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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
LITTLE CREEK CASINO
January 29, 2009**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman Chairman
Arnold Cooper Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr. Secretary
Russell Harper Treasurer
Misti Saenz-Garcia 1st Council Member *(arrived at 9:34 a.m.)*
Marcella Castro 2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise 3rd Council Member *(arrived at 9:48 a.m.-
left at 11:45 a.m.)*

Island Enterprises

Bobby Whitener
Martin Myers
Dave Johns
Rod Schuffenhauer

Legal

Kevin Lyon
Sharon Ainsley

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Dave called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. Marcella Castro offered the opening prayer.

Discussed the Clary property and potential uses that benefit the Casino. Shared three options and discussed the strategy discussions with John Kelsh. Bobby provided the report for review; outlining the recommendations for development for the Clary Property. Bobby shared the definition of a Resort, which is not what the Casino is now. The Casino needs additional activities in order to be called a “resort” which includes a spa, golf, and a retail village. Things that would draw people off the highway. Discussed the options of creating retail on the Clary property, but also include a foot bridge/tunnel to cross highway 108. Discussed utilizing the hill behind the property and doing “gravity sports” including a zip line, mountain bikes, alpine slides, horseback, etc. Bobby shared the payment options. Extensively discussed funding options and different ideas of retail/shops/adventures/etc.

Bobby updated on the golf discussions; they are going well. Working with Okie Golf Proposal where the tribe would be 51% owner (IEI). Okie will fund all of the completion and would receive all of the revenues until paid off, or the tribe may buy them out in 10 years.

Council is comfortable with the direction that IEI is moving in regards to the planning of the golf course. Bobby will continue working with Okie Golf, and continue researching outdoor adventures and developing the Clary property. Charlene requested more information on RV’s such as what kind of volume is expected and the demographics of RV travelers. IEI will do a community open forum to share the development ideas.

Martin Meyers shared the presentation on the outdoor advertising. Shared the new idea of one sign with a digital TV screen advertising. This will bring in a minimum of \$50K/year plus 30% that comes in above that amount. Bobby handed out the Ground Lease for the property. This will help

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fund the senior per capita. At this point the lease and agreement is ready for Councils consideration. Kevin shared the insurance and the liabilities of the tribe. Most of the liability falls on FourPoints. Council approved by consensus to approve the agreement and lease. Kevin will prepare a resolution. Charlene moved to approve the sign ground lease. Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against. **Resolution _____**.

Dave shared they would like to have a legislation dinner on February 17th at the Casino. This will cost about \$2200 and is looking for sponsorship. Council liked the idea of hosting.

Mike Foster provided an update on the water and Island patrol. Bobby provided a job description for the Marine Safety Patrol. Mike reported that the boat is ready and now they are working on outfitting the officer; using the law enforcement monitor boat. He will monitor the island, arcadia point and parts of Hartstine, Church Point. Will be advertising for an officer position for marine patrol.

Dave asked Council about the Linder House, and wanted to know about using that house as office space for IEI Security. They will have community yard sale to help clean out that house, once it's clean security can move in there and watch the place.

Bobby went over the report from John Taylor and Richard Trimble. Bobby briefly went over it, good report.

IEI Board will move their meetings to the first Wednesday of each month, during lunch. The board discussed moving their meetings to each of their businesses each month. Would like to do a financial training for the board to help members read the financials as well as learn to simplify the finances. Review the report and IEI will use it as a guide for next year.

Sonny provided an Island Optics update. Had their last board meeting a few weeks ago, and working on producing their product. The factory and sales are ready to go. Just waiting for the product and is ready to produce.

Trying to set up a Visioning with Council the week of March 16 in California.

Arnold would like to know how long until revenue is seen. Sonny stated that with the first batch of orders there should be money coming back in by mid-march/april. \$175K invested so far.

Shelton Skate Park. SIT helped fund the Shelton skate park. The County offered the ramps to the tribe since they plan to close it due to lack of funding. The tribe feels it would be better PR for the tribe if the tribe helps sponsor running the skate park. It would look bad of the tribe "took" the skate park from Shelton. The IEI Board approved this last night at their board meeting. Bobby suggested 1% contribution as well as IEI contribution. Mainly it is sana-cans and garbage fees. Council feels this would be good public relations for the tribe. Suggested that if the tribe's name is on the park, the kids could take the transit in there on a weekly basis. Mason County owns and operates the park. Bobby will keep looking in to that and work with Ray. Council approved going forward with the joint sponsorship of the skate park with the intention of providing good public relations with the tribe.

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March Meeting Economic Visioning. The March Board Meeting will be in Santa Monica. Would like to have the economic visioning there since the IEI Board will be there anyway. Middle week of March. March 16 – Friday. Monday and Friday will be travel days. Three days for the visioning.

Bryan updated on the KTP Express station. This will be across the highway from KTP near Simmons Rd. This will be a temporary station and should be ready to pump gas by May this year. Manned station during the day, nine pumps and will have a card-lock system at night. Still working on the full service station; lube/car wash.

Bryan provided a Franks Landing update. Bobby stated that everything is going well. Will meet with them tomorrow, might want to discuss tax revenue versus profit.

Bob gave an update on Comonout Developments. Comonout is near Puyallup. They keep inquiring about a location for a store.

Bobby gave an update on Stillaguamish. The contracts have been signed; IEI will get the store running. They will be running by March 1.

Bryan and Bob did a tobacco operations update. Bryan shared that the vice president of the Italian company who manufactured the machines came over. He and Bryan went over the machine and secured an additional four technical visits; Bryan will provide logistics. Updated on machine repairs which the company will reimburse. Will have a full briefing down at Andron. Briefly updated on Andron.

Bobby reported on the SChip Bill, which will be funded by an increase of excise tax on tobacco. This will be a \$6-8 increase on cartons. This may drive consumers to off brand and reservation based products.

Dave and Rod provided a Salish update. Rod reported on the pounds of fish caught this year. Got a late start and cut off early on the season. Worked out fairly well this year. Rod reported on manilas. Salish has been the exclusive buyers of the clams. All groups have been going on the dig openings. Salish, Longshore, Schreiber and DC Foods have been buying clams. Seed availability has been down.

Russell asked about the scow driver refusing rides to diggers. Rod stated that the scow was broken down, and the skiff driver gave rides to about 50 people. Russell just doesn't want to see tribal members left on the beach. Dave stated that it is Salish's policy to always provide rides to tribal members who need it.

Marcella asked about the relay permit. Dave stated that it was Taylors who had that permit, not Salish.

Marcella asked about private tidelands; she doesn't like the limit of 30 people allowed on the private beaches. She heard that Tom is willing to buy at a higher rate on the private beaches. Marcella just doesn't think it is fair to everyone if they limit the number of diggers.

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