

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2014**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Dave Lopeman	Chairman
	Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman (<i>absent</i>)
	Andy Whitener	Treasurer
	Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary (<i>absent</i>)
	Whitney Jones	1st Council Member
	Jim Peters	2nd Council Member
	Vince Henry, Sr.	3rd Council Member (<i>absent</i>)
Legal Counsel	Kevin Lyon	
Operations Director	Kathy Block	
Intergovernmental Liaison	Ray Peters (<i>left at 12:30</i>)	
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	

Andy Whitener offered the opening prayer. Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jim Peters moved to approve the November 13th Council Agenda. Whitney Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Andy moved to approve the October 23rd Council Minutes. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

Nov 27-28: Tribal Offices Closed, Thanksgiving

Nov 17-18: Tribal Health Summit, Swinomish, Ray will be attending.

Dec 3: Port of Olympia Stormwater Treatment Plant ribbon cutting, 9:45 a.m.

Dec 1-4: Tribal Leaders Conference, WA DC, Ray will be attending.

December 8: Hunting Meeting for Tribal Chairs. Noon-4pm.

December 9: IEI Christmas Party, breakfast in the Sa-Heh-Wamish Room.

Dec 23: All Staff Christmas Brunch, LCCR, 10:00 a.m. Council will sponsor the annual poker tournament prizes again.

Dec 24-Jan 1: Tribal Offices Closed. Jim asked about the Emergency Management Team and contact information in case something happens. Don stated that typically everyone is around. Jim wanted to make sure the elders are taken care of.

Jan 21-23: PGA Show, Orlando FL. Andy will attend.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Dave brought up the Youth Councils request and wanted to discuss it ahead of time. Don explained how they recently received a grant from the One Percent Commission. The funds will be transferred to the Education Department, but will lose a portion due to the indirect charges. They will be requesting to have the indirect rate waived for their request. Ray suggested that Council is not charged indirect, so he

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wondered if the Youth Council can be treated the same way. Don added also that the Youth Council was also coming in to share their Youth to Youth Healing event with Council. He added that they are excited and have good leadership.

Winter General Body Meeting: Council set the date of January 10th.

Andy wanted to discuss WIGA. He stated that the Washington State Gaming Commission meets today to consider the compact changes. He also shared that Kalispel is requesting a letter from Squaxin to the Governor sharing the concern of tribes “reservation shopping” for casinos. Council discussed this issue a bit. Andy thought it might not be a bad idea to send a letter sharing the concern about tribes shopping for land to build a casino. Kevin said he will draft something.

Jim provided an update from the DNR Summit. He stated that Andy did a good job representing Squaxin. Jim was on three of the panels; the Culvert panel went smoothly since the State is on board with their agreement of having everything fixed by 2016. The other panel was the State Land Resources. Jim said this was more of a cultural resources issue regarding forest specialty products. The state isn't managing it at all and is allowing for over harvesting and garbage. There will be a work group to get the state back on enforcement of this. He also was part of the forest practices panel. The summit went well and it now is up to the work groups and their success.

Whitney gave an update from the TANF Meeting she attended with the Governor. It was stated that they were not interested in cutting TANF funds, and will rely on the tribes to discuss the cut with the other parties. The governor does not want to cut TANF funds and is relying on the tribe to share their concerns with the legislation that might be opposed to social services. Overall, she thought it was a fishing expedition to get tribes to unite and speak against TANF cuts.

Jeanne Cushman brought up the TANF eligibility requirements and how they cut down and made it more stringent making it difficult for members to be eligible for TANF.

TRIBAL CONTRACT LOBBYIST

Jeanne Cushman was in and thanked council for the opportunity to work for them. She's been meeting with Ray and Jeff Dickison and legislatures showing how the tribe has been using their gaming revenue to create a better world. A lot of political donations have gone out and were much appreciated by the recipients. She briefly shared the gaming compact approval that Andy discussed earlier. She expects quite a few Natural Resource bills and will be defending the water rights to fish and keeping it away from developers. Discussed funding for that hatchery in Tumwater and getting more money appropriated for that project. She and Ray are meeting with Sam Hunt next Friday about the Capital Lake Estuary and the importance of removing the dam. There will be a toxins bill from the governor coming out of fish consumption. She is relying on Jim and Jeff to analyze the bill once it's out. The governor will put something out in the next few days with his proposed budget, then the senate and house will come out with their proposals. Jeanne added that the transportation budget will be important this year because of the culvert repair and storm water treatment. During the legislative session she will put together a legislative report showing updates on issues and will email it out weekly.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Public Safety Update: Kris Peters was in and he apologized for missing the Talking Circle since he was sick. Dave said Tribal Members were complaining that there was not enough patrols here and seeing

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Squaxin patrols in town too much. Cemetery issues, someone asked about it not being unlocked and locked on a regular basis. Kris explained that sometimes if his officers are on a call, they can't get to the gate at the regular time; but it does get locked and unlocked daily. Sometimes a little late. He shared that they do have cameras at the entrance of the cemetery and the review them when necessary. He suggested that they add another camera to the parking lot.

