

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 11, 2013**

**Attendance:**

<b>Tribal Council</b>	Dave Lopeman	Chairman ( <i>arrived at 9:17 a.m.</i> )
	Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
	Andy Whitener	Treasurer
	Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary
	Ray Peters	1 <sup>st</sup> Council Member
	Jim Peters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Council Member
	Charlene Krise	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council Member
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Kevin Lyon	
<b>Tribal Administrator</b>	Don Whitener ( <i>absent</i> )	
<b>Operations Director</b>	Kathy Block	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Melissa Puhn	

Ray Peters offered the opening prayer.

Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jim would like to provide an update regarding a fish consumption meeting he recently attended. Arnold would like an update on the Culvert Case. Ray shared a request from a Tribal Member. Jim Peters moved to approve the April 11<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jim Peters moved to approve the March 28, 2013 Council Minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**April 13: SPIPA Art Auction**, Lucky Eagle (Council has two tables)

**April 17-20: NAFOA** (Native American Financial Officers Association), Nashville, TN. Ray, Kevin and Espie will attend.

**April 19: Tribal Leaders Summit**, University of Washington, Jim will attend.

**April 21-26: Tribal Council Work Session**, Tulalip Resort

**April 25: 2013 Quinault Canoe Journey Reception**, Burke Museum, 6-8pm, Charlene will attend.

**April 29-May 2: Self-Governance**, Anaheim, CA. Ray and Pete will attend.

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**May 4: General Body Meeting**, LCC Events Center

**May 7-9: NAFWS** (Native American Fish & Wildlife Society), Scottsdale, AZ, Jim and Pete will attend.

**May 13-16: ATNI** (Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians) **Mid-Year**, Spokane WA. Andy, Pete and Jim will attend.

**May 28-30: IEI/LCC Work Session**, Collier House.

**July 15-17: WIGA**, Tulalip. Andy will attend.

Charlene shared that she recently attended the NICWA conference, and over 600 tribal nations were represented. This was a good conference and she hopes that Squaxin continues supporting NICWA. She feels strongly about keeping native foster kids in native homes.

Charlene also reported that over the weekend was the Wine & Chocolate Event at the Museum. The Casino staff did such an amazing job hosting. The entire interior of the Museum was transformed. Arnold feels that the Tribe is lucky to have been able to hire Michael Starr; he goes above and beyond to represent the Tribe and be involved in the community. Jim hears all the time of what a wonderful job the Casino does hosting events.

Arnold would like to recognize the improvements that have been done at the Veterans Memorial. Glen will work on scheduling a dedication and BBQ.

### TRIBAL CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Dave received a letter from Stafford Creek, they are asking for financial help. Arnold would like to look into the organization *Hoy*, which is set up for tribal inmates. Council is okay with donating \$500, but only after researching *Hoy* first, to see if this is something they can utilize.

**Tribal Member Request:** Willow Henry and Whitney Jones were present. Willow shared a business plan she is working on to start her own business. She plans on using an ATV to deliver and sell ice cream on the reservation. Willow is asking Council for a letter of support allowing her to drive the ATV in the reservation roads. During the winter months, she will use the ATV to help plow driveways.

Whitney shared that Willow has been working with her on her plan; she has done a good job. IEI will help her with a business license for on reservation only. Council agreed to write a letter of support allowing her to ride an ATV on the reservation roads for the purpose of her business.

**Fish Consumption:** Jim Peters provided an update on the fish consumption meeting he recently attended. He stated that State needs to establish a consumption rate and the Tribes and State will work with businesses on implementation. This will probably be a 10-15 year phasing period.

### OPERATIONS DIRECTOR UPDATE

Kathy updated on a recent issue with the pharmacy, and how they are now improving their security.

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Kathy updated that the Record Management Program has started, and recently hired a consultant to start and train a tribal member.

Kathy shared that the tribe has been creating entry level intern positions, but not many tribal applicants have been applying. She would like to somehow share what the tribe is doing to advance tribal members within the government and enterprises. Jim asked if Kathy can do a “chart” showing how many tribal members are employed, including position levels (how many tribal managers, biologists, managers, etc).

Kathy updated on TLC and how they are strengthening that program. The Higher Education position was just filled by a tribal member. They recently advertised for a Teen Advocate, with no applicants. That will be re-advertised now.

### ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford shared that the Enrollment Committee met last Tuesday and approved the following enrollment applications:

- Resolution #13-29** enrolls Brooke Bello Henry
- Resolution #13-30** enrolls Marlene Kaye Anderson
- Resolution #13-31** enrolls River Ray CD Guardipee
- Resolution #13-32** enrolls Gracelyn June Wier
- Resolution #13-33** enrolls Leslie Allan Cooper Jr.
- Resolution #13-34** enrolls Thailer B. Vilter Jr.
- Resolution #13-35** enrolls Lahaila Greenwood
- Resolution #13-36** enrolls Elias Dade Coley
- Resolution #13-37** enrolls Ashton Ryder Coble

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the above enrollment resolutions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Rhonda Foster was present to share her thoughts on the current enrollment moratorium.

