

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters
Arnold Cooper
Vince Henry, Sr.
Russell Harper
Will Penn
Pete Kruger
Charlene Krise

Chairman
Vice Chairman (*absent 11am-1pm*)
Secretary
Treasurer (*arrived at 2pm*)
1st Council Member
2nd Council Member (*left at 2:30 pm*)
3rd Council Member

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

Ray Peters
Whitney Jones
Kevin Lyon (*arrived at 10:20 a.m.*)
Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and offered the opening prayer.

Jim stated that Russell Harper is attending the WIGA Meeting held at the Casino and will be in later.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jim added an update on the Culvert Case and trust fund policy discussion to his report. Charlene asked for an update on the fitness center, totem pole discussion and an update on a tribal member. Will would like to request assistance on behalf of a tribal member. Vince moved to approve the January 10th agenda with the additions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pete Kruger reported on his discussion with Green Diamond regarding fire wood permits, they will be available later this month. Jim reminded everyone that if an elder is in need of firewood they need to contact the administration office and the request will be forwarded to maintenance. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the December 13, 2007 Council minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Pete Kruger was out of the room*).

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

January 12: Winter General Body Meeting, 9:00 a.m. SIT Gym. Council will be attending the employee funeral at 10:30 that same day and would like to complete the meeting by 10:15 a.m., but if further discussion is needed a Council member will stay and be available. The lunch is cancelled.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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January 14-17: Portland Indian Health Board Meeting, Portland. Will and Whitney will attend.

January 15-16: Inter-Tribal Leaders Meeting, Portland, OR. Ray will be attending.

January 22-25: ATNI Winter Conference, Yakima Convention Center. Pete, Charlene, Will and Ray will attend.

March 3-5: NCAI Executive Winter Session, Washington DC. Jim, Arnold and Ray will attend.

April 27-May 1: 2008 Self Governance, Las Vegas. Arnold, Russell, Will and Ray will attend.

May 19-22: NAFWS Conference, Worley, ID. Jim and Pete will attend.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

Jim shared a letter received from Manke Lumber Company thanking Council for the sponsorship of the dinner for all the people involved with the Slocum Cemetery.

Jim provided an update on the Culvert Case. There will be a meeting with the Governor later this month which Jim will provide the time and location if anyone is interested in attending.

Ray Peters discussed the potential trust fund. In the event of a death it was suggested that the tribe reach out to see about a trust fund or possibly assist in setting up a trust fund. Council agreed by consensus to donate to the trust fund of David Schmidt if there is one. If there is not a trust fund set up, then the donation will be made to his children. Ray will look in to and check the appropriate level of contribution.

Whitney Jones will research the Brian Tobin issue and present back to Council and his family. Kevin Lyon shared that he briefly checked in to his situation and found that the guardianship of Brian will allow visitors and is willing to work with the tribe in including him in cultural activities. Whitney will request a State visit.

Charlene Krise shared that she received a letter from the Burk Heritage Center; they have recently received a totem pole purchased by a Thurston County resident. The pole was carved by several carvers with minimal contribution by Doug Tobin. The pole has been in storage and the Burk Heritage Center asked if the Tribe would be interested in it at no cost. Council decided to think about it and take time for consideration. Charlene will contact the Burk and collect additional information regarding the artists.

Charlene inquired about the status of the workout room. Ray will make sure the room is opened immediately.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Letter from Quinault Indian Nation: Ray shared a letter received from Fawn Sharp, President. The letter was in response to inquiries regarding Quinault's request for disaster assistance. The letter

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states that the solicitation was unauthorized, but thanked for the willingness to help and any assistance received.

Letter from Shoalwater Bay Tribe: Ray shared a letter received from the Shoalwater Tribal Council thanking Squaxin Tribe, John Taylor and the Emergency Management Staff for being ready to help during the recent storm.

Tribal Council Work Session: Council set the date for the Annual Work Session as the week of March 24th, to be held at Quinault Beach Resort.

General Body: The Annual General Body Meeting is set for Saturday, May 3rd.

Funeral Policy Change: Ray shared an updated Funeral Policy for Councils review. Wording changes only.

Ray briefed on the Shaker Church property.

Island Enterprises Board Member: Ray shared there is still a vacancy on the Island Enterprises Board. Council will allow the IEI Board to discuss whether they would like to solicit an additional member or appoint the Chairman to the board. Council would like recommendation from the Board.

Lease Payment: Ray updated on Franks Landing. Council agreed by consensus for Ray to authorize an advance on the lease payments, and advance to Island Enterprises its lease allocation.

Ray provided an update on Bank of America.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Andy Whitener, Jeff Dickison, Erik Sparkman, Steve & Andrea Sig, Jeremy Walls, Tammy Ford, Don Whitener, Tully Kruger and Patricia Green were present to discuss a geoduck regulation. Jeff updated on the status of this years geoduck fishery. At an aquatics meeting last week the committee decided to reopen Wykoff Cove temporarily with the intention of allowing the remaining divers to take their pounds by the end of the season. A larger harvest from that cove will affect next years diving. Jim wanted to be sure that this does not become an annual issue. Those present recommended to finish off they season at Wykoff Cove and forgo it next year. This would affect the calculation of next year's allocation, affecting the total poundage next year, also reducing Nisqually and Puyallup's quota next year. An aquatics meeting will be held next Wednesday and will come back to Council with a recommendation from the committee.

