



NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2017

Via Conference Call
Raleigh, North Carolina

WELCOME: Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with the quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Lambert noted a minor change: to delete Daniel Jones, Vice Chair of Veterans Committee off the agenda. Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sam Lambert. Motion carried.

INVOCATION: Mr. Greg Richardson informed the Commission about the recent death of Commissioner Roy Maynor's sister and other community members. Commissioner Shirley Freeman recited the invocation prayer. Commission members and community members that were currently ill and deceased were also remembered.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: This item was removed due to the meeting being on conference call.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Marvel Welch	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Present
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present

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ROLL CALL

MEMBERS (Continued)

Sappony	Dorothy Crowe	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Lana Dial	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration (DOA), Mabelle Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary		Present
Designee: Bryan Brannon, Chief Financial Officer, DOA		
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary		
Designee: George Sherrill, Chief of Staff		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary		
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		
Representative: Sarah Rice, NCDEQ Compliance Officer & Title VI Coordinator		Present
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary		
Designee: David Locklear, Section Chief, Division of Social Services, Economic and Family Services, NCDHHS		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Jennifer Haigwood		Present
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz		Present
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Keith A. Hardison, Director		Absent

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Zianne Mackenzie Richardson	Absent
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STAFF PRESENT

- Greg Richardson, Executive Director
- David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program & Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program
- Peggy Ammons, Program Director, Community Development Program & Low-Income Energy Assistance Program
- Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
- Lori McClain, Program Director, Domestic Violence-Victim Crime Services
- Lydia Locklear, Processing Assistant/Para Legal, State Recognition Program
- Anita Finger Smith, Genealogist, State Recognition Program
- Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List on file with the Commission.



ETHICS STATEMENT: The Executive Director read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairman Lambert. He charged Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist in relation to any business before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were noted.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the Commission meeting held on September 1, 2017, were presented. Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION I:

Overview and Purpose of North Carolina Office of State Archaeology (OSA) and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO):

Mr. John Mintz, State Archaeologist and Ms. Ramona Bartos, Division Director, Division of Historical Resources Office of Archives and History, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources presented the following:

- Provided a brief introduction and overview of the services the Office of State Archaeology (OSA) provides to the citizens of North Carolina. The role of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is critical to ensuring that all applicable federal and state laws concerning cultural resources are addressed.
- Read an excerpt as follows: “The North Carolina Office of State Archaeology was created by the General Assembly in 1973. Its initial purpose was to coordinate and implement a statewide archaeology preservation program. These programs include maintaining a statewide computer-based inventory of archaeological sites and enforcing the North Carolina Archaeological Resource Protection Act (G.S. 70 articles 2,3, and 4). An important aspect of this program is to implement the policies of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 and the North Carolina General Statute (G.S. 121-12a). The NHPA ensures that known and unknown archeological properties are taken into consideration if federal funding or permits are required for the proposed undertaking. GS 121-12a provides consideration of National Register properties in undertakings either funded or licensed by the state. He expressed that they have a state mandate and a federal mandate.”
- Goal: To introduce the office of State Archaeology and the NC State Historic Preservation Office to the Commission.
- Mr. Mintz expressed that they have over 55,000 archaeology sites on record in North Carolina. The majority of the archaeologist sites were reported due to federally mandated work.
- Local landowners that have a need to protect archaeology sites both historic and native American. He noted that these sites are public information but are not publicly available, due to the private property law. The archaeology reports help with the environmental review or solicitations.
- Any undertaking (such as NCDOT wants to build a new road or pipeline or schools) that requires federal money or federal permit come to the State Archaeology office for review. The State Archaeology office considers the site location, size, ground disturbed, etc. They also review the landscape (hydrology, topography). Based on these findings they determine whether to ask for an additional survey or not.
- Mr. Mintz indicated that the Raleigh office has four reviewers, one in Asheville, NC, three in Wilmington, NC. It is a group based decision.



