

**CHAIRMAN**  
Marshall Pierite

**VICE CHAIRMAN**  
Marshall R. Sampson, Sr.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
Beverly C. Rachal

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
James Craig III  
Bobby Pierite, Sr.  
Harold Pierite, Sr.  
Jeremy "Canary" Zahn



**Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council  
Council Chambers – CERC Building  
Thursday, October 1, 2020  
Business Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marshall Pierite at 9:30 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Marshall Pierite, Marshall Sampson, Sr., Bobby Pierite, Sr.  
Harold Pierite, Sr. and Jeremy Zahn

**Conference:** James Craig III and Beverly Rachal

**III. Prayer**

Prayer was led by Chairman Marshall Pierite.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

- 10:30 am Clarence Brown, Interim CFO
- 11:30 am Tim Martin, Tribal Administrator
  - Credit Card – Contracts & Grants
  - Catastrophic Funds
  - Hazard Pay Resolution
  - Overtime Pay for Law Enforcement
  - Hunting & Fishing Policies
  - PTO
  - Housing Board Vacancy
- **12:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm Ray Martin, AG and Charlie Galbraith, Attorney
  - Proposed Changes to the Election Code
- 3:00 pm Executive Session
  - Letter from McKenzie Penrod re: Lois Henry

Motion made by Jeremy Zahn to approve the agenda, seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

**V. Approval of Minutes**

- Business Meeting 6-11, 9-3, 9-10 & 9-17-2020

Motion by Jeremy Zahn to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2020. Seconded Marshall Ray Sampson. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

Motion by Marshall Ray Sampson to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2020. Seconded by Bobby Pierite. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

Motion by Harold Pierite to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2020. Seconded by Bobby Pierite. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

Motion by Harold Pierite to approve the executive meeting minutes of June 12, 2020. Seconded by Marshall Ray Sampson. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

Motion by Harold Pierite to approve the executive meeting minutes of July 24, 2020. Seconded by Jeremy Zahn. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

**VI. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business discussed during this meeting.*

**VII. New Business**

- a) Tim Martin, Tribal Administrator

1. Motion by Jeremy Zahn to authorize the Tribal Administrator to obtain a credit card for the Tribal Administration, for grants and programs. Seconded by Bobby Pierite. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**
2. Motion by Bobby Pierite to appropriate \$300,000 from the Mobiloans LLC distribution for additional Hurricane Laura and Sally relief under the Catastrophic/Hardship Program. Seconded by Jeremy Zahn. Harold Pierite opposes. **Motion carries.**

*Chairman Pierite and Council Member James Craig temporarily excused themselves from the meeting at 9:30 am for a call with Senator Bennett Thompson.*

3. Motion by Bobby Pierite to Resolution TBN-R-2020-066, a resolution to approve Hazard Pay to COVID-19 emergency and frontline employees for the remainder of the year. Seconded by Jeremy Zahn. Bobby Pierite, James Craig, and Jeremy Zahn approve. Beverly Rachal opposes. **Motion carries.**

*Vice-Chairman Sampson presided over the vote. C/M Harold Pierite rescued himself from the discussion and the vote.*

4. Motion by Bobby Pierite to approve Resolution TBN-R-2020-067, a resolution to reimburse Tunica-Biloxi emergency and frontline employees for COVID-19 related overtime. Seconded by Jeremy Zahn. Bobby Pierite, James Craig, and Jeremy Zahn approve. **Motion carries unanimously.**

*Vice-Chairman Sampson presided over the vote. Harold Pierite rescued himself from the vote.*

*Chairman Pierite and Council Member James Craig returned to the meeting at 10:05 am.*

5. Motion by Jeremy Zahn to approve a Fishing/Hunting Application for the purposes of allowing Tribal Members to fish and hunt on the Moncla property. Seconded by Bobby Pierite. Bobby Pierite, James Craig III, Beverly Rachal, and Jeremy Zahn approve. Harold Pierite opposes. The vote is (5) approve, (1) oppose, and (0) abstentions. **Motion carries.**

*Note: The Tribal Administrator will develop and submit subsequent policies to regulate hunting and fishing on the trust lands.*

6. Motion by Marshall Ray Sampson, Sr. to approve Resolution TBN-R-2020-068, a resolution for the CFO and the Tribal Administrator to make corrective adjustments in budget FY 2019 and 2020. Seconded by Jeremy Zahn. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

7. Purchase of Joy's Golf Cabins from Joy's Golf Cabins

Motion by Marshall Ray Sampson to approve Resolution TBN-R-2020-069, a resolution authorizing Chairman Marshall Pierite, to act as representative of and signatory authority for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana in the purchase of real property in Avoyelles Parish as further described herein from Joy's Golf Cabins, LLC to the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. Seconded by Harold Pierite. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

8. Purchase of the Ace Hardware Property and Five Acres Land Tract

Motion by Marshall Ray Sampson to approve Resolution TBN-R-2020-070, a resolution authorizing Chairman Marshall Pierite, to act as representative of and signatory authority for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana in the purchase of real property in Avoyelles Parish as further described herein from Couvillion Land Company, LLC to the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. Seconded by Harold Pierite. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

9. Housing Board Vacancy

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve the recommendation from the Housing Board to appoint Alfred Pierite, Jr. to fill the vacant seat, seconded by Harold Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

**VIII. New Enrollments**

Motion made by Harold Pierite, Sr. to approve the new enrollees Blaze Alston O'Quinn, Shawan LaRue Ayala and Baylee Joy Markle, seconded by James Craig. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

**IX. Executive Session**

*There were no items discussed during this meeting.*

**X. Ethic Commission**

Motion by James Craig to restore an employee's salary due to an advisory opinion and other findings issued by the Tunica-Biloxi Ethics Commission. Seconded by Marshall Sampson, Sr. James Craig, Bobby Pierite, and Marshall Sampson approve. Beverly Rachal and Harold Pierite, Sr. abstain. The vote is (3) approve, (2) abstentions, and (0) oppose. **Motion carries.**

*Council Member Jeremy Zahn recused himself from the vote.*

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 pm. Seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor. **Motion carries unanimously.**

*Certification follows on the next page*

### 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 22nd day of October 2020, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved by a vote of 5 members in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2020.

Attest:



Chairman/Vice-Chairman



Secretary/Treasurer

