

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 26, 2014**

**Attendance:**

<b>Tribal Council</b>	<b>Dave Lopeman</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
	<b>Andy Whitener</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	<b>Pete Kruger, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
	<b>Whitney Jones</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b>
	<b>Jim Peters</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
	<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Kevin Lyon</b> ( <i>absent</i> )	
	<b>Dave Babcock</b>	
	<b>Nate Schriener</b>	
<b>Tribal Administrator</b>	<b>Don Whitener</b>	
<b>Intergovernmental Liaison</b>	<b>Ray Peters</b>	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Melissa Puhn</b>	

Whitney Jones offered the opening prayer. Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vince Henry asked to discuss Tribal Contractors. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the June 26<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Arnold moved to approve the May 22, 2014 Minutes, May 29 phone poll, June 11 phone poll and June 12 phone poll. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Don brought up the expenses for the Memorial Service for Billy Frank Jr. Don was sharing for informational purposes only, since the Casino shared it with him. Jim Peters shared that he was pleased with the job the Casino did. Don understood that leading up to the memorial, certain entities had committed to making a donation towards the memorial service. Dave suggested that we reach out to the other tribes. Arnold reminded of the generosity that Squaxin shows other tribes by donating shellfish or funds. Ray suggested that a letter be drafted for the Chairmans signature, and mail it to the other Tribal Chairmans.

**ISLAND ENTERPRISES / BLUE STONE STRATEGY**

John Mooers from Blue Stone Strategy introduced himself and thanked Council for the invitation. They are a native advisory group who represents 90 tribes in the States, focusing on tribal economic development. He shared that Squaxin Island has a sound tax strategy and is referred to as having the best option. He shares the Squaxin success story across Indian Country.

John shared the analysis based upon the two day IEI Economic Development Planning Workshop with the IEI Board, Tribal Council and Executive Staff. They identified the refinement of IEI's operating structure and clarification of the IEI Boards structure and priorities.

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Blue Stone proposes to provide advisory services to IEI to accomplish its goals in a timely manner. John briefed on the process involved.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

**Skookum/Port Blakely Property:** Andy shared a quick update on the Skookum / Port Blakely Property. He reminded that Squaxin is acting as the lead for a grant application for this property; the process is not working out like they had hoped. Informative only.

Jeff Dickison shared that the BIA budget was able to maintain funds for funding tribal climate change work. The NWIFC will coordinate this with Washington State Tribes and each tribe will submit a grant proposal for these funds. **Resolution #14-41** was prepared and presented that endorses the Climate Change project called “Assessment of Climate Related Impacts and Adaptation Planning.” Jim moved to approve the resolution. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff shared that the design is complete to remove the sailboat ramp at the Collier House, it is progressing slowly.

**2014 Fishery Regulations:** Joe Peters handed out the 2014 Fishing Regulations. They had a Fish Committee Meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>, with decent attendance and a good discussion with the regulations. New this year in Chinook fishery section is the derelict gear reporting. Anyone can go online and anonymously report where they lost their gear so it can be removed. There are no penalties associated. Budd Inlet fishery will be able to continue further in to September if needed. A two week extension is included, if necessary. It won't be automatic, but will be assessed at that time. Arnold moved to approve the Chinook and Coho Fishing Regulations. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

**June 22 – July 13:** 2014 Paddle to Bella Bella.

**June 27:** NR/CR Open House

**July 4:** Tribal Offices Closed- Holiday

**July 11:** Woodard Bay site visit, 2-4pm

**July 14:** WIGA Golf Tournament, Salish Cliffs. Council agreed to sponsor two teams.

**July 14-16:** WIGA, LCCR. Council discussed comps, while other Tribal Councils are visiting the property (golf, spa, hotel, etc). Jim suggested drafting a comp policy that can be used across campus for all entities. Regarding golf comps, Tribal Chairs only. Other Tribal Council members will receive the tribal rate.

Andy shared that he requested the Golf Committee Minutes be shared with Council at each meeting. They will be sent up here and included in Councils packet.

**July 30:** First Salmon Ceremony

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### TRIBAL CHAIRMAN UPDATE

**Talking Circle Schedule:** Whitney Jones shared how she wanted to see about establishing a regular schedule for Talking Circles. Council likes the idea of hosting a Talking Circle the first Tuesday of February, August and November (Mays General Body Meeting will take place of that quarters Talking Circle).

**Intertribal Dispute Resolution:** Jim Peters shared that he has been representing the tribe on the Intertribal Dispute Resolution meetings over the last three years. He shared a draft resolution supporting this process to move forward, and can be restructured. He wanted to bring back to Council, he has a letter received from the three Chairs (Ron, Fawn & Brian) requesting resolution. Legal will draft a resolution when ready.