- One exception would be undertaking of disturbed soil. Example: Tire or battery processing plant site does not need any archaeology survey if it is within the blue print, due to the site being disturbed by construction.
- Citizen's Guide: Mr. Mintz referred to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Other laws NC GS 120, 121A (re national registered sites), NC GS 70 which is about the unmarked human burials and remains.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Question was asked regarding the pipeline project. Mr. Mintz noted that they have reviewed over 344 archaeology sites, they have reviewed over 16 archaeology reports, the pipeline paperwork has been reviewed but no site visits have been conducted.
- Mr. Mintz explained the process as follows: When they receive the notification of the pipeline, it is reviewed, suggest an archaeology survey, the findings are reviewed as they go from north to south in the state of North Carolina. The findings are reviewed and agreed, a recommendation is made based on the archaeological sites and criteria. The process is ongoing.
- Mrs. Bartos expressed part of the Section 106 process in the case of the pipeline, if it has an adverse effect on the site. They would consider research if there is an adverse effect how to avoid it. If it cannot be avoided how do you minimize the effect?
- Mr. Mintz noted that every archaeological site is significant. They apply the recommendations to the National Historic Preservation Act Criteria to ensure that it is eligible or not (eligible meaning that does not contain the key elements to make it significant in the listing in the national registry).
- Mrs. Bartos noted that the marked or unmarked burial sites of human remains are also taken into consideration.
- Mr. Mintz indicated that the State Archaeology office has a series of guidelines and criteria that all the projects are matched against and followed.
- He noted that they have about 120 collective years of archaeology reports in the office which include doing the archaeology in the field, writing the report, evaluating the report, and then writing a recommendation. It is a 360 degree of archaeology investigation.
- Commission member asked if the pipeline designated, does it have to be surveyed or evaluated if it is noted to be Indian land? Mr. Mintz noted that the US Geographic Topographical Survey Map shows the route and the sites are recorded in it. They do not look at the history. When the sites are found, it is recorded whether it is American Indian or historic in nature. It is called the diagnostic artifacts (projectile point indicates the place and time). This is entered in the data. He noted that the ownership of the property, they don't have access to that information. In consulting with the archaeology consultant if a site is eligible for listing in the national registry of places. They then begin to acquire the property to begin the excavation.
- Commission member asked if the Indian tribes would be affected by the pipeline? If they would be in support of the resolution of no permit being approved until the consultation with the tribes and the cultural impact analysis that will affect tribes along this pipeline.
- Mrs. Bartos, explained that the National Historic Preservation Act makes a distinction between the federally recognized tribes and does not include state recognized tribes. However, the federal agency for historic preservation Advisory Council on historic preservation recently sent out a memo to the state historic preservation office of state archaeology. She noted that she would email the guidelines and executive summary to Mr. Greg Richardson to forward to the Commission.



- Mr. Richardson requested Mr. Mintz to submit his presentation.
- Commission member requested for a list of archaeologist consultants. Also, asked if they contract the consultants from out of state? Mr. Mintz responded that the pipeline company will contract with the archaeology firms to undertake the archaeology. He noted that the list of consultants is on the website. He noted that the pipeline company will solicit through archaeology bids. They must meet the Secretary of Interior guidelines. Mr. Mintz gave a detailed explanation and noted that the information is on the website.
- The website links is as follows:
Link to Office of State Archaeology (OSC) website: <https://archaeology.ncdcr.gov/>
Citizens Guide to Section 106: <http://www.achp.gov/docs/CitizenGuide.pdf>

No handout of the presentation was provided.

PRESENTATION II:

Lumbee Rivers State Park – Wiregrass Access: Mr. Dennis Clark, Red Turtle Solutions, Consultants, Pembroke, NC presented this item together with Mr. Horace Locklear.

Mr. Clark provided a brief overview of the project as follows:

