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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2010**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

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| <b>Dave Lopeman</b>       | <b>Chairman</b>                                      |
| <b>Arnold Cooper</b>      | <b>Vice Chairman</b>                                 |
| <b>Andy Whitener</b>      | <b>Treasurer (<i>Travel</i>)</b>                     |
| <b>Pete Kruger, Sr.</b>   | <b>Secretary</b>                                     |
| <b>Misti Saenz-Garcia</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member (<i>Travel</i>)</b> |
| <b>Marcella Castro</b>    | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member (<i>Travel</i>)</b> |
| <b>Charlene Krise</b>     | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>                 |

**Legal Counsel**

**Executive Director**

**Recording Secretary**

**Kevin Lyon (*arrived at 10:56 a.m.*)**

**Ray Peters**

**Melissa Puhn**

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Charlene Krise would like to discuss the April 27<sup>th</sup> Ethics and Politics travel request. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the April 8<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dave shared that the Skookum Creek Tobacco Company is ready to contribute their share towards purchasing a new bus for the Elders. Arnold stated that both Island Enterprises Board and LCOB wanted more information regarding the request. Both groups would like to look in to the feasibility of buying a bus versus leasing a bus. Dave asked Glen Parker for his opinion on leasing a bus for elders activities instead of buying a bus, if Council put aside funding in their budget for leasing. Glen would like to see the elders look at their own budget before they plan so many trips.

Council briefly discussed OysterFest. If OysterFest discontinues because of the fairground changes the Elders will need to find an alternate funding source. Arnold stated that Island Enterprises and the Casino will need to be prepared to fill that funding gap if necessary.

Charlene would like to discuss the Council Travel Policy at the next Council meeting. Dave suggested changing the policy at the start of the next fiscal year. He suggested splitting the travel budget seven ways, equally amongst Council members. Pete added that when a Council member travels, they need to actually attend the meetings. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the March 11, 2010 Council Minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

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**April 6-9: NIGA**, San Diego, CA. Andy, Misti and Marcella are there now.

**April 20: Candidate Forum II**, 5pm Elders Building. Arnold would like a time limit and a moderator.

**April 22: DV Community Dinner**, 5pm, Gym, Presentation on 'Cyber stalking' and a music presentation by the Youth. The presentation will be done by Mike Evans.

**April 23: Sexual Assault Prevention Summit**, co-hosted by SIT & Center of Advocacy for Personal Development, Elders Building, 8:30-5pm

**April 27-30: Ethics & Politics in the Workplace, Employment Law & Essential of Indian Law**, Albuquerque, NM. Marcella and Misti would like to attend. Ray shared that we have the ability to bring this training here. Island Enterprises and the Casino has a number of employees who also showed an interest in this training. From a financial standpoint it is more cost efficient to bring the training here. Nobody will attend the training in NM.

**May 2-6: 2010 Annual Tribal Self Governance Conference**, Scottsdale AZ, Pete, Ray and Deb. Ray and Pete will attend.

**May 1: General Body Meeting**, LCCR.

**May 10-15: NTEC**, Albuquerque, MN. Pete and Andy will attend.

**May 14: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmon Defense Golf Tournament**, Sequim WA. Council agreed to sponsor a hole and one additional team (two teams total) for \$2,500.

**June 4: Sgwi Gwi**

**June 6-9: Native American Fish & Wildlife Society**, Carlton, MN. Pete will attend.

**June 8: Centennial Accord**, Location TBA

**June 20-23: NCAI**, Rapid City SD, Pete and Andy will attend.

### CHAIRMANS UPDATE

**Committees/Commissions:** Ray handed out a list of expired positions on the various committees and commissions as well as tribal members who have submitted their names to be considered for appointment. This is for review only; the appointments are usually done at the annual work session. Council asked that those who submitted their names for the Gaming Commission write a letter requesting consideration.

**General Body Meeting:** Council reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming General Body Meeting. Council decided on the "home style buffet" menu selection for lunch. Council would like Rose Davis to offer the invocation. Glen will find a tribal veteran to recognize the veterans. Dave would like the honor song played by the drum group while the Veterans are being recognized. Andy will recognize those who have passed away.

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Ray stated that by ordinance, he will present the annual report and copies will be available. It was suggested that Ray provide an overview of the Tribal Government report instead of having individual directors report. Then it can be opened up for discussion if necessary and the director will be available to answer any questions. Council likes the idea and approved. Dave stated that he does not want the presentations interrupted; the voting can wait until all presentations are complete.

Arnold brought up that he would like to see the other entities pitch in and help fund these large events, including Squi Gwi. Ray suggested having this discussion with Island Enterprises. Dave would like to be charged the cost of food only, for the meal at General Body.

