

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 13, 2007**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

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

**Chairman** (*arrived at 9:30 am*)  
**Vice Chairman**  
**Secretary** (*arrived at 10:20 am*)  
**Treasurer**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Council Member** (*left at 11am*)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member**  
(*arrived at 9:30am, left at noon*)

**Executive Director**

**Ray Peters** (*annual leave*)

**Deputy Director**

**Whitney Jones**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kevin Lyon**

**Recording Secretary**

**Melissa Puhn**

Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.  
Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Russell Harper moved to approve the December 13, 2007 Council agenda. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against. Vince Henry and Charlene Krise were out of the room.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pete Kruger moved to approve the November 29, 2007 Council Minutes. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against. Vince Henry and Charlene Krise were out of the room.

**TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST**

Gloria Hill and Tracy Parker were present to ask Council for assistance on behalf of the Quinault Tribe. Quinault suffered from the recent storm and lost power for a number of days. Gloria asked if food vouchers were available to those who lost their food and if Squaxin hunters could replenish their meat. Whitney Jones will reach out to their executive director to see what kind of assistance is needed. Gloria requested a call back from Council to inform her on what assistance will be provided.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

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**December 18: SIGC Christmas Party**, 6:00 p.m. Little Creek Hotel.

**December 21: All Staff Christmas Brunch**, 9:30 am, Little Creek Hotel. Council would like to host a card tournament again this year.

**January 12, 2008: Winter General Body Meeting**, 9:00 a.m. SIT Gym

**January 22-25, 2008: ATNI Winter Conference**, Yakima Convention Center. Pete, Charlene, Will and Ray plan to attend.

**March 3-5 2008: NCAI Executive Winter Session**, Washington DC. Ray, Jim and Arnold will attend.

**April 21-24, 2008: Tribal Leaders Summit**, Little Creek Casino

**April 27-May 1: 2008 Self Governance**, Las Vegas. Arnold, Russell, Will and Ray will attend.

**May 3: General Body Meeting**

**May 19-22: Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Conference**, Worley, ID. Pete will attend.

### **CHAIRMANS UPDATE**

Jim stated that a tribal member would like to show a PowerPoint Presentation at the General Body Meeting, as part of her senior project. Whitney will check with Natural Resources to see about getting this tribal member assistance on her topic on Global Warming. Whitney also will see that she receives assistance with setting up for the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Whitney Jones reported for Ray Peters. She reported on the cemetery project which she and Ray went to visit the previous week. She shared that Rhonda Foster and her crew have been putting in a lot of mental, physical and spiritual work in to the cemetery. Whitney would like to set up a date for Council to visit the site. Council decided to make a trip Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, and will pick up lunch. Arnold stated that he would like to see employees spend a day working out there as well. Whitney will prepare a memo to send to directors stating that Council wishes them to send staff that is available to work a day with Rhonda.

Rhonda would like to treat her workers to dinner at the Casino to show her appreciation of their dedicated work. Council agreed by consensus to host this dinner for the workers and their spouses on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Rhonda has plans of submitting an article to the Klah-Che-Min outlining the history of this project.

### **ENROLLMENT**

Kevin Lyon and Tammy Ford updated on the Enrollment Committee. Tammy wanted to inform Council that DNA testing for enrollment is being considered. They will also be assessing the

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demands of employee committee members and make sure that adequate staffing is provided. Whitney stated in regards to stipends being paid to non-employee committee members, this usually comes from the associated department. Jim suggested going through the budget process of modifications and transferring funds from Council to enrollment to pay for stipends.

### LEGAL

Kevin Lyon presented **Resolution #07-88** which states Washington State and the Tribe in the Cigarette Tax Compact between the Squaxin Island Tribe and State of Washington has reached an agreement regarding jurisdiction over the taxation of cigarettes. This resolution was approved at the meeting the previous day at Franks Landing.

Kevin presented **Resolution #07-89** appointing Lorna Gouin, Whitney Jones and Glen Parker to serve on the Worker's Compensation Review Board. Arnold Cooper moved to approve this appointment. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

Kevin provided a report on Franks Landing. Council approved for Kevin to move forward.

