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Harold Pierite, Sr.
Jeremy "Canary" Zahn



**Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council
Council Chamber – CERC Building
Thursday, November 19, 2020
Business Meeting Minutes**

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marshall Pierite at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Marshall Pierite, Marshall Sampson, Sr., Bobby Pierite, Sr.
and Beverly Rachal

Conference: James Craig III

Absent: Jeremy Zahn and Harold Pierite, Sr.

III. Prayer

Prayer was led by Chairman Marshall Pierite.

IV. Approval of Agenda

- 10:30 am Clarence Brown, CFO
- 11:30 am Tim Martin, Tribal Administrator
- **12:00 pm Lunch**
- 2:00 pm Dr. Arthur Webb
- 3:00 pm Executive Session

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

V. Approval of Minutes

- Business Minutes – 9/24, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5 and 11/12/2020

There were no minutes approved during this meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a) Houston Clinic – Dr. Arthur Webb and Cynthia Washington

- Budget
- Model
- Scope of Services
- Proforma

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to move forward with the Houston Clinic, but not to exceed \$2.4 mil for the purchase of the property pending the due diligence from the Tribal Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, seconded by James Craig III. Bobby Pierite, Sr. and Beverly Rachal oppose. The vote is (3) approve (2) oppose and (0) abstentions. **Motion carries.**

Chairman Pierite left the meeting for a speech at 11:15 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Sampson residing over the meeting.

VII. New Business

- a) Clarence Brown, CFO

- 2019 Audit Update
- Tribal Stabilization Budget
- Status/Disposition of 2020 RDP
- Update on Covid-19

- b) Resolution to Allow CFO to communicate with Morgan City Bank & Trust

Motion made by Bobby Pierite, Sr. to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-72B to allow Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of LA Chief Financial Officer, Clarence O. Brown III the ability to communicate with Morgan City Bank & Trust on behalf of Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of LA, seconded by Marshall Sampson, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- c) Resolution to Amend the Tunica-Biloxi Covid Economic Relief Program for Tribal Member Owned Businesses

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-81A to amend the Tunica-Biloxi Covid Economic Relief Program for Tribal Member owned businesses, seconded by James Craig III. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- d) Covid-19 Survey Results

- Majority of our tribal members have been impacted by Covid-19
- We have about 5% of tribal members that are a Veteran

- e) Resolution for TB Tribe to seek funding under the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve amended Resolution #TBN-R-2020-083 for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of LA to seek funding under the U.S. Department of housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing, for FY 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant-Competitive Grant Program, seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- f) Resolution to Submit Budget & Negotiate the Tribe's CY2021 Annual Funding Agreement with BIA

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-084 to submit the budget and negotiate the Tribe's CY2021 annual funding agreement with Bureau of Indian Affairs Pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, seconded by James Craig III. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- g) Resolution to Submit Budget & Negotiate the Tribe's CY2021 Annual Funding Agreement with IHS

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-085 to submit the budget and negotiate the Tribe's CY2021 annual funding agreement with Indian Health Services Pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, seconded by James Craig III. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

- h) Resolution to Support the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as the Contract Service Provider for the IHS's Regional Youth Center Unity Healing Center

Motion made by Marshall Sampson, Sr. to table the Resolution to support the Eastern Ban of Cherokee Indians as the Contract Service Provider for the Indian Health Services' Regional Youth Treatment Center, Unity

Attest:

Manahel Pierie
Chairman/Vice-Chairman

Bobby C. Reed
Secretary/Treasurer

Dated this 21st day of December 2020.

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 21st day of December 2020, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved by a vote of 5 members in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

CERTIFICATION

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

VIII.

Adjournment

p.m.

Chairman Pierie and Council Member Harold Pierie arrived back at 1:20

Motion made by Bobby Pierie, Sr. to approve new enrollees Angelica Marie Ayala, Armondo Ayala, III, Brynn Kimora Blanco, Xander Ehren Lopez and Jordan Canales, seconded by Marshall Sampson, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

i) New Enrollments

Healing Center for a later date, seconded by Bobby Pierie, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**