

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
April 12, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

**Jim Peters
Andy Whitener
Vince Henry, Sr.
Russell Harper
Will Penn
Pete Kruger
Charlene Krise**

**Chairman
Vice Chairman (*left at 2pm*)
Secretary
Treasurer (*left at 1pm*)
1st Council Member
2nd Council Member
3rd Council Member (*left at 4:15pm*)**

**Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary**

**Ray Peters
Don Whitener
Kevin Lyon
Melissa Puhn**

Jim Peters called the Council Meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pete Kruger moved to approve the April 12, 2007 Council agenda. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pete Kruger moved to approve the March 22, 2007 Council Minutes as amended. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

Council discussed the purchase of the carved otter bowl by Mike Krise. It was decided that they will not purchase at this time.

Council went in to Executive Session. No action taken.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

Washington's Tribal Leadership Summit, April 13, in Seattle, WA. Jim Peters will attend.

Breakfast Reception for Norm Dicks, April 13th, at the Washington Athletic Club, Seattle. Jim Peters will attend.

Women Spirit Coalition Meeting, April 20th, in Olympia, WA. Charlene Krise will attend.

National Tribal Gaming Regulators Conference, April 23-25, at the Little Creek Casino. Jim Peters, Vince Henry, Charlene Krise, Pete Kruger and Will Penn will attend.

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TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(continued)*

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

Tribal Council, Island Enterprises, Little Creek Casino Visioning, May 16-17, in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

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

NCAI Mid-Year Conference, June 10-13, in Anchorage, AK.

ATNI Mid Year Conference, May 21-24, at the Little Creek Casino Hotel. Ray Peters and all of Council will attend. Council discussed the potential sponsorships for a traditional dinner.

Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Conference, May 20-24, at the Silver Legacy Resort in Reno NV. Pete Kruger will attend.

Attorney General Rob McKenna would like to meet with Council, June 27th

Charlene Krise provided a report of her recent trip to the Lummi Nation Sovereignty Symposium. Charlene reported that it was very interesting and provided a lot of information on planning for future generations and ways to encourage the youth to get involved with tribal committees.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

National Women's Health Week Jim shared with Council the letter received from Department of Health & Human Services, encouraging tribal councils to issue a proclamation declaring the week of May 13-19 as National Women's Health Week. Further discussion with Whitney Jones will take place when she arrives today.

Coyote Ridge Correctional Center This request was directed to the One Percent Committee.

LCCR Funeral Policy This will be discussed with the Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB). Council discussed the Tribal funeral policy. A Casino funeral policy will be drafted by Ray Peters and Cameron Goodwin then reviewed by LCOB to be presented to Council for consideration.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Emergency Management Training Ray shared with Council the remaining courses still required. John Taylor thought two days would be sufficient. It will be added to the next Council agenda for discussion and scheduling.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE *(continued)*

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Donation requests Council agreed by consensus to donate \$300 to Bob Kelly who is running for Whatcom County Commissioner.

Donation requests Northwest Native Youth Leadership Summit request will be forwarded to the One Percent Committee.

General Body Response letter Ray handed out the final draft response letter to all tribal members, including the response regarding the assurance of the tribal government's financial integrity. Council directed Ray to distribute the letter. It will be handed out with per capita checks next week.

Fireworks Misti Saenz Garcia will hold a fireworks meeting April 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration Building. The stand operators drawing will be held April 25th. Council agreed everything stay the same as last year with nineteen tribal stands and one government stand.

Ray shared a letter received from Washington State Parks regarding selling their acreage on Squaxin Island. Ray will contact them and report back to Council.

Ray provided a report on the Dahman property.

NATURAL REOURCES

Private Tidelands Harvest Plans Eric Sparkman presented the harvest plans with private land owners. Eric is seeking Council approval to provide these plans for the land owners to review and sign. Council directed Andy Whitener, as Natural Resource Director, to approve and move forward once these plans have been signed by the land owners. Eric will create a template for future plans and present to both the Shellfish Committee and to Council for consideration. Once the template is approved, the Natural Resource Director will have authorization to sign.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

After discussion with Whitney Jones, Pete Kruger moved to approve the proclamation of recognizing the week of May 13-19 as National Women's Health Week. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The clinic will promote the week May 13-19.

Council went in to Executive Session. No action taken.

Whitney updated Council about a proposal in the legislature that would increase the ICW budget. Whitney wanted to invite Council to the May 30th Tribal Consultation with the Governor, to discuss the distribution proposals for the money. Whitney will keep Council updated during this process.

Whitney provided an update on the General Body Meeting, May 5th. It will be held in the Events Center. The agenda will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

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Bryan Johnson provided an update on Island Enterprises and Kamilche Trading Post. Bryan reported on the potential expansion of the Steamboat Island store and updated on tobacco sales. The tobacco equipment is in route to be delivered. Bryan provided an employment update and recruitment report.

Skookum Creek Distributing Lisa Bielski provided an update on the process of transitioning the use of phone bank based in Santa Monica, CA.

Bryan would like to provide a presentation at the General Body Meeting, and would like to show to Council first. Jennifer Ulrich will coordinate.

Ray shared that during the ATNI Conference, the host tribe will have an opportunity to present their economic development during the first day. This will provide a good opportunity for Island Enterprises to share their projects. Council would like to see tours of the tobacco factory offered during that time.

Dave Johns provided a report on Salish Seafoods. He invited Council out to the company, Council decided to hold the June 14th Council Meeting there. Dave will make the arrangements.

Dave provided an update on the Arcadia Point property. Island Enterprises will provide a feasibility study and business plan for Council; further discussions will take place at the work session in May.

POLITICAL CANDIDATE

Larry Ishmael is running for Congress. Larry shared his letter of support from his tribe in Oklahoma. He briefed on his past and accomplishments. He is seeking tribal support.

THE LEARNING CENTER

Kim Cooper and Vanessa Algea came to thank Council for their support in assisting Vanessa purchase graduation supplies. Vanessa will graduate next week. Council commended Vanessa for her hard work.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon handed out a delegation of authority list for the Little Creek Oversight Board, Council, Tribal Gaming and Management. The list includes what will require legal review.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Tribal member requests will be presented to Council then a decision will be made later in executive session. Ray will contact the tribal member with Council's decision.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS *(continued)*

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Council agreed to donate \$500 to a tribal member for assistance.

Ray will assist a tribal member in obtaining her commercial drivers license.

Council agreed by consensus to waive an income garnishment for a tribal member for four months. Kevin will prepare a letter to send to Island Enterprises regarding this issue.

LEGAL

Kevin provided an update on the purchase of 1/5 of Ethel Whiteners property. Council agreed by consensus of the purchase.

Kevin presented **Resolution #07-26** which approves the creation of a Tourism Board consistent with the Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance, and selecting Will Penn to serve as the Council's representative. Pete moved to approve Resolution #07-26 creating the tourism board, approving the by-laws and appointing Will Penn. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin presented a draft resolution adopting the amendment to the liquor ordinance. No action taken at this time, will be presented at the next meeting.

Kevin presented a draft resolution participating as a registration jurisdiction in the National Sex Offender Registry system. No action taken at this time, will presented at the next meeting.

Brian Thompson had asked Kevin to look in to the ability to recover damages to housing units through garnishments of per capita checks. Council tabled that discussion for the next meeting.

NORTHWEST INDIAN TREATMENT CENTER

June O'Brien provided an update on the Northwest Indian Treatment Center and Outpatient Treatment Center. June briefed Council on the outcomes of her programs and the treatment the programs are providing.

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.