### LEGAL

Council went in to Executive Session to discuss an enrollment issue.

Kevin handed out election and general body meeting talking points. This will be further discussed during Work Session.

Council went back in to Executive Session to discuss the Culvert Case. Kevin openly congratulated the Tribe on the direction and consistency for this case. It was a huge undertaking.

Council directed Kevin to reach out and appoint Jim Peters and Andy Whitener as the Culvert negotiation lead.

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Council went back in to Executive Session to discuss the hunting litigation.

### PLANNING

Kevin Dragon presented **Resolution #13-24** which pertains to federal funding for maintenance on certain reservation roads. This resolution authorizes the Chairman to sign the agreement with the BIA, to maintain the roads and utilities as public right of ways.

Esther Fox presented **Resolution #13-25** which transfers the “Griswold” property in to trust status; **Resolution #13-26** which transfers the “Wokojance” property in to trust status; **Resolution #13-27** which transfers the “Fox” property in to trust status; and **Resolution #13-28** which transfers the “Lopeman” property in to trust status. Jim Peters moved to approve the above resolutions. Ray Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

### FIREWORKS DRAWING

Council drew the following names, in the following order: Cameron Goodwin, Julie Owens, Tully Kruger, Jolene Grover, Josh Melton, Marcella Castro, Whitney Jones, Misti Saenz-Garcia, Dillon Decicio, Janita Raham, Rose Krise, Cameron Henry, Danny Snyder, Jennifer Johns, Troy \_\_\_?\_\_\_, Will Henderson, Angie Lopeman and Virginia Beruman.

### TRIBAL LIAISON UPDATE

Ray Peters reported that he is working with Charles Schwab on setting up a financial literacy class for the tribal youth.

Ray is also working with Pitt at SENSE Inc. on a written testimony to the Interior.

Ray reported on three meetings he attended last week. One regarding the Deschutes Estuary, which Jeff Dickison also attended. Ray attended the Economic Work Session that Senator McCoy put together, where Kelly Croman did a good job talking about economic growth in Indian country. He also met with Sam Hunt regarding capital lake. Ray was able to educate him on the benefits of having an estuary.

Ray talked about the home ownership program. Mark Allen will put that together a packet and discuss this at work session. He doesn't want to overstep anything and curious of the Housing Commission needs to be involved. Council likes the idea of including the Housing Commission.

### LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Michael Starr and Mark West were present. Mark handed out the Executive Summary for the last month. Michael reported that March was an outstanding month. The resort received an award for the best RV park in the South Sound, the facility is excellent. The Resort won seven “best of” awards; the awards are hosted by The Olympian Newspaper.

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Michael shared they are having some intermittent issues with player tracking system. They have had some hardware failures, and have corrected them. They may need to look in to a new system within the next year.

Spa and golf course is doing well. Employment is going well.

He shared that Silver Auction will hold an event at the Resort. It's a high end car auction, similar to Barrett-Jackson that is scheduled for August.

Charlene publically thanked the LCC and their staff for all they do for the community, they represent the tribe very well.

### ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Kelly Croman, Richard Sweeney and Cameron Goodwin were present. Kelly shared that IEI is setting up a training facility, repurposing equipment they already have. It will provide self-guided training. Charlene asked to include tribal history. Kelly said that is definitely being used. Kelly added that she is working with employees on uniforms and cleaning up the inside of KTP. They did a Complete promo, and was very successful. Will move forward to promote other SCT products.

Kelly updated on the due diligence on the off reservation site. They will be having the environment testing next week. Once the results come back, they'll know for sure if it's a deal.

Cameron shared that things are going really well with the Tobacco Factory. The team leads are doing good. Quality is good. Finances are ahead of last year. If it continues as is, will beat last year.

### LEGAL

Vicky Kruger was present, along with Dave Babcock and Gordon James regarding the new truancy policy. After discussion, Jim Peters moved to approve **Resolution #13-39** which amends the Youth Code Truancy Policy and will allow for the Tribe to begin tracking the attendance of kindergarteners. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Ray Peters moved to approve **Resolution #13-38** which approves the Final Tribal Mud Bay Report, for submission to the Department of Historic Preservation. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion . The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Kathy Block discussed patient transports. The clinic receives funding from CHR, and some of that funding has been reduced. Bonnie Sanchez is looking in to her budget to hire an on-call person to do patient transports. Locally, the transports are not an issue since the busses can be used. Specialty and out of town appointments are the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2: 48 p.m.