

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 2014**

Attendance:

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| Tribal Council | Dave Lopeman | Chairman (<i>sick</i>) |
| | Arnold Cooper | Vice Chairman |
| | Andy Whitener | Treasurer |
| | Pete Kruger, Sr. | Secretary |
| | Whitney Jones | 1st Council Member |
| | Jim Peters | 2nd Council Member |
| | Vince Henry, Sr. | 3rd Council Member (<i>arrived at 9:20 a.m.</i>) |
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| Legal Counsel | Kevin Lyon (<i>annual leave</i>) | |
| | Dave Babcock | |
| Tribal Administrator | Don Whitener | |
| Recording Secretary | Melissa Puhn | |

Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jim Peters moved to approve the July 24th Council agenda. Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim moved to approve the June 26, 2014 Council Minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented **Resolution #14-52** which increases the blood quantum for Beau Michael Henry Jr, and **Resolution #14-53** which increases the blood quantum for Hailey Blueback. Jim moved to approve the two resolutions. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Vince Henry arrived.

Tammy presented **Resolution #14-54** which enrolls Milah May Hawks. Jim moved to approve the resolution. Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS

Tomorrow, July 25: All Staff Potluck, Legal lawn

July 30: First Salmon Ceremony, Collier House.

August 3-8: TERO Conference, Coeur d'Alene. Council discussed the need for this training. Kathy explained how instead of a TERO Office, the tribe has a Squaxin hiring preference policy when it comes

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to employment; and a tribal hiring preference policy when it comes to contracts (tribal preference is not necessarily Squaxin preference).

August 7: Per Capita

August 8: FORTERRA Beach Party, Little Skookum Inlet, 4:30-8pm

August 7-8: Squaxin Community Training, “Safe Streets” kick-off. Kathy asked Dave to offer a Welcoming and ask Arnold to speak to the talking points, as a Council Member. Council is invited, this is important that Council supports this event (*This event was postponed due to a scheduling conflict*).

August 12: Talking Circle, Community Kitchen. 5:30pm (*Scheduled to be the second Tuesday of February, August & November each year*)

September 17: Tribal Summit, Swinomish. Jim, Andy, Arnold & Pete will attend.

September 22-23: NAFOA Economic Development, San Diego. Whitney and Ray will attend.

September 21-26: ATNI, Pendleton. Andy, Pete & Jim will attend.

October 26: NCAI, Atlanta, GA. Andy, Whitney & Ray will attend.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN UPDATE

First Stewards Symposium financial request: Jim brought up the donation request. Council agreed to donate \$1000.

Treaty Tribal Meeting: July 30, Jim asked Dave Babcock to look in to this and to bring the agreement back to Council.

Franks Landing: Arnold would like to meet with the Franks Landing Indian Community (FLIC) Board. Jim felt it would be a good idea to invite them to a Council Meeting. Don will work with Kelly to coordinate a meeting.

NWIC Golf Sponsorship: This tournament supports their tribal athletic department. Council agreed to sponsor a team for \$1,250.

Jim brought up a small tournament that will be held at Salish Cliffs, benefiting the South Sound Select Futbol Club. Council agreed to sponsor a hole for \$100 plus a team for \$400.

Council received a letter from Suzette Bridges, who is creating a dance group for a conference at Indian Haven campground. They are requesting a donation of \$10,000. Council decided not to donate.

Council discussed the youth financial assistance payment (formerly known as per capita payment). Currently, the youth receive \$350 of their distribution, with the remaining balance going in to their trust account. There has been a request by some tribal members for Council to consider increasing that amount. Council decided that the amount has been set in order to protect the youth accounts. The youth distribution will remain at \$350.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

John Taylor was present to provide an update on the Emergency Management Operations. He shared that they have activated the EOC multiple times this year for tests and to assist surrounding areas, luckily none for Squaxin emergencies.

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John explained how he is working to prepare the community for emergency supplies. They are working on a C-POD (Community Point of Distribution). This emergency distribution “center” can be delivered within 12 hours of a declared emergency, and will provide emergency supplies to the community. Funded through FEMA. John felt that this would be the best way to have emergency supplies available to the community.

