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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
LITTLE CREEK OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Jim Peters	Chairman
	Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
	Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
	Russell Harper	Treasurer
	Will Penn	1st Council Member
	Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
	Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (arrived at 9:25)
LCOB	Ray Peters	
	Bobby Whitener	
Little Creek Casino (9-10:30)	Cameron Goodwin	
	Terry Mehl	
	Mark West	
	CFO	
Tribal Gaming Island Enterprises (10:30 -	Desi Smith	
	Bob Whitener, Jr.	
	Bryan Johnson	
	Lisa Bielski	
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	

Ray briefed Council on a potential property acquisition on Harstine Island. Ray asked Council for consideration to offer on the property in discussion. Potentially Council would purchase the land, and Island Enterprises Inc. would pay back the Government for the land, to be used for Salish Seafoods. Jim would like more detail on the property.

Little Creek Casino

Terry Mehl provided an Operation Departmental Report. (see handout). Cameron provided an update on upcoming events. Discussed improving the strategy for advertising to promote a better turnout for events. Cameron will report on that in a couple of weeks.

Cameron provided an update on Bingo and handed out their Bingo proposal. Looking to make bingo successful; provided different scenarios. Bingo is an amenity to the property and provides good employment for tribal members. Cameron went over Option 1 and the pros and cons. (see handout). Cameron presented option 2 and shared the pros and cons. Council discussed option 2; creating an event with cash prizes either quarterly or monthly. This would make it a larger event, with larger prizes, drawing more players. Discussed the non-smoking in the events center and how it would affect the bingo players. Ray challenged the idea of not allowing smoking for that event. Charlene agreed with Jims suggestion of trying to hold this event monthly and see how it goes. Charlene likes the idea of keeping the Events Center as a non smoking venue. Have a nice place set outside for smoking. Cameron brought the idea also of holding a smoking section in the Events Center. Cameron shared his ideas on how to accommodate the current bingo employees in way where they still have equal employment opportunities within the Casino. Cameron is asking Council to review

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the different proposals; and have a decision from Council by the next Wednesday meeting. Council recognizes the importance of keeping the bingo employees employed. Council would like Cameron to discuss this with the bingo employees as soon as possible. Ray would like to see Council make a decision soon, that way Cameron would have sufficient time to speak with employees and place them. Council is ready to take action at the regular scheduled Council meeting tomorrow. Russell would like Cameron to share with the employees the bingo proposal. Jim suggested that if the bingo employees suggest an alternative, to consider it.

Mark briefly updated on machines. Also tomorrow morning, there will be some rearranging on the floor. This will make the floor more efficient and add some excitement.

Jim asked Desi if there are any surveillance needs for the events center for holding monthly bingo sessions; Desi stated that there is sufficient camera coverage.

Jim stated that the Casino received a notice of violation from the NIGC audit. Now Kevin is looking in to see what needs to be done next. Charlene wanted to make sure that all areas are covered to be sure that this does not happen again.

Desi updated on an incident that occurred at the casino.

Island Enterprises, Inc.

Bobby handed out the financials and the draft annual operating plan. This will be ready for the second public budget hearing. Open to comments from the public, the board and Council. Went over the changes to the annual operating plan. Discussed harvesting geoduck commercially. Bobby went over the biggest change of including an additional existing business of the propane, optical and a branded gas station. Included an additional objective of GA Andron. IEI assists tribal members in business planning; Ray inquired about the possibility of a tribal member partnering and opening a branded gas station. Bobby discussed the subsidy for child care; he would like to discuss further the Child Development Center. Went over the organization chart for staff and all IEI companies. No action required today. First it will need to be brought to the IEI Board, then the public hearing. After that, Bobby will re-present to Council seeking approval.

Bobby discussed the possibility of going through a state contract for purchasing motors, generators, tires, etc. In turn, could resell to tribal members for a small profit.

Bobby discussed the differences between governmental accounting, versus profit/loss accounting. Governmental accounting is based on funding from Federal government. IEI Accounting operates on fund accounting. Bobby explained the total annual operating budget. It shows where IEI is to date where they stand financially this fiscal year. Bobby went over the financials and answered questions from Council.

Ray inquired about the Shellfish Enhancement Plan; in the plan is looking in to starting our own shellfish seed hatchery. This could potentially be an IEI venture of growing own seed for harvesting tribal beaches. Some years Natural Resources have had problems obtaining seed.

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Discussed cigarette sales at the Casino and KTP. The Casino has not set up the points system at KTP for purchases yet. Once complete, patrons can purchase tobacco at KTP, thus driving the cost of tobacco down at the casino, which is higher priced at this time. Discussed some legal issues behind the points system.

Discussed the Steamboat Store and potential ideas of development and changes.

Skookum Creek Distribution update on financials.

Discussed GA Andron and their service area. Created the budget for the first time with what is thought to be necessary. As sales increase for GA Andron, it will increase Skookum Creek profit first. Bobby would like to pick up other brands that SCT does not make; such as flavored tobacco or menthol brands.

Provided the Squaxin Island Tourism budget for review.

Provided the Child Development Center budget for review. Bobby shared that they subsidize the tuition for tribal members from the excise tax. As the Center fills, it breaks even. IEI would like to assist the CDC in obtaining and applying for child care grants. Council asked for a report from the CDC Board. IEI can assist them in setting up a nonprofit foundation. The subsidy was discussed.

Petrosol; met with Mike & Dan Neelands regarding the potential site. Bobby provided a map of the site.