He brought up a recent issue of "someone driving around the rez firing a gun." Kris stated that he investigated this complaint and what really was going on was someone target practicing off site, which echoed on the reservation. The rumor was totally false. The officer on duty at that time was able to recognize where the shots were coming from and it was not on the reservation.

Don reminded that the big complaint is that officers are not around, on the reservation. Kris will talk to his officers to make sure they are here. If they need to run to town for a meal, they need to make it quick and promptly return. He did say that his officers do that their patrol cars home since they're on call 24/7, so it's common to see hem traveling to and from work.

Kris explained how 90% of their calls come from the Casino. His officers try and stay on the hill, but are constantly responding to calls at KTP and the Casino. He will try and have his guys more visible. The respond to more calls every year and have made more arrests than years past. Kris understands the perception and concerns of the community.

Jim added that there was a concern of the safety of the bus stops. Kris will remind his officers to be visible during the bus stops. Whitney thanked Kris for the work they do and thanked him for the reminder that the officers live offsite and take their cars home, making it appear that they are leaving the reservation so often.

Whitney brought up the issue of information sharing with Council. Kris can always email Council to update them on anything or hot issues, and this might help clear up rumors. Council told Kris he's doing a good job. Enforcement has created a confidential drug tip line and not a single call has been made to it. Kris has been putting in a short report in the Klah-Che-Min, showing arrests and reports. It will be a full blog at some point. Their court dockets are full. His guys are busy. They just hired an additional officer so they now will be fully staffed.

HR Update: Patti Puhn was in for a brief update from the Rich McGee interview process that was recently conducted. Patti is still waiting for the final report and once it's ready, Don will meet with her, Kathy and Whitney to determine the next step then will report to Council.

Foster Families: Council agreed to "adopt" foster kids for Christmas again this year. This is personal donations from individual Council Members.

Don reported that the Tribal Veterans recently went to the Museum of Flight in Seattle to post the colors for a Veteran Event they had. It was a nice ceremony and well received. The Museum, with the help of the Tribe installed a permanent plaque in honor of Huey Pilot Bruce Johnson. They have on display a large relief map of Vietnam showing the battle areas, as part of the display. The Veterans felt it would be neat to have the Tribe sponsor some of the other tribal Vietnam Veterans as well. The cost is \$2,000 per plaque. The Veterans Committee will work on a proposal for Council to consider. Glen added that the Museum was very impressed with the Tribal Honor Guard. Glen will bring a proposal back to Council for consideration.

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TOURISM

Leslie Johnson presented her FY15 Budget for approval. The budget is \$272,570 which is a little less than last year. It has been approved by the Tourism Board. After discussion, Council approved her budget by consensus.

TRIBAL LIAISON UPDATE

Sponsorship Request: Ray shared that Darrell Hillair, past Lummi Chairman has written and will be showing a play titled *Sonny SixKiller Buys the Redskins*. He is asking for donations for the showing at the Moore Theater in Seattle. Council agreed to donate \$500.

Property Update: Ray gave a report on the Manke property, he is unsure that it could be put in to trust and doesn't see it within the tribe's priority.

McDonald Land Trust update: Legal has put together a packet for the Board of Trustees of McDonald to look over and is working on a letter of intent. Council discussed the property and the potential importance of the pieces.

Capital Lake: They've reached out the tribe looking for a response on the Capital Lake issue. Jeff Dickison has responded well to the inquiries and was consistent with what the tribe wanted to do and the improvement of the quality of the watershed. Ray suggested that he can carry the same responses, but since the Tribe has already responded, can stand by the position that Jeff gave. Kevin will draft a response letter supporting the estuary, council was okay with that. Jim has been attending the community based estuary meetings and there is a lot of community support with that project.