- He noted that the NC Division of Parks and Recreation decided to take the Lumbee River State Park Wiregrass Access and make it into a Native American Themed State Park.
- It was stated that they are in the design phase of the project. The contract was given to the Indian architect company in North Carolina. It will be the only Native American themed park in the East Coast.
- He was happy to report to all the tribes in North Carolina that the tribes would be recognized. The information about each tribe will be displayed.
- The design will be an eastern woodlands design. It was noted that Mr. Clark and Mr. Horace Locklear, Consultants will visit the eight tribes to ensure the information that will be displayed is to their desire and satisfaction.
- Mr. Clark requested that each tribe provide the information they wish to be displayed.
- It was noted that the design phase has just begun. Mr. Clark indicated that he is looking forward to meeting all the eight tribes (Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation, Sapponi, and the Waccamaw Siouan).
- Mr. Horace Locklear, Consultant on the project noted that his priority is to ensure the history and culture is correct. He will be working closely with Mr. John Mintz's office.
- It was noted that the project is about seventeen hundred and twenty acres. He indicated that there are no burial sites. The name of the project "Water Pasture Access Development Project".
- Discussed the historic marker for the redevelopment of this settlement project.
- Discussed getting the history culturally correct.
- Recognized Mr. Danny Bell, UNC Chapel Hill is very helpful and is one of the ten approved Consultants for the team.
- Welcome Center (3000 sq. foot) will be situated at the entrance of the state park which will consists the cultural history of each of the tribes.
- Markers will be located on interstate 73 and 74 indicating a map to get to the historic park.
- The interstate will be completed in five years. It will be a four-lane interstate from Detroit, Michigan to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Mr. Locklear indicated that Travel and Tourism has endorsed this project.



- Each tribe will have their individual panel on the wall at the welcome center indicating their cultural history.
- It was noted that Cultural Resources and Parks and Recreation will have their final approval (on the wording) of these panels.
- He noted that there will be beautiful landscape consisting of herbs and garden from the early days. The herbs and plants used for medicinal purpose during the early days.
- It was stated that they have received an approval from the engineering team and Department of Transportation to use a quarter of a mile of the river as energy floating area that leads to the bridge. He expressed that the floating area is very popular and a nice source of entertainment. The water in that part of the river is not deep. Floating tubes will be used in this area.
- In addition, they will have wild life for adults and children. Fishing beds for adults, seniors and children. A section for duck feeding area. Ducks habitat in that area.
- The state wanted to emphasize three themes to showcase for educational purpose: (1) Cardinal (state bird); (2) Dogwood (state flower); (3) Habitat for box turtle (state reptile)
- In addition, they will have two outdoor classrooms on the facility. Open to schools. The outdoor session will be geared to the history related to Native American.
- Local senior citizens will give the tours,
- Park rangers will be on site and act as lifeguards at the swimming hold and energy tubing area.
- Mr. Locklear stated that there will be no other parks like this on the east coast. They have been in touch with the Department of Interior and requested Mr. Mintz's department will be consulted for their expertise.
- He indicated that the property was discovered from the resettlement property that qualified them to build a facility for historic status. It was noted that this project was qualified because there is no Native American park on the east coast.
- It was noted that Mr. Danny Bell will assist with his staff from Chapel Hill to expand this project due to the limited budget funding due to the bond issue to build this park.
- He indicated that if the project is historically approved they will obtain the funding from the Department of Interior to expand the park and improve on it.
- He noted that at the current budget level it will be the most outstanding park on the east coast.
- In conclusion, it was stated that this is an important project to everyone involved (Cultural Resources, Parks and Recreation, Governor's office and Native Americans) to make this a huge success. He expressed his appreciation and thanked all involved. He noted that this project will be an asset to the Native American people.

No handouts were provided.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Mr. Greg requested a summary of Mr. Dennis Clark and Mr. Horace Locklear's presentations.
- Commission members requested a copy from Parks and Recreation regarding their approval of the project. Mr. Locklear noted that he will put a package together for the Commission.
- Chairman Lambert invited Mr. Clark and Mr. Locklear back for an update on the project.
- Commission member ask to confirm the initial name of the project. Mr. Locklear confirmed the name of the project as the "Water Pasture Access".
- Question was asked if the name will be changed. Mr. Locklear confirmed that the name will be changed to the "Lumbee Rivers Native American Park". This is the final name right now.



