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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
October 28, 2010**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

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

Legal Counsel
Executive Director
Deputy Director
Recording Secretary

Kevin Lyon
Ray Peters (*absent*)
Whitney Jones
Melissa Puhn

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. Andy Whitener offered the opening prayer.

Andy stated that Natural Resources will not be on the agenda today. He shared that more chum salmon have been caught than before, and it's still early in the season. That being the case, the fishery was closed. The techs are surveying the streams today and will know by this afternoon about the fishery. Charlene would like to see an "emergency fund" for those who depend on fishing, then have a poor season. Arnold added that fishing is a gamble, and people need to anticipate and plan ahead for a poor season.

Marcella Castro brought up the recent house fire on the reservation. She would like to see some assistance go to that tribal family since her house was a total loss. She is staying at the hotel now. Whitney stated that the tribal member received some financial assistance from the Clinic, Red Cross and her insurance will deal with a portion of the loss. Other tribal departments are taking up a collection for her. Whitney added that there is a vacated house that she will move in to within a week. Kevin volunteered to assist with her insurance claim. Whitney also spoke with Kim Burrows and the hotel has donated some lamps, couch, beds and a few other items that will help furnish her house. Whitney will arrange the assistance with Kevin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the October 28th Council agenda as amended. Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

October 29: Tomorrow! All Staff Progressive Potluck Lunch, noon

October 30: Canoe Family Dinner, Council will donate clams.

November 7 (Sunday): Veterans Celebration, Squaxin Veterans Memorial.

November 9-10: Tribal Leaders Health Summit, Skagit, WA. Charlene

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November 13: SPIPA Art Auction, Little Creek Casino, 5:30 p.m. (*Council bought 2 tables and allocated \$1000 for bidding*). Andy and Charlene will attend. Charlene will bid for Council.

November 18: Shelton Skate Park Smoke-out Event, 3:20 p.m. Promotional event for the National Smoke-Out Day; they are looking for representatives to attend. Arnold and Marcella may attend.

November 14-19: NCAI Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM. Charlene, Andy, and Pete will attend.

November 20: Potlatch Fund Annual Gala, 5:30 p.m. Grand Hyatt Seattle. Charlene will attend. Jeremiah has been participating on a program that helps young adults in leadership and he will be awarded there.

November 7-8: TGA Work Session, Tulalip. Charlene would like to attend.

Charlene added that she would like to see Whitney attend the **Sustainable Development Conference** at Tulalip, November 30th.

The last meeting in November will be cancelled due to Thanksgiving. Council decided that if there is anything pressing, a short meeting can be pulled together.

December 22: All Staff Christmas Party, Little Creek Casino

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the October 14, 2010 Council Minutes as amended and the November 4, 2010 phone poll minutes. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Whitney gave an update on potential pharmacy options and how to continue providing service while meeting IHS and state guidelines.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Bob Whitener reported on the annual operating plan. Charlene Krise moved to approve the 2011 Island Enterprises Operating Plan. Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Dave was out of the room*).

Bob reported on the restaurant franchise opportunity. He presented a concept at the board meeting yesterday and discussed franchising the seafood bar, with an investor. Bob will look further in to this opportunity and get a possible agreement in writing; then will come back to Council with more details. No agreement will be made without Council approval.

Bob presented **Resolution # 10-104** which pertains to Island Enterprises Construction, LLC. This resolution transfers all assets of IE Construction to the tribe in order to meet the 8A status

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requirements. Arnold Cooper moved to approve this resolution. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council went in to executive session to discuss per capita checks. Coming out of executive session, Council stated that the next per capita distribution date will be November 23rd.

Construction Board appointment: Bob shared that they advertised for this board and got only one response; Lorna Gouin. Council agreed by consensus to appoint Lorna to the Construction Board.

LEGAL

Kevin handed out a briefing memo outlining his projects. He asked Council that if they have any questions, to let him know.

Kevin provided an update on the Franks Landing opinion. He shared that the court stated that Nisqually did not have a claim. He was personally and professionally pleased with the approach that was adopted for off-reservation tobacco sales. FLIC is a dependent self governing Indian community, and the court spoke to that as truly independent. During the time period for Nisqually to appeal, Nisqually owes Squaxin a small amount in legal fees. Kevin will draft a collection letter for the Chairman to sign. Dave suggested writing a letter to Nisqually with a soft heart and dropping the fees owed to the tribe. Arnold thanked the legal staff for their hard work. Charlene thanked Kevin for his hard work and also his staff. She knew they were on this a lot. She thanked Bobby for his tact and his way with people. Charlene agreed with Dave on dropping the fees.

Fish Buyer Code: Council asked that Legal return to the aquatics committee and the recommendation from them is to not adopt a tribally operated fish buying station, but to increase the number of monitors. Everyone is fine with the code, minus the fish buying station. Each buyer will be bonded and will retain the fish tax so tribal members are not owing a large fish tax. The code is available for approval now if Council wishes. Kevin has sent this to the state for response and has not yet heard back.

Bob shared that Nate has prepared changes to the Skookum Creek articles. Council approved by consensus the changes and Andy can make the changes at the next SCT Board Meeting.

Charlene asked about the Tourism Budget and if it needs to come to Council for approval. Bob stated that the Tourism Board needs to present the budget to Council for approval. Charlene asked Council to approve the budget. Arnold moved to accept the Tourism Budget. Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRIBAL GAMING UPDATE

Desi Smith was present to update on an incident at the Casino the day before. He reported that surveillance is reviewing everything pertaining to this customer in order to protect the tribe's liability. All reports and surveillance will be forwarded to legal.

Desi reported on an ongoing investigation.

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YOUNG ADULT ASSESSMENT TEAM (YAAT)

Jarron Heller and Kim Benally-Hood were present for an update. Jarron handed out a packet that consisted data from their community surveys they have conducted. This survey was in regards to seeing what the community would like for the youth. They received a lot of good feedback and their next step is to talk with the tribal elders and family services.

Kim explained that the tribe has an ANA grant and this assessment is part of the grant; collecting information for the tribe to use. Within the next two years, they will take this information and it can be used to guide programming, tweak programs to meet the community needs. Charlene mentioned that there are youth programs but not much out there for young adults; keep it up.

Bobby provided an update on the golf course construction.

Whitney updated on the TANF pool project. TANF administration and the auditors have determined that it is not feasible to continue the project. Other funding sources will need to be identified in order to maintain the same level of services.

Council discussed a special meeting to discuss the evaluations for Ray, Bobby and Mitch. Council would like to meet Monday at 10am for those evaluations.

Whitney stated that the Mason General Hospital Foundation is requesting support for their annual Gala. They raise money for critical medical equipment. Council agreed to donate \$500.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.