Council would like the General Body Meeting attendance status quo; tribal members, spouses and tribal directors only. This will be standard for every year.

Council will discuss the work session and Council training at the first meeting in May.

**Youth Council:** Charlene Krise stated that she was approached by the youth council and they requested to be moved from TLC and to the MLRC. Charlene stated that she would be happy to have them under the MLRC. She believes it would be helpful for the youth council to be housed at the Museum. Council approved by consensus for this transfer.

Ray stated that Sis Brownfield has approached him about participating with the youth council and setting up regular meetings with tribal council. Ray thought that the youth council advisor can set that up. Dave would like to see any issue that affects the tribal youth to be discussed with the youth council first, then they can provide a recommendation to tribal council.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

**Pendleton bag update:** Ray reported that as directed, the Pendleton computer bags have been ordered for Council.

Charlene stated that yesterday a representative from Pendleton came to the Museum. He asked of the tribe would be interested in designing a blanket for the 2012 canoe journey. Charlene will get information about custom blankets. Council would like to solicit a community contest to develop a design for the 2012 journey. Charlene will look in to purchasing the rights to a piece of art.

**Fireworks update:** Ray provided the fireworks flier that was sent out in the mail. He reported that the fireworks committee would like to lower the stand fee due to the economy. Council decided that they do not want to lower the fee since the money directly benefits the elders and youth programs.

**Resolution:** Ray provided **Resolution #10-43** which authorizes the allocation Pacific Salmon Treaty funds for the fiscal year 2010 to the Squaxin Island coho smolt research and data gathering projects in the South Puget Sound. Charlene Krise moved to approve the resolution. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Schedule:** Ray handed out the draft fiscal year 2011 budget schedule. He suggested offering door prizes at the public budget hearings in order to solicit attendance. Arnold would like to see gas cards offered. Charlene would like to make sure that there are no clam digs that day. The budget schedule will be posted.

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**Property Update:** Ray is seeking direction on the house that Yum Krise lived in. It has been set aside for elder support. Dave stated that the family has been working on cleaning out the house. Ray reminded that when the house was bought, in the agreement it stated that the house would be used for elder housing with the elder only paying for utilities. Charlene thinks that the family will have the house clean and ready by the end of the month. Council will be flexible if the family needs additional time.

**DCD Director:** Ray stated that he met with Brian Thompson who has had tenure here at the Tribe. He submitted his resignation and will allow ample time to bring in a train someone to take over his position. Ray shared that the job description that will be sent out will be a training position for a tribal member to fill that job. This will not be an entry level position and whoever fills the job will need the skills to be a director. Charlene does not want the term “trainee” used in the job description; she would rather see it as an intern position. Council approved the job description and it will be sent out for advertisement. Charlene asked about separating housing and planning in to two different departments.

Pete asked what happens if a tribal member fills the position but cannot do the job; he does not want to set someone up for failure. Ray stated that there will be a probation period for this new position and if necessary the next step in the hiring process will be taken. Ray shared that there are good people working for the tribe and knows that the department could handle itself if there is a period without a director. He is confident that if there is a transition period and a vacancy is there, there is enough cross training that everything will be fine.

### TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY

Desi Smith handed out a procedural notification that TGA is working on. He briefed on violations and how they are dealt with. Glen would like to see stiffer penalties on compact violations. Desi provided this information to Council providing an opportunity for comment before it is published.

Desi shared that because of the tightened regulations, TGA could not authorize the upcoming bingo event at the casino. The casino had sufficient time to prepare for the event, but management did not make it happen. Arnold had a concern since the event has been advertised already. Charlene asked if there was any way that TGA could go ahead and allow the bingo event to happen. Desi stated that management did submit the appropriate paperwork, it was just past the allowed deadline and he will make the event happen if that is Council's wish. Council would like to see the bingo event happen; Desi stated that he will have his staff review and approve the internal controls. Dave would like to see TGA document whose fault it was for missing the deadline and not following procedures. Dave emphasized the importance of TGA being tough and consistent with regulating.

### ENROLLMENT

Kevin presented for Tammy Ford; he handed out a survey that the enrollment committee put together. They would like to distribute the survey at the General Body Meeting. The survey is in regards to the Tribal Constitutions current membership requirements. Dave has no problem with the enrollment

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committee distributing the survey as long as they explain that it is only for informational purposes only and will not change anything. It is intended to gather ideas and wishes of the general body. Charlene would like to see an analysis done showing where the tribe is headed in regards to enrollment and what generation will not be able to be enrolled due to lack of blood quantum.