- Location of this project. It is located on HW 74 between Maxton and Pembroke, adjacent to the Olde Indian Culture Center. Mr. Locklear noted that if the Department of Interior approves additional funding they will propose to construct a walk bridge from the state park across the river to the Olde Indian Culture Center. He indicated that there are nature trails developed on the other side of the river.
- Mr. Locklear indicated that the design will be completed by the end of 2018 summer. The project will be completed by the end of Summer 2019.
- Commission member asked if this is in conjunction with the Lumbee Rivers State Park celebration they had last year. He noted that it is separate from the park. They did make it user friendly for the occasion by installing 3 grills and put trash cans until the final paper work was processed.
- Mr. Clark requested Commission member contact information to mail a copy of a CD regarding the design of the proposed park. It was noted that the information will be in a PowerPoint format.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Greg Richardson presented his report as follows. He acknowledged and welcomed Chief Locklear, Tuscarora along with seven other members of the Tuscarora delegation that were in attendance with the staff in the Conference room. Chairman Lambert welcomed Chief Locklear and his delegation.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Budget Update:** Listed in the Executive Director's report. No changes as of July 1st, 2017. He notified that the Commission has received \$60,000 grant from Department of Health and Human Services for Indian Child Welfare program.
- **Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off Event at State Capitol:** Listed in the Executive Director's report. The count showed there were approximately 15,000 people in attendance.
- **Indian Heritage Month Proclamation:** Governor Roy Cooper issued the Indian Heritage Month Proclamation and it was delivered at the State Capitol with tribal leaders being present on November 2, 2017.
- **Governor Roy Cooper's Tribal Leaders RoundTable:** Listed in the Executive Director's report.
- **New Initiative with the Cardiologist Firm, Fayetteville, NC:** It was noted that this firm will go into the Indian community to discuss and educate regarding the treatment for heart disease and diabetes. Mr. Richardson indicated that he will send out a letter to the Commission detailing the intent of the proposed initiative. He noted that the firm "Fern Creek Cardiology" medical firm from Fayetteville, NC will contact tribes directly. He noted that the firm will bring awareness, prevention and treatment to the Indian communities. This medical practice expressed that they want to provide free treatment for the less fortunate.
- **Governor's Advisory Council on Historically Underutilized Businesses:** Informed the Commission that he has been appointed to the Advisory Council by Governor Cooper. Details are in the Executive Director's report.
- **American Indian (AI) Center Advisory Board:** The UNC Provost has appointed Mr. Richardson serve on the AI Center Advisory Board, effective immediately.
- **US Census Bureau:** 2020 US Census will need to account and include all American Indians. Mr. Richardson indicated that everyone involved need to ensure all the information is updated prior to the deadline.



- **Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Operation Training:** Discussed Ms. Brenda Moore notified that they will not have the LUCA training. The Waccamaw Siouan community will be affected. LUCA is important when a new subdivision, apartments or trailer park is constructed the information regarding the new tenants, location and address is entered in the database. This is important for the 2020 Census information.
- **American Indian (AI) Heritage Month Display for the month of November:** Display was in the main lobby of the NC Department of Administration. Other information is listed in the Executive Director's report. The display was very well received by DOA employees and visitors.
- **Personnel Updates:** Details are listed in the Executive Director's report.
- **Staff Quarterly Staff Program Reports:** The reports are enclosed in the meeting packets.
- **Upcoming Commission Meetings:** Listed in the Executive Director's report.

FLOWER FUND REPORT: No report was provided by Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs. Ms. Freeman indicated she will email the report to Commission members after the meeting.

LUNCHEON: Removed from the agenda due to the meeting being held by conference call.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Removed from the agenda due to the meeting being held by conference call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Lambert announced that only the action items should be reported by Committee Chairs.

Adhoc Indian Health Committee: No report was noted.

Adhoc Land Trust Committee: An Indian Land Trust Proposal was submitted to Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, North Carolina Department of Justice (NC DOJ) for review. This item involved land owned by the Lumbee Tribe and is to be placed into Trust. No update was available.

