

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2009**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman (<i>left at 3:00 p.m.</i>)
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer (<i>sick</i>)
Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>travel</i>)

Executive Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

Ray Peters
Kevin Lyon (*travel*)
Melissa Puhn

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Ray Peters offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the February 12th Council agenda. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the January 28, 2009 Council minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

February 16-19: ATNI Winter Conference, Tulalip. Marcella, Arnold, Ray, Charlene & Misti will attend.

February 21-22: Sa-He-Wamish Days, Little Creek Casino.

February 25-26: United Tribal Conference, Warm Springs, Marcella.

March 1-5: NCAI, Washington DC. Ray, Arnold & Misti will attend. Council approved to send Jaime Cruz as a Youth Council Member, pending the appropriate permission is granted. Misti will chaperone.

March 6: 2011 Budget Formulating Meeting, Portland. Arnold feels it would be better for staff to attend this meeting.

March 9-11: National Tribal Gaming Commissioners Conference, Uncasville, CT. Misti & Marcella will attend.

March 9-12: "Res 2009", Las Vegas, NV. Dave, Arnold and Ray will attend.

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March 18-20: Tribal Council Meeting, Santa Monica, CA

May 17-21: 2009 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference, Orlando, FL. Misti and Ray will attend.

October 16: Elders Host Dinner at the Events Center. Ray stated that in the past Council has always supported and sponsored the dinner.

Council discussed the barbeque trailer that is for sale. The Elders would like to know if Council would consider purchasing it. Dave suggested offering the seller \$2500.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Dave reported that he was contacted about a piece of land that is for sale.

Council requested Natural Resources are a standing item on council agendas. Arnold would like regular updates on the hunting case; as well as shellfish issues.

Misti brought up an issue with the elk herd on the Reller property. She doesn't like seeing that herd hunted as often as it is. Ray stated that Natural Resources has a lottery drawing for that herd. Arnold would like to know how many have been taken and he would like to see that hunt closed depending on that number. Ray will direct Natural Resources to talk with Reller.

Arnold would like Ray to talk with Natural Resources about an EPA Permit in regards to Class A water.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Whitney Jones presented the progress of the non-profit arm for the Squaxin Child Development Center. She handed out draft articles of incorporation and draft by-laws. This will be an entirely different entity which will raise funds for the Center. Once everything is identified it will be brought back to Council. Marcella asked about the fence at the Child Development Center. Whitney shared they are working with SPIPA and a quote has been made.

Donation requests: Council agreed to purchase a table for the Nisqually Land Trust Auction. Council agreed by consensus to sponsor \$1,500 for a break at the ATNI Conference in Tulalip.

Ray presented **Resolution #09-05** which renews the 401(K) plan for the Squaxin Island Gaming Enterprises (SIGE), and that Cameron Goodwin and Margaret Johnson be authorized to execute documents for and on behalf of the SIGE. Arnold Cooper moved to approve resolution #09-05. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Appointment: Arnold Cooper moved to approve **Resolution #09-06** which appoints Cameron Goodwin as the Tribes representative to NIGA with Misti Saenz-Garcia as an alternate for the year 2009. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

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“Parking Lot” list: Ray provided a status report on the “parking lot” list compiled by Council. Ray went over each item on the list, some of which have been completed and others are still being worked on.

TRIBAL GAMING UPDATE

Desi Smith provided an update on TGA. He handed out the Gaming Commissioner Certification Series Training for Council. He will be doing a class at the NTGC/R Conference at the Mohegan Sun.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Council would like Housing and Bob Smith on the next Council agenda. Natural Resources will be added as a standing report.

Council requested an updated housing list.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Steve and Andrea Sigo showed a slide show of a project they just completed for Suquamish. Andrea would like to see the Squaxin youth go to their shop to learn carving.

Steve and Andrea brought in four carved wooden pieces with etched glass they would like to sell. Council agreed by consensus to purchase the four pieces for \$10,000.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford requested direction regarding the enrollment moratorium. Council imposed an enrollment moratorium on January 9, 2009 during a special meeting. After discussion Kevin Lyon drafted **Resolution #09-02** which states that pending further action by Council, the Tribal Council imposes a moratorium on approving new enrollment applications whether previously filed or not; provided, however, the Tribal Council will consider the applications for enrollment of children one year or younger born to Squaxin Island Tribal members; provided further the Tribal Council will consider applications filed within sixty (60) days of the effective date for all children born to Squaxin Island Tribal members. No other enrollment applications will be processed. The effective date shall be today, February 12, 2009. Arnold Cooper moved to approve resolution #09-02. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Tammy presented the following enrollment resolutions: **Resolution #09-07** enrolls Jeremiah Longshore, **resolution #09-08** enrolls Molly Troxler, **Resolution #09-09** enrolls Rebecca Black and **Resolution #09-10** enrolls Josiah Legend and Roy Journey Bear Perez. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve those five enrollments. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and (0) against.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Ed Fox provided an update on the Clinic and Health Services.

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SPIPA BOARD

Amadeo Tiam presented the draft SPIPA Endowment Fund Program plan and timeline to Council. The purpose of the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA) Endowment Fund is to provide a sustainable and reliable source of Elder and youth wellness program support for SPIPA to distribute through the Endowment Fund Grant Program.