### **TA HA BUTS LEARNING CENTER**

Sis Brownfield was present to talk about the youth council. She stated they have a lot of kids doing good things who take their position seriously. Today the youth council is in Seattle at a Northwest Indian Youth Conference.

Sis had a concern about the recently passed youth council constitution and bylaws; she learned that new bylaws were adopted and approved in February by tribal council. She was unaware that this even came to tribal council. She asked who on tribal council was the education representative and she would like to see more interaction between the tribal and youth councils. Charlene thought Marcella was the Council Representative for education.

Ray asked Sis is she was aware that the youth Council asked and was approved to be transferred to the Museum. Tribal Council approved that request this morning. Sis was unaware of this request. Sis stated that the youth council never approached her about this change and asked that it be cleared on an administrative level since part of TLC's policies and procedures states that the youth council is under the direction of the youth activities coordinator.

Dave stated that at the next Council meeting, he would like the youth Council, TLC and MLRC to be on the agenda to discuss this change. Tribal Council will table the transfer of the youth council until that meeting. He would like to see everyone meet and discuss what is best for the youth council. Dave stated that the youth Council should have informed Sis about what their intentions are and their desire to be moved to the Museum.

Sis stated that she has concerns about the youth council bylaws that were presented. It states that they are able to decide who their advisor is or isn't. She is not comfortable with them having that responsibility since they still are learning. Ray stated that they should be able to have partial responsibility on choosing their advisor, with some guidelines.

Tribal Council put the transfer of the youth council discussion on hold for now.

Cameron Goodwin was present to provide an update on a situation at the hotel. They had a patron accidentally flood their hotel room and the adjoining 10-14 other rooms. The patron will be held liable for the situation and everything is being assessed and taken care of. The repair of the flooded rooms will take up to three to four weeks.

### **NATIONAL GUARD PRESENTATION**

Joe Castellucio, Master Sergeant Cathy Wilcox Colonel Oberg and Colonel Kern presented certificates of appreciation. One was presented to Peg Johnson and her staff at the Casino. The certificate was presented for their kindness that was given to the Olympia Armory and the support

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given during Christmas. Peg stated that if it was not for the Tribe, her department would not have had the opportunity to support.

The second certificate was presented to the Casino table games department for their contributions and kindness to the Olympia Armory. Marilyn Aaron accepted the certificate on behalf of Jessica Smileuski.

A third certificate was presented to Desi Smith, thanking TGA from the Washington State Guard for the support for the Guards' celebration luncheon.

Colonel Oberg thanked Council and the Casino for their support.

Colonel Kern thanked everyone for their support and presented a certificate of appreciation to Dave Lopeman. Dave thanked them on behalf of the tribe for them coming and stated that the tribe fully supports our troops in the best way possible.

### **OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Denny Hurtado presented a curriculum and a website OSPI is working on. This curriculum is not yet launched, he plans on sharing it with all tribal councils for input, before it is launched. Trainings will be provided during the summer for tribes and teachers. He suggested that the Museum host one training session this summer. Donations will be made to the Potlatch Fund/Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum. They are working to raise \$100,000 and any contributions are greatly appreciated.

### **EVERGREEN VETERANS SUMMIT**

Paul Gellegos was present. Paul is a special assistant to the President of Evergreen State College. He is arranging for a veterans summit at the college. He would like to have a color guard post and retire the colors at the event. The event will be held May 6-7<sup>th</sup> and it will be a region wide summit on veterans; it will bring together educators from the northwest region and inform them about the needs of our veterans who are coming back from the Middle East. Part of this is education and how that affects the healing process. It is important to know what our veterans are facing when they return. Paul is looking for opportunities for tribes who are willing to sponsor, provide drumming, and a blessing to set the tone for sacred healing. He is hoping that tribes will send representatives from education and health departments. There will be no cost to attend. Charlene will talk with the drum group and make the arrangements. Charlene also will get a hold of Rose and Mike to offer the prayer.

### **TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN**

Craig Parker and Jason Koenig were present to address Geoduck issues. The new regulations state that the testing for Geoduck qualification is done on Wednesdays. They harvest Saturday through Tuesdays and its tough to go back out on a Wednesday just to test. Kevin stated that the idea was for Law Enforcement to be available at a minimum on Wednesdays to administer the test. Craig and Jason both would like to be able to do the testing on a day that they are already out, since it would be another expense to make a separate trip out on a Wednesday. It was save costs if they could test on a regular dive day. Craig stated that the regulations ended up with some changes that did not come from the Aquatics Committee. Kevin assured that the regulations can be amended; he suggested that

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Craig let him know what the issues are and Kevin will look in to them. Initially the Wednesday test date was a minimum; the boat owner, diver and law enforcement need to coordinate the test certifications in advance.

