

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
March 22, 2007**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Jim Peters</b>	<b>Chairman</b> ( <i>sick</i> )
<b>Andy Whitener</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Russell Harper</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Will Penn</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Pete Kruger</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>

**Executive Director**

**Ray Peters**

**Deputy Director**

**Don Whitener**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kevin Lyon**

**Recording Secretary**

**Melissa Puhn**

Andy Whitener called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.  
Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Russell Harper added a travel report to the agenda. Glen Parker added a Veterans Memorial update. Russell Harper moved to approve the agenda with additions. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vince Henry moved to approve the March 8, 2006 Council meeting minutes and the March work session committee appointments. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**NIGA, March 25-28**, in Phoenix, AZ. Andy Whitener and Ray Peters will attend.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ATNI Economic Summit, April 2-4**, at the Suquamish Clearwater Hotel. Pete Kruger and Charlene Krise will attend.

**Lummi Nation Sovereignty Symposium, April 3-4**, Lummi Silver Reef Casino.

**Washington's Tribal Leadership Summit, April 13**, Seattle, WA. Ray Peters will attend.

**Breakfast Reception for Norm Dicks, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, Washington Athletic Club, Seattle. Jim will attend.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS** (*Continued*)

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**Self-Governance Conference, May 6-10**, Garden Grove, CA. Jim Peters, Will Penn, Ray Peters, Julie Goodwin and Whitney Jones will attend.

**National Native American Economic Policy Summit, May 15-17**, Phoenix, AZ. This will be forwarded to Island Enterprises.

**Coquille Tribe Cultural Preservation Conference, May 20-23**, Mill Casino-Hotel, North Bend, OR. Charlene Krise will attend.

**ATNI, May 21-24**, at the Little Creek Casino Hotel. Ray will attend. Ray will coordinate with the Veterans for a presentation of colors.

**National Tribal Gaming Conference** will be held at the LCCH in April, and there will be an opening available for the host tribe to offer a prayer and introduction.

Attorney General Rob McKenna would like to meet with Council, on June 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be further discussion as the date approaches.

### CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Dan Newhouser with Pepsi introduced himself. Dan presented Tribal Council with a check to the tribe for the Bruce Johnson endowment fund.

Glen Parker provided a status update on the progress of the Veterans Memorial. The Veterans Committee has created a sub-committee. The memorial design is in place, and the committee is now in the process of obtaining a detailed cost breakdown of construction for the memorial.

Glen briefed Council on the fundraising planned for the memorial. Ray would like to see the Veterans post colors at the ATNI conference, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Little Creek Casino.

Charlene presented Glen with a print she is donating to the Veterans.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

The Tribal Council Visioning with Little Creek Casino & Island Enterprises is scheduled May 15 through the 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort. The first and last days will be travel days.

Ray Peters asked that the Tourism Director, Leslie Johnson provide an update to Council at a future meeting. Ray will discuss this with her.

**Response letter:** Ray provided Council with a draft letter in response to the questions asked at the Winter General Body Meeting. Council will read and review and discuss at the next Council meeting. Charlene would like to add a paragraph about the tribe's finances.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(Continued)*

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**GED Policy:** Ray briefed on the final draft of the GED Policy, prepared by Human Resources. Council would like the waiver in the policy to be set at three years. Charlene Krise moved to approve the GED Policy. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**TLC Expansion:** Ray provided an update on the expansion of the Learning Center. Ray has met with Construction Managers Mike Poier and Dan Neelands going over the initial plans of the renovation of the completed office space. The second phase of the expansion will be renovating the downstairs with upgrades to the restrooms. The third phase will be construction of a swimming pool. Ray will work with Ambia Construction, and a rendition will be available for the Annual General Body Meeting.

Ray asked Council to consider the additional 10% generated from the hotel addition to help fund the TLC Expansion. Andy would like to see a budget for the Tourism Department. Additional dollars can help fund other projects.

**Expense account:** Ray has spoken with Deb Stoehr regarding an Executive Expense Account. Andy would like to see a policy in place prior to Council approval.

Russell Harper reported on his recent trip to Reunion, France. Russell will submit an article outlining his experience to the Klah-Che-Min.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mike Evans and Chris Peters provided an update on Law Enforcement. Council went in to Executive Session, informative only, no action taken.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison, Erik Sparkman briefed Council on a piece of tideland property that is for sale. After discussion, Council gave Ray the approval to pursue and continue to survey the property.

Julie Owens presented the 2007 Annual Aquatics Regulations. Edits have been made to update the dates accommodating the upcoming harvest year, and a minor change clarifying the drug policy. The regulation was approved at the Aquatics Meeting held March 21<sup>st</sup>. Council requested further clarification be made to the drug policy.

