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Rudolph Wambsgans III



**Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council  
Multi-Purpose Room – CERC Building  
Thursday, April 8, 2021  
Business Meeting Minutes**

- A. Call Meeting to Order**  
*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marshall Pierite at 10:45 a.m.*
- B. Prayer**  
*Prayer was led by Council Member, James Craig, III.*
- C. Pledge**  
*Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council.*
- D. Roll Call**  
*Roll call conducted by Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal.*

**Council present:**

**In chambers:** Chairman, Marshall Pierite; Vice Chairman, Marshall Sampson, Sr., Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal; Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III; Council Member, Bobby Pierite Sr.

**Via teleconference:** Council Member, James Craig, III

**Staff present:**

**In chambers:** Administrator, Tim Martin; Chief Financial Officer, Clarence Brown, III; In-House Counsel, Jacob Snow; Minor's Trust Program Director, Brenda Lintinger

**Guests present:**

**Via Teleconference:** Joanie Arteta; Kathleen Ubnoske; Anna Farris; Michelle Richardson

**E. Approval of Agenda – 12:36pm**

*Tribal Administrator, Tim Martin, suggested amendment to Agenda:*

*Meeting “VII-A: Elder’s Committee” moved to beginning of meeting agenda; took place at 10:45am.*

Motion made by Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III, to approve agenda including amended schedule of meetings, seconded by Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**F. Approval of Minutes**

*Tribal Council addressed by Tribal Administrator and Secretary Treasurer.*

Motion made by Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, to table approval of 3/11/2021 and 3/25/2021 minutes, seconded by Council Member, Bobby Pierite, Sr.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**G. Meetings**

**1. Elder’s Committee (moved up the agenda and took place at 10:45am)**

*A ‘question and answer’ session was moderated by Joanie Arteta.*

*Ms. Arteta asked questions on behalf of and as provided by the Elder’s Committee members.*

*Tribal council members addressed the questions and concerns of the Elder’s Committee.*

*Some topics covered in this session pertained to: grant writing; grant processing; staff training; descriptive list of grants; among other various details coinciding with those topics.*

*Some questions were taken under advisement by the council and an answer will be addressed at a later time.*

*See “Attachment A”.*

**2. Clarence Brown, III, CFO – 11:30am**

*Chief Financial Officer, Clarence Brown, III, presented financial reports, findings, and updates to the Tribal Council.*

**a. FGB letter and release of PPP Loan**

**b. Financial Report update**

- c. Short Report
- d. Article 2903 Report
- e. Audit Findings comment

**H. Unfinished Business**

**1. Revised Governance Workshop – date TBD**

- Initial meeting/interest via telephone calls
- Virtual Session(s) (ZOOM meetings)
- In-Person Meeting
- Follow-Up – Written report with recommendations, if appropriate.

*Tribal Council instructed the Tribal Administrator to obtain a quote for consideration.*

Motion made by Vice Chairman, Marshall Sampson, Sr., to approve the Tribal Administrator to obtain quote, seconded by Council Member, Bobby Pierite, Sr. **Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**2. Review of Houston Office Sub-Lease**

Motion made by Vice Chairman, Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve Houston Sub-Lease between Tunica-Biloxi Tribe and the Institute of Indian Development, seconded by Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**3. Ray Martin's Retainer Agreement**

*Moved to Executive Session*

#### 4. Tribal Sex Offender Registry

Motion made by Vice Chairman, Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve Resolution TBN-R-2021-010 "*A Resolution to Opt Out of the Department of Justice's Sex Offender Registry as Part of the Tribal Access Program*", seconded by Council Member, Bobby Pierite, Sr.

*\*Due to cost of the Tribal Sex Offender Registry program, it was not financially feasible to implement this program. We will continue to use the State of Louisiana program with no additional cost.*

Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III, Council Member, Bobby Pierite, Sr., Vice-Chairman, Marshall Ray Sampson, Sr. **approve.**

Council Member, James Craig, III and Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, **oppose.**

**The vote is (3) approve, (2) oppose, (0) abstain.**

**Motion carries.**

See "**Attachment C**".

