

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING**
May 24, 2012

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Andy Whitener	Treasurer (<i>travel</i>)
Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary
Ray Peters	1st Council Member
Jim Peters	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>travel</i>)

Legal Counsel

Nate Schriner

Tribal Administrator

Don Whitener (*absent*)

Operations Director

Kathy Block

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer. Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the May 24, 2012 Council Agenda. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the May 10, 2012 Minutes and May 17, 2012 phone poll. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

May 29: Water Litigation Update with Sharon Haensley, 1pm, Council Lounge.

May 29: Intergovernmental Agreement Signing with Mason County Commissioners, 3pm MLRC

June 4: MLRC Fundraising Tournament, Salish Cliffs

June 7: Centennial Accord, Suquamish. Arnold, Andy, Ray, Jim and Pete will attend. Jim added that June 6th is a pre-meeting with Tribal Leadership.

June 9: Where the Salmon Run, book launch, 1:30 p.m. TESC Longhouse.

June 15: Sgwi Gwi, 5pm LCC Events Center

June 17-20: NCAI Mid-Year, Lincoln, NE. Andy will attend

July 28: First Salmon Ceremony, Collier House

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July 29 – August 5: 2012 Canoe Journey

June 18th Dinner meeting with Olympia City Council

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Council & Canoe Journey Work Session, May 30-June 1: The purpose of this work session will be to hear reports from all committee leads on their portion of the canoe journey. Ray added that it will be good for all of Council to hear the same thing, being on the “same page.”

Dave brought up who will welcome the canoes ashore. He thought it would be good to have all past Chairman's or their family. He would like to see that recognized somewhere.

Another topic of discussion will need to be who will do what during protocol and the soft landing. This work session will allow Council the opportunity to discuss what they would like protocol to “look like” and who will MC the event. Arnold added that he feels all of Council should take turns as MC. Council will discuss shifts and they will need to be present 24/7 during the event.

Ray suggested that after the work session, Council should host a talking circle to inform the community. Kathy added that they host community dinners and events every week, and its up to the community to attend. Kathy suggested using the talking circle format for the next community dinner.

Jim suggested hosting a community dinner on a Saturday, this would allow for more people to attend. Council would like to plan a lunch or dinner with the community soon.

Contract Health Expansion: Bonnie Sanchez was present. Council asked for a report regarding Contract Health Priority 1. She stated that started around the first of August and Contract Health does not “run out” of money; they put off priority 2-3 requests in order to manage costs. They do not turn anyone down. CHS has never run out of money. She shared a report from Finance that shows how CHS funding has actually increased over the years. Ray shared that he spoke with Deb and Bonnie more on the Affordable Health Care Act and the Insurance Exchange; looking in to ways to cover all tribal members. It works for tribes since every dollar spend has a return rate. Ray added that the clinic does cover descendants as well, so if a financial issue ever came up, they have that cushion of discontinuing the coverage of descendants. Bonnie added that they cover other members of other tribes who live on the reservation, descendants in Mason County, and descendants under 18 in other counties.

Arnold asked if the clinic use will be affected and if it will overload the clinic with the added coverage for Grays Harbor and Pierce County. Bonnie is confident of the staffing level the clinic is at now. Ray Peters moved to expand the CHS coverage to Grays Harbor County and Pierce County. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. Jim asked about Rays comment earlier about descendants; if it gets to a point necessary, that descendants are cut off first. Jim amended the motion, that if necessary, descendants coverage can be removed if necessary, and a level will need to be identified as to when members need to be cut. Jim removed the amendment and supported the original motion, but would like to see a plan of what happens when basic services are running out. Kathy will look in to CHS covering descendants,

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Legal will assist. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against. Ray added that Andy and Charlene have supported it in the past, but would like to make sure they are notified of the change.

Tribal Council agreed to purchase a raffia basket from Stephen Henry for \$250. They would like it displayed at the Museum.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following enrollment applications:

- #12-30 enrolls Beau Michael Henry
- #12-31 enrolls Wolf Deschain James-Slagle
- #12-32 enrolls Jadha Ann James
- #12-33 enrolls Alyssa Mary-Ida Henry
- #12-34 enrolls Heather Marie Perez

Ray Peters moved to approve the new enrollees. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

PLANNING UPDATE

Tracy Parker was present with a grant application resolution to enhance the Tribe's Emergency Program. Ray added that the Tribe's Emergency Operations Center is very comprehensive and state of the art. Ray has attended conferences where they refer to Squaxin's EOC Program, because it is so good. Kathy verified that the tribe is very up to date and prepared. Jim Peters moved to approve **Resolution #12-35** which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security under the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Dave Lopeman shared that Doug Zura is selling two masks. These masks were appraised by Mandy McCullough for well over his asking amount. He is asking \$4,800 for both masks. Dave would like them to go to the Museum. Council agreed by consensus to buy the masks. Arnold shared his concern of buying too much from one person. Ray shared that at times tribal members bring in their artwork to sell. Jim would like to see a policy regarding buying art and "recycling" art through the building; move stuff around.

