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**Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council
Council Chamber – CERC Building
Thursday, June 4, 2020
Business Meeting Minutes**

I. Call Meeting to Order

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

II. Roll Call

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

Conference: James Craig III

III. Prayer

Prayer was led by Chairman Marshall Pierite.

IV. Approval of Agenda

10:30 am Earl Barbry, Jr., Director of Operations

11:30 am Clarence Brown, Interim CFO

12:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Ray Martin, Attorney General

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

V. Approval of Minutes

Business Meeting Minutes 4/23, 4/30 & 5/14/2020

Executive Meeting Minutes 5/7/2020

Motion made by Bobby Pierite, Sr. to approve the Business Meeting Minutes for April 23, April 30th, May 7th and May 14, 2020, seconded by Harold Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

VI. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed during this meeting.

VII. New Business

a) Earl Barbry, Jr., Director of Operations

- List of job openings
- COVID-19 Federal Funds
- U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

b) Clarence Brown and Hallie Green with Garrety & Associates, CPAs LLC

Clarence and Hallie conducted a presentation regarding Proposed 2020 Budget Assumptions and the 2020 Federal Awards.

c) Resolution to adopt Health Policies & Procedures *(introduced by Jeremy Zahn)*

Council Member Zahn is currently updating Tribe's policies and procedures for Health Services to comply with Federal regulations for the provision of direct services and better care. There are a total of 224 new policies to be reviewed and approved.

Motion made by Beverly Rachal to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-040, a resolution to adopt policies and procedures regarding referrals, denials, physical therapy and gastric bypass for the Tribe's Purchased/Referred Care Program. Seconded by Bobby Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

d) Resolution to amend the Tribe's Annual Funding Agreement with Indian Health Services for the purpose of providing Direct Care Services *(introduced by Jeremy Zahn)*

A program redesign under the ISDEAA will authorize the Tribe to provide clinic services on the reservation, which will not only save unnecessary third party costs, but allow the Tribe stand up a program capable of eventually providing quality health services to off-reservation members in the years to come.

Motion made by Jeremy Zahn to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-041, a resolution to amend the Tribe's Annual Funding Agreement with Indian Health Services pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education

Assistance Act for the purpose of providing direct care services, seconded by Beverly Rachal. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

e) Appealing Trust Request (*Brenda Lintinger*)

Motion made by Beverly Rachal to approve a Tribal Member request to access their minor trust fund for the purchase of a home, provided that the funds are to go directly to the seller, seconded by Harold Pierite, Sr. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

f) Resolution incorporate and certify the American Indian Center of Houston as a Non-Profit Organization (*RM/JZ*)

Motion made by Jeremy Zahn to approve Resolution #TBN-R-2020-032, a resolution to incorporate and certify the American Indian Center of Houston as a Non-Profit Organization under the laws of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, seconded by Beverly Rachal. All in favor, **Motion carries unanimously.**

VIII. Executive Session

No items were discussed during this meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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

Dated this 30th day of July 2020.

Attest:


Marshall Pierite, Chairman


Beverly C. Rachal, Secretary/Treasurer