Kevin provided a stipulation proposal regarding the shellfish case and growers. Kevin has been working with Natural Resources and lead shellfish attorney Phil Katzen. Council agreed by consensus for Phil Katzen to sign the stipulation.

Kevin handed out a unified draft sexual harassment policy for the tribal government and all enterprises. Human Resources have begun a training program for governmental staff. Council would like to see an entity wide workshop. Mark Allen will look in to contracting an instructor.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Mike Evans provided an update on Law Enforcement. They are busy and continuing to catch stray dogs. They have been working on an agreement with Mason County Animal Control. Fishing has been a good year with a reasonable amount of law enforcement presence. They were able to assist a number of boaters and did not have any large cases this season. Mike stated that repeat offenders will have their gear seized. Once the season ends, Law Enforcement will discuss the season and what they can improve for next year.

Arnold inquired about enforcement in the woods for hunting. Mike reported they will be out there, Arnold offered his assistance in showing hunting areas.

Mike briefed on the General Authority Law Enforcement Bill. This will allow tribal enforcement the authority to enforce state law on and in some cases off reservation. This bill recently received support from the Washington Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Association, which in the past has been a stumbling point. Mike commended the dedication of Sherriff Salisbury and his assistance in passing this bill.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE *(continued)*

Jim asked Mike to keep Council apprised for their support and asked that Kevin draft a letter for Jim to send to the Mason County Commissioners for support.

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Mike reported on the Chum probationary program, which is going very well. Shelly Rawding started it and is doing well teaching basic life skills, this program reduces probation time.

Mike informed Council on his training of internet crimes. Mike has been looking in to a program that educates youth how to spot internet crimes. This will provide a good opportunity for Mike and his officers to get in to schools and provide a message; looking to team with the County on internet enforcement.

Mike would like to bring Sheriff Salisbury to the next Council Meeting. Arnold commended Mike for his work in establishing a good relationship with the County Sheriff.

Charlene asked if Council would help fund security cards and building security for outdoor lighting around the exercise room at the Clinic. Whitney will do a cost analysis and bring it back to Council at their next meeting.

### PLANNING

Tracy Parker, Nia Wellman Joe Seymour and Jeremiah George made a presentation on hosting the 2012 Canoe Journey. They received a detailed budget from Lummi, who hosted last year. They would like to involve the entire community and local residence. The Canoe Family would like to establish 501(c)(3) status for obtaining funding. Council directed them to work with Kevin. The Family is still discussing whether to move forward hosting, or to invite the other Medicine Creek Tribes to co-host.

### CENTER FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

June O'Brien and Ed Fox presented **Resolution #07-90** which states HHS and NWITC depend on funding from the Medicaid program and chemical dependency funding through Medicaid which requires a transfer of funds to the Washington State Treasurer in order to access federal funds. Although some finds will need to be designated as available and transferred to the Washington State Treasurer no expenditures will be required by the tribe from these funds and they will be returned to the Tribe, the Council supports establishment of a process to transfer tribal funds to the Washington State Treasurer to facilitate the payment of Medicaid-paid services. Arnold Cooper moved to approve resolution #07-90. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS & CONCERNS

Tribal member presented to Council as requested his current financial situation. They are working on the necessary paperwork and he is attending a financial class as required. Council appreciated the update.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS & CONCERNS *(continued)*

A family came in with a concern of a tribal members guardianship care. They do not believe that the tribal member is receiving adequate care and they are seeking assistance from Council to see what can be done. Jim stated that Council will direct staff to look in to this situation and will be investigating this situation. Council will then get back to the family with their findings.

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### **TRIBAL TOURISM**

Leslie Johnson presented the FY08 Tourism Budget. Pete Kruger moved to approve \$45K (this is an additional \$7K to be included with the \$38K as approved at the last Council Meeting) contingent on funds available. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

### **TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS & REQUESTS** *(continued)*

Tribal member was present to seek assistance. Council will look in to programs to see how she may be assisted. Whitney will look in to food vouchers, energy assistance and the food bank.

Council agreed by consensus to purchase a raffia basket from Willow Henry for \$500. Council would like to have her basket displayed in the Museum.

Pete Kruger stated that he will be getting 25 firewood permits from Green Diamond for tribal members in January. Maintenance will be gathering firewood for the elders.

There being no further business, the December 13, 2007 Council meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.