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**Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council
Council Chamber – CERC Building
Friday, May 29, 2020
Business Meeting Minutes**

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:25 am by Chairman Marshall Pierite

II. Roll Call

Present: Marshall Pierite, Marshall Sampson, Sr., Beverly Rachal, Harold Pierite, Sr., Bobby Pierite, Sr., James Craig III and Jeremy Zahn

III. Prayer

Prayer was led by Chairman Marshall Pierite.

IV. Approval of Agenda

12:00 pm Lunch

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

V. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes approved during this meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a) Resolution to temporarily suspend utility payments on the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Reservation, in response to COVID-19

Motion made by Jeremy Zahn to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-034, a resolution to provide tribally-owned utility relief to all Tribal members living on

the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Reservation due to COVID-19. Seconded by James Craig III. James Craig, Bobby Pierite, Harold Pierite, and Jeremy Zahn approve. Beverly Rachal and Marshall Ray Sampson oppose. The vote is (4) approve (2) oppose and (0) abstentions. **Motion carries.**

V/C Sampson and S/T Rachal opposes because they feel it should not just be the members that live on the reservation to benefit, should be all tribal members.

C/M Zahn explained that members living on the reservation are within the Tribe's land jurisdiction, meaning the Tribe naturally has a different responsibility to them. The main difference to consider here is, the Tribe is not just responsible for providing member services to them -- we are also their utility provider for access to drinking water. Since essential services such as running water are necessary to combat and prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the reservation, as a sovereign nation, yes, we should join other Tribes and utility districts throughout the country who are offering the same basic relief to residents within their land jurisdictions. And as someone currently living away from the reservation, of course we should also strive to assist everyone when possible.

b) NDA (Non-Disclosure Affidavit) (Ray Martin)

Attorney General Ray Martin and Attorney Charlie Galbraith are still reviewing the document before submitting to Council for approval.

c) Tribal Administrator Position & Chief Financial Officer Position

Human Resources will post the CFO position and will schedule interviews for June 12, 2020 for the Tribal Administrator position.

d) RFP for Grant Writing Services

Motion made by Jeremy Zahn to approve an RFP for Grant Writing Services for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of LA., seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

e) Resolution to authorize an Extension of Funding for Healthy Meals (*introduced by Jeremy Zahn*)

Motion made by Harold Pierite, Sr. to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-035, a resolution to authorize an extension of funding for the delivery of healthy meals for Tribal Elders of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- f) Amendment of the Catastrophic Assistance Guidelines (*introduced by Jeremy Zahn*)

Motion made by James Craig III to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-036, a resolution to amend the Catastrophic Assistance Program Guidelines, seconded by Jeremy Zahn. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

VII. New Business

- a) Lease Addendum – American Indian Center of Houston (*RM/JZ*)

Motion made by Bobby Pierite, Sr. to enter into a sublease with the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas for office space at the Houston Office in Harris County, seconded by Harold Pierite, Sr. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

- b) Resolution to Approve a Reporting Schedule of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana (*introduced by James Craig*)

Motion made by Harold Pierite, Sr. to approve the Resolution #TBN-R-2020-037, a resolution to approve a reporting schedule for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. Seconded by Jeremy Zahn. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

- c) Resolution to Authorize the use of Electronic and Digital Signatures (*introduced by James Craig*)

Motion made by Bobby Pierite, Sr. to approve the Resolution #TBN-R-2020-038 authorizing the use of electronic and digital signatures for the execution of official tribal business, including the approval of contracts, agreements, transactions, minutes, documents and other records of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of LA, seconded by Jeremy Zahn. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- d) Resolution to update Signatory authority at Red River Bank

Motion made by Bobby Pierite, Sr. to approve the Resolution #TBN-R-2020-039, a resolution to update and name the authorized signatories on all current and future bank accounts held at the Red River Bank by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of LA, seconded by James Craig III. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- e) McGinnis Lochridge, LLP - Engagement Letter (*RM/JZ*)

Motion made by James Craig III to approve an engagement agreement with McGinnis Lochridge LLP, to provide legal services in connection with tax advice regarding the formation of a non-profit corporation, "American Indian Center of Houston", in Houston, Texas, seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

VIII. Executive Session

There were no items discussed during this meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Bobby Pierite, Sr. to adjourn at 3:00 pm, seconded by Jeremy Zahn.
All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

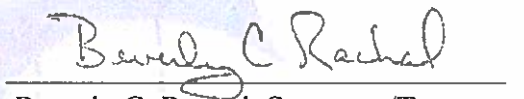
CERTIFICATION

I the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, certify that the Tribal Council is comprised of 7 Members, of whom 5, constituting a quorum were present at a/an regular meeting, duly called, noted, convened, and held on this 30th day of July 2020, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved by a vote of 6 members in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 30th day of July 2020.

Attest:


Marshall Pierite, Chairman


Beverly C. Rachal, Secretary/Treasurer