Andy shared he recently met with County Commissioner Linda Ring-Erikson regarding a Council Member becoming an ex-officio member on the Mason County Health Board. Jeff Dickison provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Health Department. Membership to the Board would improve communication between the County and the Tribe. Andy would like to see Jim Peters as the ex-officio member.

### LEGAL

Kevin provided an update on the Miller Land case.

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Kevin presented a letter for Council approval, regarding a case at the Casino. Council approved the letter.

Kevin handed out an article printed in the Olympia Newspaper. He briefly went over the article and proposed that Council extends the liquor ordinance to include all trust property. Kevin provided **Resolution #07-25**, amending the liquor code. Pete Kruger moved to approve Resolution #07-25. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Council approved by consensus the letter to be sent to the Thurston County Commissioners under the Chairman's signature, along with a companion letter sent to the property owner.

Kevin handed out the draft change in the housing code regarding recovering costs from damages to a housing unit by the way of per capita garnishments. This will be deferred to the next meeting.

Kevin briefed on an error in the housing code. Kevin presented a change to **Resolution #06-26A** which rescinds a portion of the housing code. Vince Henry moved to clarify and correct Resolution #06-26A. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council requested an update from Kevin regarding an enrollment issue which came up at the January 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. After researching, the enrollment error will be corrected.

### **ELDERS**

Colleen Woodard presented the draft proposal for the Annual Inter-Tribal Elders Dinner. She briefed on the cost per person, with expectation of about 500 people in attendance. There will be no charge for the use of the Events Center. Colleen has tentatively scheduled August 21<sup>st</sup> for the date of the dinner. Council will get back to Colleen by the end of the day. Andy asked if there is a later date available in September; when more fish would be available. The Tribe will donate Salmon and Clams. Colleen mentioned next month at the elders meeting, a committee will be created to plan this event. Council will waive the tax for this event.

Colleen provided an update from elders; they will hold a free Sock Hop for the youth. The elders plan to sell fry bread at the Mason County Fair this year. They would also like to sell produce at the KTP Farmers Market this year. Decisions will be made at the next elders meeting.

### **HOUSING AND PLANNING UPDATE**

Brian Thompson provided an update on housing. He handed out an article that will be published from the housing department in the Klah-Che-Min, regarding meth testing in homes. Brian wanted to brief on testing homes as discussed at the work session. Brian and Mark Allen have come up with a workable outline, which will require some changes in the housing policy. Once this is complete, Brian will present to Council for consideration.

### **HOUSING AND PLANNING (Continued)**

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Ray requested Brian to return to Council after the General Body meeting to provide an update on the 184 Program. Vince asked about the progress of the allotments on the Island. Brian reported they are still waiting for the amendments from the BIA regarding the timber appraisal.

Russell Harper continued his conversation from this morning regarding his trip to Reunion, France. Russell requested an additional four days be added to his travel time to cover the presentations he provided during his time there. Council agreed to an additional three working days to be added to his time sheet.

Kevin handed out the Aquatics Regulations with an additional modification made regarding drug testing. Pete Kruger moved to approve the 2007 Aquatics Regulation. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ENROLLMENT**

Council discussed extensively five year wait. Any final decision will be made when a full council is present.

Meloney Hause thanked Council for the support given her to attend a Conference in Detroit, MI.

Meloney Hause, Lucille Quilt, Carol Tadios, Lucille Hause, Marilyn McFadden, Celeste Forcier and Jamaal Byrd were present to discuss enrollment and the five year wait. Andy shared the reasoning behind Councils decision regarding the five year wait. Andy stated this decision will be made when a full Council is present.

They all will come back to the next council meeting to discuss this further with a full Council.

Kevin briefed on the potential impact the five year wait made.

### **TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS**

Joe Seymour, Jr. was present to thank Council for the support of his education. He presented each member with a piece of art he created. Joe will apply for funding through the 1% for advanced classes. Joe shared this June he will be attending an artist gathering in Hawaii, also funded by the 1% Committee.

Terry Capoeman was seeking a donation of clams and oysters for the Bagley family Reunion, held April 7<sup>th</sup>. Natural Resources will provide 240 pounds of clams. Terry thanked Council for sending flowers to the Lower Elwha Tribe for their recent loss. Terry reported the Wa-He-Lut Girls Basketball Team has been invited to a basketball tournament in White Swan, WA. They are seeking donations to assist with food and lodging. Council agreed to \$300.

### **TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS *(Continued)***

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Vince Henry asked Council if they would be interested in purchasing one of Lewis Denney's paddles. Council agreed by consensus to purchase for \$900.

Mike Krise would like to sell a carved otter bowl to Council for \$3000. This will be tabled until the next Council meeting.

Will Penn wanted to discuss the possibility of a full salary for Council. This needs to be brought to the general body. A concern would be this money would take funds from other programs.

A tribal member asked Council for direction regarding guardianship. Council directed Kevin and Don to get acquainted with her situation and assist her as needed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.