John explained with the changing of the Stafford Act, he needs to modify the mitigation plan. He presented **Resolution # 14-55** which authorizes a grant application to apply for funds (\$250k over a two year period) to change the mitigation plan. Jim moved to approve the resolution. Whitney seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor (5) and zero (0) against.

NNABA Update: Kathy Block shared that the Little Creek Casino will be sponsoring the dinner for Saturday night. Natural Resources will be cooking salmon for the dinner. Island Enterprises will sponsor the kids lunch for the youth track. Kathy asked Council if they would donate salmon, clams and oysters for the meal. The second piece of her request if how many tribal members would Council like to sponsor this year? Previously, Council has sponsored 15 tribal members. This year there will not be any travel involved, so the cost will be lower. Council decided to sponsor 30 people this year, paying their registration and a \$100 basket allowance.

Andy reminded that his staff is already fishing for Oysterfest, which is the same weekend. They will really need help getting fish for both events.

PLANNING

Margaret Foley presented **Resolution #14-56** which authorizes planning to submit for an ICDBG Grant. Jim moved to approve the resolution. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY

Joanne Decicio presented the TGA Quarterly Report. They recently did a penetration test on the machines at the Casino. They are currently getting caught up with payments to the Tribe. They’ve reduced their FY15 budget to save money.

Joanne shared that TGA has made the recommendation to stay with Moss Adams for next years audit for the Casino, even though they are aware that it is always a good idea to send out a bid for auditing. She is hoping the Casino gets a better audit this year. Council is okay with staying with Moss Adams this year, but send out for bids next year.

Joanne shared that Summer Petty recently resigned as Director after serving the Tribe for 20 years. They are currently working on hiring a new Director.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Hunting Regulations: Jeff Dickison handed out the 2014-2015 Hunting Regulations. Arnold asked about the Green Diamond Fee Program affecting the hunting areas. Pete added that it’s only the Dayton Peak gate. Arnold would like to have a meeting with Green Diamond if hunters start losing access with their “pay to play” program. Jeff explained that this program is still in the experimental program, and was going to wait to see how it pans out, before the Tribe does anything about it.

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Jeff shared that maybe they can set up a meeting this fall with Green Diamond to discuss where this is going. Andy moved to approve the Hunting Regulations. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Planning Update: Erica Marbet was present for an EPA NR Grant regarding water quality and pollution prevention. Erica shared a presentation on one of the obligations for the EPA grant. Erica provided handouts and shared ways to create a visual representation of the health of the tribe. She would like to present something like this to the EPA. She would like to host a tribal dinner, and ask the community on what their thoughts are, reaching out to the community and other Tribal Departments such as the Elders, TLC, Family Services and the Clinic. Jeff added that this will become important to show EPA why water quality is important to the Tribe and its people.

Restoration Projects Update: Scott Steltzner reported on Franks Tidelands in Budd Inlet and how the area is permanently closed for shellfish consumption. Several years ago this property was donated to the tribe by the Frank Family (no relation to Billy Frank). He's been working with the upland owner and in 2013, 394 creosote pilings were removed along with 7600' of dock and steel.

NR has received two grants and will start adding large woody debris along Skookum Creek.

NR is looking at a riparian grant for 23 acres of the Fletcher Property. This is a good piece of property and they would like to eventually remove the house and replant it all riparian area. NR is hoping the Tribe can purchase this property at some point.

Goldsborough Creek has been doing really well and is in good shape. The dam removal was in 2001 and ever since the Coho smolt runs has exploded. This creek is the largest coho producer in south sound. Culverts from the railroad were removed and replaced. Jeff added that railroads are exempt from the Culvert Case, but Green Diamond railroad has been very cooperative with the Tribe in removing culverts. The design is complete, and they hopefully will start construction next year to remove culverts and add some Coldwater ponds to Goldsborough.

Department of Fish & Wildlife has been working with Simpson and the Port of Shelton on the Shelton Harbor in Oakland Bay. The entire Simpson Mill used to be the mouth of Goldsborough Creek. Simpson has agreed to abandon a portion of the tidelands, to recreate the mouth of the creek. There is a large bulkhead that will be buried in order to create a marshland. This is a grant funded project.