Veterans Committee: Commissioner Sam Lambert, Chair, announced the following:

- Discussed the plaque to support the World War II Veterans. A total of twelve will be presented at the 2018 NC Indian Unity Conference banquet.
- Discussed Ms. Isabel Freeman-Elliott agreed to keep track of the donations received for the plaques separately, but will be part of the flower fund account.
- Commissioner Sam Lambert requested that recommendations (names) for the award be submitted to Mr. Greg Richardson before February 1, 2018. Vice Chairwoman Shirley Freeman made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.
- Donations for the Plaques: Commissioner Sam Lambert requested Ms. Isabel Freeman-Elliott to deposit the donations in the flower fund account. Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.
- Commission member asked the approximate amount for each plaque and address to submit the check. It was noted that the approximate amount would be \$30 per plaque. The check needs to be issued to Ms. Isabel Freeman-Elliott and mailed to her directly. To keep track of the funds, it was noted that in the memo section of the check it needs to be indicated as "donations for Veterans plaque". The mailing address for Ms. Freeman is indicated in the Commission member list.



- Vendor for Veterans plaque: It was determined that Mr. Lambert could use the same vendor used last year. It was suggested that the price might go up slightly. The approximate cost for twelve plaques is \$350, all to come from donations.
- Chairman Lambert noted that Daniel Jones is no longer on the Commissioner. He indicated that his name be removed from the agenda as Vice Chair, Veterans Committee.

Committee Reports Continued

Cultural Resources Committee: No report was noted. A meeting will be scheduled in January 2018.

Employment & Training Committee: No report was noted.

Environmental Justice Committee: Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead, Chair discussed a brief overview on the following:

- Resolution: Commissioner Anstead noted that he emailed the resolution to members on November 22nd for review. He recommended to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Anstead read an excerpt from the resolution regarding the pipeline. He requested that the Governor deny any permits associated with Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) until consultation with the Indian tribes in the state of North Carolina that might be affected. He requested that this needs to be in compliance with the policy guidance from United State Advisory Council of Historic Preservation and United States Environmental Protection Agency (referenced Article 32, United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People).
- Chairman Lambert indicated that the Commission needed time to review. He suggested that the resolution be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting (March 2018).
- Vice Chairwoman recognized that the Commission had a member on Board from each of the tribes. She asked clarification on how many meetings Commissioner Anstead had with the tribes, have they come to a consensus on what they have considered what they are asking here.
- Commissioner Anstead noted that the Haliwa Saponi tribe issued a letter requesting confirmation but did not receive a response. Likewise, another tribe has submitted a similar letter.
- Chairwoman Freeman read an excerpt from the resolution (second last paragraph). "Be it further resolved that the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs calls on Governor Roy Cooper and all North Carolina government agencies to oppose any federal permits and deny any state permits or certificates until federal and state governments have accurately and thoroughly considered the impacts of the project on American Indians through meaningful consultation with tribes and through preparation and evaluation of an appropriate Cultural Impact Assessment."
- Commissioner Anstead noted that this resolution is regarding the cultural impact assessment (that will be affected by the pipeline) on the tribes. He reiterated that the cultural impact assessment on the ACP pipeline would be considered.
- Commissioner Anstead requested members to review the resolution and submit an approval or disapproval to adopt the resolution via email by January 31, 2018. He noted that he will bring the recommendation back to the Commission, as an action item to the March 1, 2018, Commission meeting.
- Vice Chairwoman Shirley Freeman made a motion to table the draft resolution until January 31, 2018, pending comments/feedback re questions, approval or disapproval to be submitted to Commissioner Anstead via email by January 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried. Commissioner Welch noted that she abstained from the vote.



- Commissioner Tony Hayes suggested that contact needed to be made with Atlantic Coast Pipeline in the interim.
- Commissioner members asked for clarification on the motion. A friendly amendment was made for the feedback to adopt or disapprove the resolution be submitted to Commissioner Anstead by January 31, 2018, and to table the resolution and be brought back as an action item to the Commission meeting, March 1, 2018.
- Chairman Lambert reiterated that the resolution to be brought back to the March 1st Commission meeting and the comments be submitted no later than January 31, 2018. Chairman Lambert noted that since the recommendation was from the Committee it needed no second.
- Vice Chairwoman reiterated the motion again for clarification as follows “The motion will cover to get the feedback from the members by January 31, 2018, and to table the resolution and bring back as action item on March 1, 2018. Commissioner Charles Richardson seconded the motion and noted he approved the friendly amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.

A handout of the resolution was not provided at the meeting or submitted in the Board packet.