Craig brought up the rule regarding a “half hour logged dive.” It has been gotten around of for so long; people don’t log in their dive. The new rule of testing divers will fix the half hour dive rule, which is not abided by anyway.

Dave suggested that the new certification testing rule should supersede the half hour logged dive rule. Kevin reiterated the two requests: first was the day of the week for testing, the Wednesday date is a minimum, otherwise the boat owner will coordinate with law enforcement to schedule a certification dive; second is to strike the half hour rule (section 6A and 6B). Arnold Cooper moved to approve these changes. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Willow Henry was present to ask for permission to have a fireworks stand, even though she is a minor. Dave suggested that she find someone trustworthy and partner with them on a stand. Ray stated that there is a liability of having a minor run a stand.

James Loar stopped by and asked Council about renting the Clary pasture for his horses. Arnold stated that Council has been discouraging horses on that pasture. Kevin took his information and Council will get back to him.

### DCD/PLANNING

Brian Thompson presented **Resolution #10-44** which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the ANA Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Program for the purpose of establishing a full immersion language program at the museum. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the resolution. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian provided the current housing wait list.

Brian presented **Resolution #10-45** which authorizes the submittal of the Local Agency Agreement for the environmental and permitting phase of the Squaxin Island Access Improvement Projects. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the resolution. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Charlene asked about housing renovation grants. Brian stated that there are a number of programs in place now to help low income tenants upgrade their homes.

Charlene stated that she is grateful and appreciates the lighting though the community and thinks that it helps improve safety at night. Brian stated that there is a lot of planning that goes in to development.

Charlene asked about the dumpsters, Brian will talk to Liz about setting that up.

### HEALTH CLINIC

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Ed Fox provided an update from the clinic. They have a few job openings: Computer Applications Coordinator to take the lead on the medical records, they are working on recruiting a physician and their Community Health Representative position is vacant.

Charlene asked about the CHR position and if that person is able to help elders get to their appointments. Ed stated that is part of their duty. Until that position is filled, the clinic will handle those needs. Charlene would like Ed to present to the elders again on what services the clinic provides.

Charlene stated that she would like to see a panic button installed at the clinic. Ray will work with Dan on getting one for both the Clinic and the tribal center reception desk.

Ed reported that the clinic remodel is going well. The reception desk is a little more private for patients checking in.

Charlene would like to explore and see a feasibility study of expanding services to non-natives who are now covered under the health care reform and generate revenue. Charlene is impressed with Jamestown's medical facility. Ray and Ed can look in to the feasibility to support one more physician within the current clinic building. Ed stated that there will be some mandates within the next two years for better coverage for employees who are with a large company.

Ed talked about health insurance; he, Ray and Whitney will meet to discuss buying health insurance for tribal members and employees.

Glen Parker wanted to share that he feels the success of the diabetes program and the efforts of Patty Suskin have really helped the diabetics in the community. She has gotten so many of the diabetic tribal members walking, getting their feet checked, reading food labels and watching their diets. He commended her and her efforts.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ray shared that One Percent has sponsored a team for the Mason General annual golf tournament.

**Political donation:** Council agreed to support Norm Dicks for \$500.

Dave asked what Council thought about supporting the OSPI. Council agreed to donate \$2,500 from One Percent.

**Elders' bus update:** Ray shared that he has received the appraisals for the old busses. He suggested keeping the youth which is the better bus of the two. The different entities (LCC, SCT & IEI) were notified regarding helping fund the purchase of an elders' bus. The IEI Board and LCOB both tabled the discussion; they both would like more information. Ray suggested keeping one bus for backup, or sell them both.

Ray handed out an analysis of the annual cost of renting a bus versus owning a bus. He asked of the elders truly wanted to own their own bus, or if they just want access to a bus. There is a benefit of renting a bus and Ray shared the breakdown: the bus size can change to accommodate the group size, there would be no maintenance costs and renting a bus includes a driver. Arnold would like to share

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this information with the elders and see what they think. Funds can be allocated to their budget each year to pay bus rental fees. Council discussed the idea of having IEI and LCC help fund the annual rental costs.

### **LEGAL**

Kevin Lyon handed out the court decision regarding the Great Wolf Lodge.

He provided a copy of the reply fro Nisqually in regards to Franks Landing.

Kevin handed out responses to a series of questions in regards to the drug and alcohol policy. Arnold would like to wait and discuss this when the rest of Council is present. No action today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.