

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
February 8, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman <i>(travel)</i>
Andy Whitener	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Will Penn	1st Council Member <i>(arrived at 9:10)</i>
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member <i>(travel)</i>
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member <i>(travel)</i>

Executive Director

Ray Peters *(travel)*

Legal Council

Kevin Lyon *(arrived at 9:15)*

Kelly Neelands *(left at 9:40)*

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

LCOB *(all arrived at 11:40)* **Bob Whitener, Jr.**

Joe Calabrese

Cameron Goodwin

Terry Mehl

Toby Villines

Mark West

David Black

Whitney Jones

Andy Whitener called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

Kelly Neelands provided a report on the gambling compact.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the February 8, 2007 Council agenda with additions. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Russell Harper moved to approve the January 24th Council LCOB Minutes. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Vince Henry moved to approve the January 25th Council Minutes, with a minor change. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

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ATNI Winter Conference is **February 12-15th**, in **Portland, OR**. Jim Peters, Pete Kruger and Ray Peters will attend.

The Native American Finance Conference is **February 21-23**, in Las Vegas, NV. Ray Peters, Charlene Krise and Deb Stoehr will attend.

NCAI Executive Council Session is **February 26-28**, in Washington DC. Jim Peters, and Ray Peters will be attending.

The Council Work Session is **March 12 – 15**, at Quinault Beach Resort.

NIGA is **March 25-28th**, in Phoenix, AZ. Andy Whitener and Ray Peters will attend.

2nd Annual ATNI Economic Summit is **April 2-4**, at Suquamish Clearwater Resort. This information will be forwarded to Island Enterprises.

Self-Governance Conference is **May 6-10**, in Garden Grove, CA. Jim Peters, Vince Henry and Ray Peters plan to attend.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

A tribal member was present to seek assistance from Council. Council went in to Executive Session. Following executive session, Council directed Ed Fox to work with the tribal member. Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 for her personal assistance.

PLANNING AND HOUSING

Brian Thompson presented **Resolution # 07-11** authorizing the submission of a grant application to State and Tribal Assistance Grant Special Appropriations Funds for \$240,400 for the purpose if installation of a pump and force main/reuse pipe line that connects tribal housing sewer system to existing pipes leading to the MBR. Vince Henry moved to approve Resolution 07-11. Will Penn second the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Brian presented **Resolution # 07-12** authorizing the purchase of undivided interest on allotment 121-21 at the appraised fair market price of \$5,210.40 per acre. He then presented **Resolution # 07-13** authorizing the purchase of undivided interest on allotment 121-8, at the appraised fair market price of \$3,718.10 per acre. Will Penn moved to approve these resolutions. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian presented **Resolution # 07-14** approving the new Eviction Prevention Policy; as approved by the Housing and Utilities Commission January 19, 2007.

Brian presented **Resolution # 07-15** approving the Rent Collection Policy; as approved by the Housing and Utilities Commission January 19, 2007.

PLANNING AND HOUSING (*continued*)

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Russell Harper moved to approve Resolution # 07-14 and # 07-15. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 for, 1 against and 0 abstentions.

Treaty Tree: Brian reported that he was contacted by the Department of Transportation regarding the Medicine Creek Treaty Tree, which was blown over during the December storms. The DOT is offering a portion of the log as well as seedlings from the tree to the Medicine Creek Treaty Tribes. Brian wanted to make sure Council was okay with him and Rhonda Foster working together to obtain the seedlings.

Brian provided an update on housing with options to purchase.

Brian reported on the progress of siding replacement. Housing received a grant to fund this project. Dan Neelands is the project manager and can provide a status report to Council if needed. Brian reported they have entered in to a contract with a Class IV water technician for the wastewater treatment plant, and has been pleased with him.

VICE CHAIRMANS UPDATE

The Per Capita distribution date will be April 19, 2007.

A Celebration of Tribal Women from Washington is March 8th at Central Washington University. Charlene Krise would like to attend.

The political donation requests will be tabled until the next Council meeting.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon provided an update on the Gaming Commission, and provided the status of the Casino General Manager position.

Kevin reported he is working on the delegation of authority for the Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB). Andy would like to discuss the composition of the LCOB, and also to see the Little Creek Casino General Manager report to the LCOB.

Kevin Reported on the Miller Land Case, matter is pending with the Court.

Kevin introduced Roy Coupler, a partner with Moss Adams. Roy was available for Council to ask questions regarding the gaming audit. Council agreed by consensus in the absence of a Gaming Director, Kevin will have the authority to enter into an agreement with Moss Adams

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

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Bob Whitener, Jr. and Kevin Lyon presented **Resolution # 07-16**. This resolution approves the Limited Liability Code Ordinance which was presented previously. Kevin handed out a Comparison of Legal Entities chart and walked through the chart with Council. Russell Harper moved to approve Resolution # 07-16. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Kevin reported on The Northwest Justice Project and is seeking Council approval to have authority to enter into the contract. Council approved by consensus giving Kevin the authority.

LCOB & LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Bob Whitener, Jr. presented minutes from the January 30th LCOB Meeting for Councils review.

Joe Calabrese presented the Little Creek Casino Employee Organizational Chart for approval with minor changes made. Russell Harper moved to approve the organization chart. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Andy Whitener initialed and dated the organizational chart.

Joe handed out a monthly departmental report. Joe will be providing a departmental report at the first Council Meeting of the month, and a financial report at the second Council Meeting of the month. They have been reviewing their expenditures, and reviewing construction projects. Council and LCOB stated that any construction project that is non essential needs to be delayed.

David Black provided a brief report on the golf course, and provided a marketing report.

Andy stated he would like to see a total dollar figure and a timeline to finish all construction projects.

Cameron Goodwin handed out a financial update for the casino, hotel and construction.

Cameron stated he would like to compensate employees who have dedicated their time and energy to the vast improvement in revenue.

May 5th is the Annual General Body Meeting and will be held at the Little Creek Events Center.

Toby Villines provided an update on the construction progress of the hotel.

Mark West reported on gaming.

Terry Mehl reported on food & beverage operations.

TRIBAL GAMING AUTHORITY

Summer Petty and Mike Ulrich introduced themselves to Council. They both have been interim co-directors for TGA, both have been working with the external auditors, and making sure that business is operating as usual. Council was invited to attend the gaming directors meeting tonight at 5pm.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

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Council went in to Executive session, after discussion no action was taken.

Council agreed to purchase a mask for \$400, carved by Casey Krise

There being no further business Council adjourned at 1:53 p.m.