Committee Reports Continued

Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Committee: Commissioner Marvel Welch, Chair announced the following:

- Next ICW Gathering will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2017, Greensboro from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Logistics are being finalized. Online registration will begin shortly. Information will be posted on the Commission website.
- She acknowledged and thanked Ms. Jennifer Young for paying the deposit fee for the location and service fee.
- She acknowledged and thanked Commission members (part of a special group with the KC Foundation) for supporting to help and recruit foster care parents. She is hoping to recruit more foster care parents.

Indian Education Committee: Commissioner Dorothy Crowe, Chair requested approval of the recommendation to be taken to the State Board of Education on the 2018 SACIE applicants.

She discussed the following:

- It was noted that there were four vacancies. One vacancy was due to the resignation of Ms. Chenoa Davis. The term will begin immediately until June 30, 2018. She noted that Ms. Angela Richardson, Haliwa-Sapponi tribe has submitted her application to complete the term of Ms. Chenoa Davis.
- Commissioner Crowe made a recommendation to accept Ms. Angela Richardson to complete the term of Chenoa Davis who resigned. Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to accept Ms. Angela Richardson application to replace Ms. Chenoa Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Crowe made a recommendation to accept the applications for the four vacancies beginning July 1, 2018. They are as follows:
 - Gwendolyn Jones Dodge; Navajo; reapplying for the second term; parent
 - Connie Locklear; Lumbee; eligible for second term; Title VI Director
 - Tiffany Person; Lumbee; eligible for second term; educator
 - Angela Richardson; Haliwa-Sapponi; reapplying for the term beginning July 1, 2018
 - Chairman Lambert noted that coming from the Committee needed no second.



- Commissioner Crowe recommended that DPI to conduct a survey of the local school systems in NC to see how many events and activities are held to celebrate the Indian Heritage month. The President and the Governor have highlighted and emphasized the event through Proclamation. The Committee is concerned that schools are not giving the same importance for the Indian Heritage month as they do for other cultures.
- Commissioner member asked if DPI is informed. Ms. Crowe responded that DPI is not informed of this request. It was noted that the school system did not participate in this event. No recognition was given to acknowledge the Indian Heritage month.
- Ms. Crowe reiterated that DPI conducts a survey and get statistics of local school systems to see how widely the 2017 Indian Heritage was celebrated during the month of November 2017.
- Mr. Greg Richardson indicated that some of the Indian schools do not hold or acknowledge Indian Heritage Month, even though the President and the Governor issued the Indian Heritage month.
- Commissioner Crowe recommended that DPI conducts a survey of the local schools to see the statistics on how many held events and activities celebrating 2017 Indian Heritage month. Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to approve the survey being conducted. Chairman Lambert noted that no second was required since it was coming from the Committee. Motion carried.
- Commission member suggested that DPI look at the teacher's lesson plan and have a mandate.

Indian Housing Committee: No report was noted.

Legislative Committee: No report was noted.

Recognition Committee: Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair, gave an update on the progress as follows:

- Acknowledged and thanked Deputy Secretary Christy Agner for her support in getting the resources to fund the State Recognition Program.
- He noted that they had a Recognition Committee meeting on November 30, 2017. The Committee will have another work session scheduled in the near future. The Committee will complete recommendations, Findings and Deficiencies prior to the March Commission Meeting and preset its report to the full Commission at that time.
- Finally, he reported that the Recognition project is currently staffed and working to complete the Tuscarora Petition for state recognition as a priority. The staff will proceed to plan the Recognition Committee meeting to address any remaining petitions for state recognition.

Tribal Announcements from Commission Members:

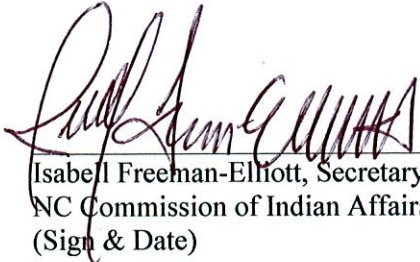
- Commission members highlighted their upcoming tribal events.
- Go fund me page for Chief Brown on the Meherrin website, to raise funds for his medical care.
- Waccamaw Siouan Tribe needs assistance regarding the lack of American Indians on a local School Advisory Board. Mr. Greg Richardson informed the Commission that Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs and other tribal leaders are concerned about the lack of input from the Indian community with respect to the Columbus County School System. They have removed three American Indians from their Advisory Board. Mr. Richardson expressed that he will work with the tribe and determine how the Indian community can have an input on the Advisory Committee.
- 2018 Event Calendar is currently being updated and will be posted on the Commission website.



