

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 14, 2010**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

**Dave Lopeman**

**Chairman**

**Arnold Cooper**

**Vice Chairman** (*arr. at 9:30 a.m.*)

**Andy Whitener**

**Treasurer**

**Pete Kruger, Sr.**

**Secretary**

**Misti Saenz-Garcia**

**1<sup>st</sup> Council Member** (*arr. at 9:30 a.m.*)

**Marcella Castro**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member**

**Charlene Krise**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kevin Lyon** (*absent*)

**Executive Director**

**Ray Peters**

**Recording Secretary**

**Melissa Puhn**

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ray Peters shared that Dave was contacted by Norm Dicks' office inviting a representative to attend a fundraiser event today at noon. Ray will be attending and will hand carry a donation to the Democratic Party.

Andy Whitener asked for a land update from Ray. Ray would like to update on Arcadia Point and seek direction from Council.

Charlene would like to discuss the Hoh River incident.

Tribal Member Lorna Gouin stopped by to share a letter with Council regarding the Child Development Center. The letter is a result of the state licensing audit that was conducted for the three year license renewal. The center passed with flying colors with no compliance findings. Lorna stated that Council should be extremely proud of the Child Development Center and its staff. She suggested Council writing an appreciation letter to the CDC.

Pete Kruger moved to approve the October 14, 2010 Council agenda. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried Five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**October 15: Employment law, Essentials of Indian law & Fundamentals of gaming, 8:30-1pm,** Tribal Center. Ray shared that yesterdays training was very good and gave a good perspective of how things come about at the tribe. Charlene stated that she attended one of the instructors' conferences years ago, and she was and is very impressed with his style of lecture and how he engages everyone. She liked how Andy and Pete engaged in the conversation. Felt he was really good, strong in understanding tribal government. Council has training tomorrow with him also.

**October 19-20: NIGA Mid Year Conference,** Prior Lake, MN, Andy will attend.

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**October 26-28: IEI Board Meeting**, Santa Monica. Dave, IEI asked Ray to attend, so he may (*this trip was cancelled*).

**October 29: All Staff Progressive Potluck Lunch**, noon.

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

**November 9-10: Tribal Leaders Health Summit**, Skagit, WA. Charlene would like to attend.

**November 13: SPIPA Art Auction**, Little Creek Casino, 5:30 p.m. Council would like to buy tickets for two tables (16 total) and allocate \$1000 for bidding. Extra tickets will go to staff. Charlene and Andy will both attend.

**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 will attend.

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

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UPDATE

**Tribal Member Request:** Shiloh Henderson submitted a letter to Council asking for financial assistance while she is attending the University of Washington. She does receive funding from the Education Commission and the One Percent Commission. Arnold feels that it is important to support those who are in higher education. Marcella feels that since this is Shiloh's senior year at UW she should receive additional funding. Andy shared his concern of Council donating money for college. Arnold agreed that if Council helps one, they need to help all.

Ray added that generally, Council forwards education requests to the One Percent and Education Commissions. Arnold stated that if the One Percent Commission is generous enough to donate \$1000 each year to tribal youth attending college, some of the responsibility to the family. Marcella has no problem giving her money from Council. Ray explained that Council has set up educational avenues for support. Marcella would like to increase the amount donated from One Percent if there is still a need. Ray stated that there will need to be a point where One Percent needs to look at the costs and budget of going to school.

Charlene added that the One Percent Commission should increase their donation amount to tribal college students in order to help with living expenses. Ray will bring it up at the next meeting. Dave would like to see a budget of how many tribal members are attending college, and creating a fund where Council can donate money to help offset their expenses. Ray will share a report of costs of state tuition including living expenses.

**Tobacco Board Vacancy:** There are three candidates interested in the vacancy: Ray Peters, Desi Smith and Dillon Decicio. Andy shared that the Board is adding one more position. Arnold and Charlene both support Ray; Marcella would like to see Dillon on the board. Arnold would like to see Tim Shelton replaced since he misses quite a few meetings. Arnold moved to appoint Ray Peters to the Board and Dillon Decicio as a board member trainee. Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried Five (5) in favor, zero (0) against and one (1) abstained.

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Erik Sparkman presented a map of the Dutcher Cove Tidelands. They surveyed the land this year and the landowner has offered to sell the tidelands to the tribe. Erik shared that the land is good clam tidelands. Council would like Erik to reach out to the land owner and set up a meeting. Ray also will help. Erik and Ray will work with Kevin.

**Northwest Indian Portland Area Health Board:** Ray presented **Resolution #10-100** which appoints Bonnie Sanchez as the delegate to the Northwest Indian Portland Area Health Board. Marcella Castro and Whitney Jones remain as alternates. Andy moved to approve the appointments. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

**Election Recommendations:** Ray shared the suggested recommendations of what candidate and what initiatives the tribe supports for this coming election. He stated that County Commissioner Candidate Brenda Hirshi requested to be on the Council agenda, but Ray has set up a meeting with her this coming Monday. Council is okay with Ray meeting with her and would like to donate to her campaign at the same amount that was donated to her opponent, Jerry Lingle (\$800).