Bayshore Golf Course has become a riparian project. It's not tribal, but still a neat project. This project will remove a dike and increase the salt marsh and riparian planting.

There currently is grant funding in place to start the removal of the sailboat ramp wing walls and the boat ramp at the Collier House. The final design is nearly complete and the construction will hopefully start this fall. The removal of the small boat ramp and the wing walls will allow sediment flow back in to Hammersly Inlet.

Eric Sparkman brought up private tidelands for geoduck harvest. He stated that when a landowner proposes to convert their tidelands to aquaculture, the Tribe needs to be notified first since the Tribe has a right to the natural production. NR then does a private dig with 10-15 people. This works pretty good for clams, now they need to figure out how to address geoduck for private tideland digs. Eric sent out a notice to tribal members asking about who would be interested in a private geoduck harvest.

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These private digs are not huge quantities, NR just would like to provide an opportunity for harvesters. The first question is, who can dive? If it's an intertidal harvest at low tide, there will be no need for actual diving, but the harvesters still will use the stingers above the water line. This does not require dive training. Do they only allow those with a geoduck quota, or open it for anybody who would like the opportunity?

After much discussion and brainstorming, Council decided as a trial, having the first beach open to anyone. It will be advertised and a lottery drawing. The drawing will include the person who was drawn last time. A stumpage fee will be charged at \$.25/pound.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT

Michael introduced Shawn Sadeghi, the new LCC CEO. He spent 17 years in gaming with the lottery department in Las Vegas. He worked in various casinos and bingo halls in Oregon and Canada.

Within the next few months, he plans to provide a new organizational chart and process changes in the Finance Department. Michael stated that they will look at every process they have, to review the adequacy and efficiencies of the operations. Since he's been at LCC they've added 5-6 new employees in the Finance Department, he will try and streamline and add efficiency. Shawn has met with every member of the department.

Michael handed out the 3rd quarter 2014 comparison. Had a good third quarter, and anticipate a better 4th quarter. Maintained the average daily rate.

Michael discussed the player tracking system, updated. Went over revenues of the various departments.

Council had no questions.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Kelly Croman, Cameron Goodwin, Dave Johns and Richard Sweeney were present.

Kelly shared that the IEI Board adopted bylaws that resulted in the change from Council at their last meeting. The Board appointed officers. They'll be back on the agenda in August for the final draft.

Bluestone Training has provided a draft format for a strategic plan. In the next month or so, they will meet with community members to gather additional input on economic development. The plan right now, pending info from community members, is to have a third party facilitate input from the community and elders. The online survey will be done also, there is still a lot of detail to be developed. They will use the usual media outlets: klah-che-min, scoop and mail outs.

Kelly explained how IEI receives funds from the Associated Petroleum Products, the fuel distributor who supplies the gas stations. In the agreement, they included a community contribution of \$3,500 per year during the contract term. The IEI Board has allocated the funds as follows: \$500 to Summer Rec, \$500 to Youth Council and two scholarships of \$1,250 each. The two scholarships were given to two tribal members.

Kelly apologized for the temporary loss of customer service at KTP. They struggled with nice weather, holiday weekend and a funeral. They had staff shortages during that weekend, and they were not well

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prepared to be so shorthanded. She has spoken to managers and leads to work a till, everybody in the store needs to be responsible. They also need a larger pool of part time employees for when days that people call out.

Dave Johns updated on the Oyster Company. He shared that the boathouse for the flupsy operation is going well. They are adding brackets and structural integrity to the building itself. Hopefully the system should be put in next week.

Cameron shared that all is well with the packing and making side of SCT. Working on managing people and processes, it's been a good month. Rocky left and moved to the Casino. Carl is leaving at the end of the year. Cameron is hoping to fill those two positions from within, and train two tribal members in the entry level positions and train them up.

They are preparing for the re-roof.

Sunday the 27th is the Griffin Neighborhood Association picnic from noon-4:00. STP will cook hotdogs for the neighborhood event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.