Public Comments: None

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Marvel Welch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2018, in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro, NC.

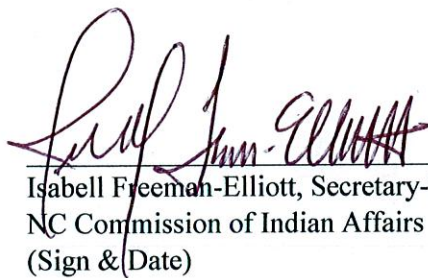


Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)



Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on March 1, 2018.



Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)



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QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING
Teleconference Meeting
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December 1, 2017
DRAFT AGENDA

Opening Session	10:00am – 10:30am
Welcome, Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Invocation	Shirley Freeman, Vice-Chairman
Pledge of Allegiance	Sam Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of September 1, 2017, Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Presentations	10:30am – 11:30am
Overview and Purpose of North Carolina Office of State Archaeology and State Historic Preservation Office	Mr. John Mintz, State Archaeologist
Lumbee Rivers State Park – Wiregrass Access	Mr. Dennis Clark, Red Turtle Solutions, Consultants, Pembroke, NC
Executive Director Report	11:30am – Noon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director's Report 	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Reports (copies included in packet) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flower Fund Report 	Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer
Luncheon	Noon – 1:00pm
Special Presentation	1:00pm – 1:30pm
Committee Reports – Committee Chair to Report Action Items Only	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Adhoc Indian Health	Charles Richardson, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Veterans	Sam Lambert, Chair Daniel Jones, Vice Chair

Cultural Resources	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair Shirley Freeman, Vice-Chair
Employment & Training	W.D. Baucom, Chair Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Vice-Chair
Environmental Justice	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair Daniel Locklear, Vice-Chair
Indian Child Welfare	Marvel Welch
Indian Education	Dorothy Crowe, Chair Sam Lambert, Vice-Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Vice-Chair
Legislative (2018 Legislative Agenda)	Roy Maynor, Chair Jeff Anstead, Vice Chair
Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Preliminary Findings & Conclusions - Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina Petition for State Recognition 	Larece Hunt, Chair
Tribal Announcements from Commission Members	(2 Minutes Only)

Adjournment	3:00pm
Future Meeting Dates & Events	Location
March 1-3, 2018 – 43rd Annual NC Indian Unity Conference	Sheraton Hotel, Greensboro, NC
March 1, 2018 – Commission Meeting in conjunction with NC Indian Unity Conference	Sheraton Hotel, Greensboro, NC
June 1, 2018 – Commission Meeting	TBD, Raleigh, NC

NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Executive Director's Report

Teleconference Meeting
December 1, 2017

The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Commission with an overview of my work and activities for the quarter ending December 30, 2017.

A. Budget Update

The Commission's budget remained unchanged this quarter as the state budget was certified during the preceding quarter and sufficient funding was received to cover the operating expenses of the Commission through June 30, 2017.

B. Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off Event at State Capitol

Governor Cooper hosted an Indian Heritage Month Kick Off event at the State Capitol on November 2, 2017 at 1:00 pm. During the Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off event, the Governor welcomed the tribal leaders to Raleigh and presented the **2017 Indian Heritage Month Proclamation. (Copy Attached)**

C. Indigenous Peoples Proclamation

Governor Roy Cooper issued an Indigenous People Proclamation this quarter designating the second Monday in October 2017 as Indigenous Peoples Day in North Carolina. (Copy Attached)

D. Governor Roy Cooper's Tribal Leaders RoundTable

Governor Cooper hosted a Tribal Leaders Roundtable meeting on November 2, 2017, at 2:00 pm at the NC Department of Administration. The Tribal Chief's, Chairs and the Chairs of the Urban Indian Associations met with Governor Cooper and were provided an opportunity to present issues of concern regarding their individual communities.

