9 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: You're out of order, Mr.
10 Speaker.
11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.
12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Do I go back to people who
13 pass?
14 MS. BELINDA BREWER: Yes.
15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Terry Hunt?
16 MR. TERRY HUNT: Abstain.
17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?
18 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'm deciding. You can pass
19 me again.
20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?
21 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Abstain.
22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?
23 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.
24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Blanks?
25 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.

1 MS. BELINDA BREWER: What about Ms. Janie?

2 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I don't know what we are
3 voting on, so I'm not voting.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: So she's abstaining. Okay. Is
5 that it?

6 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I haven't voted yet. Mr.
7 Speaker, you are totally out of order. Also, you said you
8 would never vote. Did you not say that?

9 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Point of order. We are doing
10 roll call. This is not for discussion. This is a roll
11 call motion.

12 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Abstain.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Motion passed. Mr. Jarrod
14 will represent us on LTE.

15 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker,-- Madam
16 Secretary, what was the vote?

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. 8 yes, 3 no, 4 abstain,
18 and 6 are absent.

19 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: This will be in court.

20 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Do I get a motion we
21 adjourn?

22 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: So moved.

23 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: All right. Mr. Reggie, if
25 you would dismiss us -- but I do need to make an

1 announcement once we adjourn.

2 (A prayer was given by Mr. Reginald
3 Oxendine.)

4 (End of proceedings.)

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