Dahman Property: Andy, Jeff and Erik made a recommendation to purchase the Dahman property. Council would like Kevin to draft a letter to the owner regarding the Tribes interest in purchasing.

Chuck Dahman is leasing a beach in Oakland Bay, from the State. Erik provided a private tideland harvest plan for this beach. *A phone poll was conducted Friday, January 11th for approval.*

State Leased Beach: Natural Resources will survey a state beach that is coming up for leasing availability. Council directed Natural Resources to move forward with the lease and to charge a fee to dig since it will be a leased beach.

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Sherriff Casey Salisbury dropped by to thank the Tribe and to recognize Chief Mike Evans for the relationship built between Mason County and Squaxin Police Department. This relationship has been noted across the state. Casey also shared that the County will be covering the tribe this Saturday, January 12, to allow for Squaxin officers to attend the funeral services.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon handed out an engagement letter seeking authorization to enter the bond agreement, and a scope of the bond counsel services. Council agreed by consensus for Kevin to engage and sign the letter.

Kevin will prepare a presentation for the General Body Meeting to inform tribal members how these bonds work.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Sue Henry presented a raffia basket she would like to sell for \$1,200. If Council would purchase she would like \$412 taken out and directed to Housing. Council will get back to her.

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Debbi Obi came with a concern regarding the clinic. Debbi will work with Whitney on this issue.

Will asked on behalf of Myrtle Richards, for financial assistance for a washer and dryer. Ray stated there is an elder's assistance policy. What cannot be paid out of that fund, can be paid by Council donation.

PLANNING

Brian presented **Resolution #08-01**, which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the USDA Rural Development under the RBEG Program for the amount of \$43,000 for the preliminary planning and design phase of the Arcadia Boat Ramp upgrade, parking lot and restrooms suitable for the needs of the tribal community. Brian also handed out **Resolution #08-02**, which approves Change One to the Eligibility, Admission and Occupancy Policy of the Squaxin Island Tribal Housing and Utilities Commission Policy. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #08-01, and Resolution #08-02. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Jim presented a check to Glen Parker, from the Chehalis Tribe for the Veterans Memorial.

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Theresa Henderson presented Council with an ICW issue. Council felt this waiver discussed would be appropriate for this situation. Kevin recommends re-writing the letter provided by Theresa that will be given to the judge waiving the requirement. Charlene Krise moved to waive the foster care license requirement for the Henderson Family placement. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The

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Henderson's are in the process of obtaining their foster care license. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Walt Archer shared the youth have organized a candlelight vigil in the Mary Johns Room tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in honor of Officer Schmitt.

LEGAL *(continued)*

Petroglyph: Kevin handed out the loan agreement and Resolution #08-03 which approves returning the petroglyph to its traditional homeland on loan from Washington State Historical Society and housing it at the Squaxin Veterans Memorial. Charlene Krise moved to approve resolution #08-03. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Kevin presented **Resolution #08-04** which ratifies the purchase and sale of the real property belonging to Kevin, Russell and Richard Harper, and Jason Koenig, Sabrina Johns and Candace Larson on the terms and conditions set previously and having been signed by those mentioned above and Ray Peters as the Executive Director. Charlene Krise moved to approve resolution #08-04. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed four (4) in favor, zero (0) against and one (1) abstention.

Kevin presented **Resolution #08-05** which authorizes Executive Director Ray Peters to negotiate the purchase and sale of real property belonging to Carl Stewart, Monte, Gary and Michael Marshall 08-05 Kevin handed out. Charlene Krise moved to approve the resolution as written, ratifying the transaction already entered in to and to have Executive Director do the necessary executions. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Kevin had a request from Judge Atkinson regarding filing a lien or garnishments against per capita and treaty related incomes for child support. The judge requested Councils stance and if the judge has authority to put a lien or garnish these incomes. The code gives equitable authority to the judges and Kevin is seeking direction. Council would like to think about it and discuss later.

Kevin distributed the culvert case briefing materials.

Kevin filed a brief in the Supreme Court with the Miller Land Case. Kevin will provide a copy if requested.

Kevin updated on the contract with Cowlitz for contracting a doctor one day/week at the clinic. The contract is between Squaxin and Cowlitz. Kevin would like Councils approval to authorize Ray to sign. Charlene Krise moved to authorize Ray to sign the contract. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Russell Harper provided a WIGA report from the meeting today.

Due to travel and training schedules, the next Council meeting will be moved to January 31st. The Wednesday Council/Casino Meeting will be moved as well to January 30th. Tuesdays LCOB meeting will be included with the meeting on January 30th.

Council decided to offer Sue Henry \$800 for her basket, with \$412 going directly to Housing. Ray will contact her.

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No further business, the January 10, 2008 Council meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.