LEGAL

Kevin presented **Resolution #14-77** which approves the updated Tribal Building Code. Andy moved to approve the change. Whitney seconded. The motion carried three (3) in favor and zero (0) against.

Kevin presented **Resolution # 14-78** which comes from the boxing events at the Casino. The package adopts the Boxing Commission Regulatory Package that was adopted by the Mill Lakes Band and will have Mill Lakes provide oversight of the boxing events. Jim moved to approve the resolution. Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council went in to Executive Session. Coming out of executive session Council approved Kevin to enter in to an expert contract with Klapperton, Historian and to ratify the decision that was previously made.

Kevin discussed the island land acquisition account and the update for the DNR land sale on the Island. Kevin asked if a specified dollar amount could be set aside for the DNR land purchase. This could be completed quickly, once Council approves the dollar amount. Jim wondered if the dollar amount could be negotiated down since the land is inaccessible and unusable. Council authorized the authority to negotiate the lowest possible price. Dave doesn't want to pay that much to get the land, especially since tribal members can already use the land, since it's on the Island. Kevin will work on the price. Don brought up the funding were getting from OST for On Island Purchases, it helps offset that account.

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EDUCATION LIAISON

Sally Brownfield wanted to ask for a letter of support for her application to the Shelton School Board. Council said yes, Don will draft a letter of support.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Michael Starr, Mark West and Sean Sadeghi were present. Sean handed out the financial statement for October, comparing this years to last years.

Michael shared that he gets requested often to host various events. He usually seeks direction from Don or various directors. He recently received a request from a community member who is hosting the Drug & Alcohol Awareness Dinner. He and Council discussed the feasibility of continuing hosting the dinner at the Events Center. Council feels the event needs to be held here at the gym. Not LCCR, because the community dinner needs to be held in the community.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Dave Johns, Cameron Goodwin and Richard Sweeney were present. Dave gave a fish update.

Richard shared some highlights of 2014. IEI is completely debt free as of the end of 2014. Dave gave a geoduck update and retail update.

Andy would like to see some of the settlement funds go to Salish Seafoods towards their building, Whitney agreed on making that a priority. Don brought up the idea of upgrading the structure and wanted to know what their plans are. Dave said they have looked at mobile plants. They would like to look at the potential for a grant. Don would like to see IEI take care of what they already have, instead of adding more.

Cameron handed out a summary and walked through the financials for the Tobacco Factory. If anyone has any questions stop by or give him a call.

PLANNING

Tracy Parker and Margaret Foley presented **Resolution #14-79** which supports the 2015-2017 Public Transportation Grant Program Application that includes a 50% match. Andy moved to approve. Jim seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Kathy Block reported that the Safety and Security Team is looking at all buildings and the cemetery is a high need area for security. They put up heavy duty locks and she hasn't heard of anyone getting past the gates, but mostly messing around in the parking lot. The restroom is in place, the well and the cremation remains structure is in place. She needs to get Vince Henry and Dan Neelands together to make final decisions on the maintenance building. The sign needs to be placed. She has a call in to DreamScape to see if they can meet them out there next week and Rhonda can give them more clearly on layout, then get a proposal on landscaping. She talked with Rhonda two weeks ago, before anything can be done with the cremation remains area they need a landscape plan. She has gotten a couple of calls from tribal members

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lately about the status of labeling graves. There also are several tribal graves at the Shelton Cemetery that do not have grave markers. Kathy suggested that those be included as well. They did the grading on the road to hopefully will fix the puddles. She is not sure where they are at on the policy and procedures manual, but that still needs to be wrapped up.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Gloria Hill came to ask Council if they would donate a Pendleton Blanket to her, to gift to Mike Hill for his Birthday. Council agreed.

Kevin brought up the coal issue and handed out a summary, Council approved.

Council agreed to sponsor the Capital land Trust Annual Breakfast for \$2500.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Jaime Cruz and the Youth Council were present to discuss with Council their upcoming event. They will be hosting a Youth Healing Jam on November 21st, inviting youth from all over to help heal and deal with loss. They will have counselors on hand. The Casino is donating a hotel room for the guest speaker Julliene Joseph. IEI will donate shellfish. They have gotten a donation of deer. They recently were funded \$5000 through the One Percent Commission, and would like to have the indirect cost removed since the funds will be through TLC. Don said that he will look in to it, although he can't promise anything.

The Youth Council meets on Mondays, every two weeks, at 3:30 in the Mary Johns Room.

There being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.