Jim moved to do a resolution to support the treaty as discussed. Vince seconded the motion. Jim clarified by saying the motion is to move forward, but can always back out. Andy would like Legal to bring back a resolution for Council to review first. Motion tabled until next meeting once Legal brings back a resolution.

**Housing Tax Site Report:** Lisa Peters, Cathy Magby & Juana Perry (on behalf of Greg Barcklay) were present. Council wanted to share their appreciation of the three who volunteered their evenings for the Free Tax Prep Site. In appreciation, Council gifted the three of them a night stay at Quinault Beach Resort, plus dinner for two during their stay. Council thanked them for the years that they have volunteered to help Tribal Members with their taxes, at no cost. Dave told them that when they're ready to make a reservation, to work with Melissa on arrangements.

Juana asked for an update on the Assistance Based on Need Program (ABON). Dave Babcock stated that part of the discussion Legal will be having later today will be some code changes regarding this program. He hopes that this program will help elders who are running in to issues regarding their Social Security.

**Centennial Accord Update:** Jim provided an update from the Centennial Accord. This is their 25<sup>th</sup> year. Jim felt the first part of the day was mostly introductions. The second part of the day was not enough time to accomplish what was needed to get done. The Centennial Accord has moved away from what it used to be. Jim would like to see a two-day meeting again: first day being policy and technical folks talking with the state. Then have a day spending a couple of hours on each issue. Then they really would have inter-governmental conversations. Jim added that he would like to see more staff attend these meetings.

### COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Ray mentioned on July 1 there will be a fundraiser for the Governor at Xhins in Shelton.

Ray shared that he received a call from Terri Parr from ATNI, they will have a meeting during WIGA. They were wondering if they can use one of our conference rooms for about 14 people. Council said fine. The Museum is available.

Ray reported that the donation Casey Brown received from Council he ended up not needing. He will sign over \$250 of his next two per caps to pay Council back.

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Ray has met with a number of political candidates. He met with Drew McEwan to discuss water bills coming up and fish consumption. Met with Kris Lytton, who has been a friend of the tribe.

Ray provided a property update.

Council went in to closed session to discuss a tribal member concern,

### TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

**Homeownership Program Update:** Rich Wells was present to give a quick update on the Homeownership Program. Rich briefed how initially the Tribe borrowed funds to build the new homes. 19 tenants signed an agreement to obtain their own funding to buy their home. The intent is to have tribal members apply for a loan from an outside lender and buy their home. So far, nobody has followed through. With the 184 Program, the tribe would obtain the funding and essentially be the lender (instead of an outside lender, *e.g. a bank*). The decision to move forward with the 184 Program was tabled.

**Public Safety:** Kris Peters was present to discuss a plan of what to do in the event of an active shooter. With the recent events, it's becoming a concern of his and the safety of Squaxin employees and community. His staff has been trained in the particular situation. With Council's blessing, he would like to get this information out in the Klah-Che-Min and to staff. Council approved and asked that he include the Casino and Enterprises.

Council discussed exclusions and whether pictures of those who are excluded, can be posted. Kris stated that is possible, but need to figure out how. Looking in to ways to keep the community informed.

### ENROLLMENT

Joanne Decicio was present for Tammy Ford. She shared the enrollment resolutions, which were approved by the Enrollment Committee.

**Resolution #14-44** enrolls Marvin Stanley Henry III

**Resolution #14-45** enrolls Arelys Francisco Coley

**Resolution #14-46** enrolls Josiah Cruz Saenz-Garcia

**Resolution #14-47** enrolls Andre Maxwell Roberts

**Resolution #14-48** enrolls Richard Montano III

**Resolution #14-49** enrolls King Julious Tom

**Resolution #14-50** enrolls Elaine Lee Ann Roberts

Arnold moved to approve all enrollments, pending the final results of the final DNA tests. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Vicki Kruger was present to ask about a native arts teacher. She truly believes that the more time spent with the kids doing crafts, helps them as adults.

### LEGAL

Dave Babcock presented a proposal of a code change allowing the tribe to have a lien against Tribal Financial Distributions payments (formerly known as per capita distribution) if a tribal member owes

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money to the tribe. This would only apply for tribal entities, not outside agencies. This policy will allow the tribe to hold back 50% of the Tribal Distribution Payment, until the full amount is paid back. Council discussed the policy extensively, and made a few modifications. Pete moved to approve the policy as discussed. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Legal will make the changes and present a final draft at the next Council Meeting.

Dave Babcock presented the Assistance Based on Need Program. Council tabled the discussion until later.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.