D. Governor's Advisory Council on Historically Underutilized Businesses

Governor Cooper has appointed me to serve on the above referenced Advisory Committee Effective November 1, 2017. The Advisory Council will advise the Historically Underutilized Business Office on how to reach minority businesses and to increase their participation in state government contracting.

E. National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Conference

The annual conference was held in Milwaukee Wisconsin this year. NCAI is organized as a representative congress of American Indians and Alaska Natives that serves to develop consensus on national priority issues that impact Indian tribes. American Indian and Alaska Native leaders adopt resolutions designating delegates to the NCAI, selecting official delegates to the NCAI Executive Council, Mid-Year Conference, and Annual Convention. During these events, delegates consider issues of pressing concern in accordance with their tribal governments' policies, goals, and needs. NCAI members vote on and pass resolutions to determine NCAI's position on a broad range of issues. Resolutions adopted during the conference can be viewed at the NCAI website at:

<http://www.ncai.org/resolutions/2017-annual>

The NC Commission of Indian Affairs, along with the following North Carolina tribes sent delegates and other representatives to the NCAI Conference this year:

Eastern Band of the Cherokee
Coharie Indian Tribe
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe

A new Southeastern Area Vice President was elected during the conference. Ms. Nancy Carnley, with the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama was elected as the Southeastern Area Vice President. Mr. Earl Evans with the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe was elected as the Alternate Southeastern Area Vice President.

F. North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc. v. Machel Sanders, et al (17 CVS 2597 Wake County-Court case.

We were required to respond to a discovery request and regarding this court case and had to provide requested documents by November 17th, which we met. To reduce costs of producing documents we scanned documents and produced other documents electronically on an external hard drive.

The following is a summary of documents provided:

- 1) All persons who have served on the Commission from 2003 – present, including the address of each member, the tribal or organizational affiliation, the beginning and expiration date of each member etc. The Commission's membership list contains most of that information.
- 2) Commission minutes from 2003 – present.
- 3) All documents and correspondence (including emails and notes) concerning the NCICC or NCICC, Inc. Bob Zenkel and DIT staff pulled all the emails and downloaded them on the hard drive.
- 4) All related correspondence was pulled from electronic files, as well as hardcopies, scanned into electronic format and forwarded to Mark.

G. Indian Heritage Month Activities this quarter:

- Indian Heritage Month Speaking Activities:
Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off Event, State Capitol, November 2nd
Warren County Commissioners, November 6th
Halifax Community College, November 9th
University of North Carolina at Pembroke, November 14th

H. Indian Heritage Month Display

The display was developed and set up in the lobby of the NC Department of Administration and will remain there throughout the month of November.

I. State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Vacancies

Distributed notices to the tribes, associations and commission members regarding the upcoming vacancies on the SACIE as of June 30, 2018.

J. NC Indian Senior Citizens Coalition's Annual Conference

The Conference was held at the Holiday Inn, I-95 Fayetteville, Friday, November 3th. Attendees included representative of tribal senior citizen's organizations, tribal leaders and several Commission members. Topics discussed during the conference were Low Income Energy Assistance availability I the Lumbee Community and assistance provided through the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.

K. Staffing Updates

State Recognition Program

- Program Director position remained vacant this quarter, however, we have identified a good prospect.
- Lydia Locklear was hired as our Paralegal/Administrative Assistant in the State Recognition program.
- Anita FingerSmith was hired through temporary solutions as our State Recognition Program Genealogist. However, her work will not commence until we start reviewing the next petition for state recognition.

Indian Child Welfare Program:

- Program Director – Position remained vacant this quarter, as we were not able to identify a viable candidate for this position.
- Annie Frances was hired as a part-time Indian Child Welfare Trainer this quarter.

L. Other Highlights:

- I. Staff Quarterly Reports: Enclosed in the meeting packet

- II. Upcoming Commission Meeting:
 - March 1, 2018, in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference in Greensboro, NC
 - June 1, 2018, Raleigh, NC
 - September 1, 2018, location to be announced
 - December 1, 2018, Raleigh, NC