Council discussed the letter submitted by Mitch Coxwell. He is requesting work for his work release program. Arnold suggested Salish Seafoods. The letter will be sent to Human Resources.

### TRIBAL GAMING

Desi Smith was here for an update on an investigation on F&B. Council went in to Executive Session.

Desi reported on the external audit with Moss Adams. They prepared a financial department analysis for the Casino in order to assist with strengthening that department. Desi stated that the review so far with that systems analysis has been great. The majority of the stumbling from last year has been taken care of.

Ray shared that Family Services will not make it today. Lorraine is at IPAC today. Ray did relay for Lorraine that she would like to remind Council that Denise Revels-Robinson from Children's Administration will be here on October 18th at 2pm to talk to them about Performance Based Contracts with Master Contractors.

**Land Update:** Ray handed out the information on the property for sale at Arcadia. Ray met with Mitch to see what the Casino could contribute in regards to a down payment for the property. Council has directed Ray in the past to look in to financing this property. The property could provide a location for a corporate retreat for the Casino, Council work session, First Salmon Ceremony, etc. Ray will continue the negotiations.

**Golf Update:** Ray shared that they are in the process of getting the lease in place for the maintenance equipment for this spring. There is a cost savings if it's in place by November. The Golf Pro job description has been complete and they have already received a fair amount of response for the Head Pro position. The casino hiring policies will be followed and they would like to fill this position by the end of October – early November.

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Arnold asked about the rain damage on the golf course. He wanted to know what will happen to the grounds once the rain really starts. Ray stated that the recent damage was due to the heavy rainfall on new ground. The course drains properly, but since the grass is still immature it was unable to provide the necessary stabilization. Ray has been in contact with the contractors in regards to documenting the damage and correcting the storm water issues.

Ray will share with Council what the construction warranty is and how long it will be in place after completion.

Misti asked about the occupants of the Clary House and how long they will live there. Ray stated that some will stay there during the construction of the club house through the winter. He would like to have people around for warranty issues.

Misti asked about a golf school in New Jersey this winter. She would like Ray to get that information from Bobby; she knows there are tribal members who would like to attend. She would like the tribal members interested to attend in early 2011; but its unknown if TLC will provide funding. Arnold suggested that the casino pay the expense since it's a casino expense. Ray will look in to it.

Ray will keep Council updated on the golf course.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Esther Fox presented **Resolution #10-101** pertaining to the new appraisals on thirteen allotments on Squaxin Island. Charlene Krise moved to approve the resolution and to move forward with purchasing the listed allotments. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Block shared that they have received a notice from the Office of the Treasurer regarding a parcel on the island in fee status. She is seeking direction from Council in regards to getting Legal involved. This parcel is going in to foreclosure; it is 52.3 acres and located on the south side of the Island. Council says buy it.

Kathy shared a grant status report. She provided the current housing wait list.

Kathy reported that the flooring in the new housing units will not work and they are looking at a wood look linoleum product instead. They will receive a credit on the existing contract and will make the change.

Charlene asked about the water damage in the housing report. Kathy reported that the project is complete.

Charlene shared her appreciation of the face-lift of the building and the landscaping that was done. Kathy shared that the MLRC is halfway done. Next year the elders building will be done. Both ends of the building the siding will need to be skimmed to get the dark stains removed.

Dave would like the MLRC to match the other two buildings; be a clear stain instead of the grey stain. Kathy stated that could be done next year with the Elders Building. Next Wednesday an RFP

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will be done for the roof repair; interim repair for the winter. They will then get a new roof design for next year. Kathy will take care of the stain at the MLRC.

### ISLAND ENTERPRISES CONSTRUCTION

**Resolution and Articles of Incorporation:** Dave Johns and Jennifer Ulrich were present. They presented the Articles of Incorporation for Island Enterprises Construction. Legal assisted with changing the name from “Island Construction” to “Island Enterprises Construction” and the articles reflect that change. Jennifer presented **Resolution #10-102** which also reflects that change. Charlene moved to approve the resolution. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Dave and Misti were out of the room*).

### VETERANS COMMITTEE

Glen Parker shared that the Veterans would like to hold a celebration on November 7<sup>th</sup> for Native American Veterans Day. He is looking for direction regarding a time and location. After much discussion it was decided to hold the event at the Casino instead of the memorial in case of rain. Glen then asked Council about who should be invited. Council suggested to invite dignitaries and Glen would like to invite the InterTribal Warrior Society. Council will select and invite a dignitary and look for a guest speaker. Arnold would like to look in to getting a deer for the casino to prepare. Whitney will work with the Oyster Company on getting fish. The veterans will post the colors and invite the drum group to perform.

Misti asked about the paddle for Richard Johns Sr. and if it would be in the memorial by the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Misti asked Ray about the stimulus money that is available for tribal fisherman to purchase boat motors. She would like someone to look in to it.

Misti also asked about meat for the food bank. She would like someone to get an animal to stock the freezer.

Stella Yocash dropped by to ask about ICW. Council went in to Executive Session.

Council met with Rick McGee for the remainder of the day.