*"Since we've had this program how come we didn't implement it? Because the number one priority is the safety of our tribal members." Council Member James Craig, III.*

#### 5. Housing Board Vacancy

**Tribal Council was presented with a Letter of Consideration from the Board to appoint Ms. Jessica Barbry to fill the Housing Board seat vacancy.**

Vice Chairman, Marshall Sampson, Sr. motioned to approve the appointment of Ms. Jessica Barbry to fill the vacancy, seconded by Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal. No further discussions.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

See "**Attachment D**".

**I. New Business**

**1. Trust Access Appeal – 12:18pm**

*Brenda Lintinger presented the Council with a Trust Access Appeal. Discussions on the effects of approving versus denying the appeal were held amongst the Council Members.*

Vice Chairman, Marshall Sampson, Sr., motioned to uphold the decision for denial, seconded by Council Member, Bobby Pierite, Sr.  
No further discussions.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**  
**Motion carries unanimously.**

**2. Constitution Committee Questions**  
**See “Attachment F”.**

**3. 2021 CTAS Grant Application (Resolution)**

Vice-Chairman Marshall Sampson, Sr. motioned to approve Resolution TBN-R-2021-011 “*A Resolution for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana to Seek Funding Under the United States Department of Justice 2021 CTAS Application*”, seconded by Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**  
**Motion carries unanimously.**  
**See “Attachment G”.**

**4. Risk Committee (Resolution)**

*Council discussed the Resolution. Different council members had concerns about the purpose of the Committee and who could call the Committee together. Because of the concerns:*

Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, motioned to table the Resolution, seconded by Council Member, James Craig, III.  
No further discussions.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**  
**Motion carries unanimously.**  
**See “Attachment H”.**

**5. Section 17 Financial Freedom**

*Administrator discussed the need to fill the board that had previously been authorized.*

*Administrator was instructed to solicit whom may be interested.*

Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III, motioned to authorize the Tribal Administrator to send out the advertisement for Board of Director vacancy seat for Financial Freedom, seconded by Council Member, Bobby Pierite, Sr.  
No further discussions.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**6. New Enrollments**

*Tribal Council presented with Council Enrollment Report.*

*New enrollments included:*

- Azalia Ann Morales
- Larissa Lynn Tamez
- Emerson Grae Wetzel

Council Member, Bobby Pierite, Sr. motioned to approve New Enrollments, seconded by Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III.

No further discussions.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**7. DOI Enrollment Numbers: 2-1-21**

*U.S. Department of Interior sent a letter requesting enrollment number of Tunica-Biloxi as of February 1, 2021, in relation to American Rescue Plan.*

Motion made by Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III, to authorize Chairman, Marshall Pierite, to sign off on the U.S. Department of Interior American Rescue Plan, seconded by, Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

See "Attachment I".

**8. OIG- informational only**

*Tribal Administrator informed council that the OIG for the DOI was investigating a tribe in Oklahoma regarding their expenditure activity related to the stabilization funds.*

**No action taken by the council.**

**J. Executive Session**

*Council moved into Executive Session.*

Council Member, James Craig, III, motioned to recess the Business Meeting and move into Executive Session, seconded by Council Member, Rudolph Wambsgans, III.

**Secretary Treasurer, Beverly Rachal, conducted a verbal vote count.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

*Court Reporter was excused for the day.*

**K. Adjournment of Executive Session**

*Tribal Council came out of Executive Session.*

*No further discussions nor actions taken were held post-executive session.*

**L. Business Meeting Adjournment**

*Tribal Council Business Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.*

*Certification to follow on the next page.*



## CERTIFICATION

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Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

Attest:



Chairman/Vice-Chairman



Secretary/Treasurer



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