Youth Council: Arnold Cooper wanted to discuss the location of the Youth Council. He recalls that they were directed to stay at TLC since that is where their funding and space are located. He wanted to know why they are holding their meetings at the Museum. Jim added that in the past, the Education Commission was part of the Youth Council. Ray suggested that the Youth Council be scheduled on one of Tribal Councils meetings during the summer. Ray asked Kathy to reach out to the Youth Council and find out who they are, how they operate, who their advisor is and get them on the Council agenda this summer. Council also would like to know what the Youth Council is planning for Canoe Journey.

Jim brought up the Treaty Rights at Risk. The USDA has practices that go out for farmers; subsidy programs. They get funds to put conservations on the ground, and it's up to the farmers to pick their

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practices. Jim would like permission to work with NR and get a strategy together to go back to DC and educate them that we are a sovereign nation. USDA does not recognize that tribes are sovereign and rarely will meet with tribes separately. They lump the tribe in with the stakeholders, instead of being government to government. Jim would like permission to work with them on behalf of the tribe. Council said okay since it fits within what Jim does.

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR UPDATE

Canoe Journey Event: Kathy Block shared that Deb Meisner requested to plan an event for employees that would allow them the opportunity to paddle in a canoe. They would plan something at Arcadia Boat Launch and provide lunch. Council thinks it's a good idea and will donate shellfish to show their appreciation. This can be set up at the Collier House and can also serve as a Q & A on canoe journey for employees.

LEGAL UPDATE

Nate Schriner presented **Resolution #12-36** which authorizes the proposed liquor tax, consistent with the direction given at work session. The tax would be a tribal tax imposed on the customer, that would go directly to the tribe. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the resolution. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Nate would like permission to have Terry Lukins act as mediator with GolfWorks. Terry is a retired King County judge. Kevin requested a reference list of Terry and based on everything else he has seen, Kevin recommends using Terry. Ray added that Kevin will do a quick search of cases that he has resided over. This is not a judicial proceeding, only mediation. Dave briefed on his the meetings with GolfWorks in executive session.

Coast Salish Gathering: Charene Alexander, Alvin Cultee, Tara Olsen and Charlotte Adams came down from Lummi to invite Council to the Coast Salish Gathering, June 5-6th. Charlene Krise plans to attend, as well as Ray if his schedule permits. Pete Kruger, Kathy Block and Dave Lopeman also would like to attend.

Jim provided an update on the Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). They attorneys met on Monday and Jim attended with the NWIFC.

Jim also provided an update on the Forest Practices HCP.

Arnold asked about the Discover Pass. Jim shared that the state will be sending passes to tribal members. A notice will be sent out to all tribes on the need, and the state will issue those permits. Ray would like to be sure that the tribe stays on top of this so the hunters and those who gather cedar get their passes.

Ray shared that during a recent canoe journey meeting, they were discussing budgets. A Public Relations Proposal was put together but was not part of the Canoe Journey Budget. The proposal was good, at a good price. Ray worked with Bob Whitener Jr. and this is an opportunity to get the tribal message out showing who Squaxin is and what Squaxin does. The company is putting together message

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to go out on TV and radio and Leslie Johnson estimated the cost would be around \$52,000. Ray worked with Deb Stoehr on the budget. Bobby, Charlene and Leslie all think it's a good plan and will get the tribe into the spotlight, and give PR to the sponsors of the canoe journey. The media campaign would be from June 1, 2012 - August 5, 2012. Council would like to make sure that the funds are spent wisely and anything left over gets returned to the tribe. Jim asked if the tribe is tracking all of the funds that have gone into the canoe journey. Ray shared that IEI is tracking; he suggested meeting with Lisa Bielski and Deb Stoehr and they can share more detailed information. Council agreed by consensus to allocate \$52,000 from Hotel 10% Occupancy Tax Revenue to be transferred to Tourism, administered by IEI, for the purpose of PR and Marketing of the 2012 Canoe Journey.

Pete Kruger suggested to hold the Council / Canoe Journey Work Session here, in Council Chambers. Ray added that if the meeting was held here it would be easier for more people to be involved and report. Council concurred. May 30 - June 1, Council will meet in Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.