Misti asked Amadeo for his opinion of how Squaxin is doing in regards to obtaining grants. Amadeo stated that Squaxin is doing well in administering assistance to clients as well as doing a good job in accessing grants. Eligible tribal members are accessing all available grants.

PLANNING

Brian Thompson provided an update on the Arcadia Boat Ramp. He explained to Council that they have two options; one is to replace the existing ramp with a similar ramp that is longer and wider, the other option is to add a pier to the boat ramp. Brian is seeking direction on which option to move forward with and he asked Council if these options need to go the Aquatics Committee. He stated that there are pros and cons to both options. Arnold stated that he feels replacing the existing ramp with a longer and wider ramp only without the pier would be the best option. Council discussed entering in to an agreement with Taylor Shellfish to help preserve the new ramp. Council agreed by consensus for the ramp replacement only without the pier, but a longer and wider ramp.

Brian and John Taylor presented the Emergency Management Plan for informational purposes. Brian explained the five reasons for Emergency Management: 1) The program is required by federal law, 2) Tribal members and the surrounding community expect this government to respond in an emergency at a much higher level than most jurisdictions, 3) Without a compliant program we can not access federal or state grants and other equipment support for emergencies, 4) Without the program it will be impossible to access federal and state dollars for costs incurred during an emergency or disaster and more importantly, the costs to assist in recovery following the event, 5) Without somebody thinking about emergency management full time the program wouldn't get done. Normally people only think about a disaster after it happens.

Brian shared a list of the partial funding resources. He also handed out the Federal & Foundation Assistance Monitor. He announced that they have just hired three new Planners, all start the first week of March.

Marcella asked about funding for house additions. Brian stated that the Housing Commission is working on it. Arnold would like to see the Housing Commission minutes emailed to Council. Council would like regular updates on housing issues.

Brian handed the summary of the purchases of undivided fractionated interests on Squaxin Island.

Brian reported on the public hearing that was held last night regarding transit. They have received a grant from Washington State which will cover the costs of a bus. Planning now is working on what type of bus to buy. This bus will serve as a transit bus; it will be available for the elders to use

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through appropriate scheduling. The bus will be purchased with the idea that it will meet the needs of the transit system as well as the elders.

Brian provided an update on the siding project. The project was not as large as expected; therefore it got completed under budget. This being the case, Brian presented **resolution #09-11** which authorizes the remaining funds be transferred from the 2006 Housing Preservation Project to the 2004 Youth Community Wellness Center Project. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the resolution. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Brian provided the current housing waiting list. Ray emphasized that people on the waiting list do not get “bumped” although it may be perceived that way since conveyed homes are rented to tribal members by the home owner and not by Housing.

Marcella requested a change in the housing status. She would like to see some of the younger tenants qualify for a larger house to accommodate any future family additions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Ray reported that he and Dan Neelands went to Packwood to check on the tribe’s property. They walked the property lines and there is no encroachment. The lot that the tribe owns is small but it has room for a small structure. Council discussed building a small cabin for hunters to use.

Council discussed the Linder property and the tool distribution. Most of the tools are gone and Council would like to limit one tool per tribal member if they get distributed to tribal members.

Ray handed out the Council budget.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Rhonda Foster provided an update on the tribal cemetery. She went over some suggestions in regards to family choosing plots in the cemetery: family could only request on their own behalf. One member cannot request for a full family, each member needs to fill out their own request. Council agreed by consensus.

Rhonda handed out the plot request form. The layout will be in Ruby’s office, and the form will require a signature from the Executive Director.

Rhonda updated that Jeff Peters is working on placing ecology blocks to deter vandalism as well as signs.

The Shakers are planning a John Slocum Day on March 14th at the cemetery. Rhonda would like to see the government get together the day before on the 13th and invite the Historic Society and Manke’s Archeological group. The monument and headstones will be in place by then as well as the trees from the old cemetery. They will plant four protection trees, one in each corner. Dave agreed to cook lunch on the 13th for everyone attending.

Rhonda asked on behalf of Debi Obi about purchasing furniture from the Linder House. She would like to purchase the bedroom set, two lounge chairs and the kitchen table. Rhonda offered to pay for

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the furniture and donate the money to the elders. Misti insisted that Council would like her to just have the furniture at no cost.

CANOE FAMILY UPDATE

Terry Capoeman, Jeremiah George and Vicki Kruger provided an update from the Canoe Family. Terry stated that they would like to formally invite Nisqually to co-host the 2012 canoe journey with Squaxin. The Squaxin Canoe Family worked together on the formal invitation and would like to meet with Nisqually on March 3rd to go over details. Nisqually is honored by the invitation. Jeremiah asked Council to attend the meeting with them on the 3rd. The formal invite letter will be presented with a song. Dave stated that he and Vince will be available that day. The Canoe Family will draft a letter and present it at the next Council meeting.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Rose Cooper and Mike Davis came to Council with some questions regarding the Mud Bay Shaker Church. Mike had concerns about the property lines and he provided to Ray a copy of the survey that was done in the past. Rose wanted to be sure that the church is not condemned; Dave said that it is not and they are working on the wiring and improvements.

Mike stated they are working on the dining hall at Skokomish and are seeking donations. They need a new stove and refrigerator. Council encouraged them to apply with other tribal One Percent Programs, since they already have applied for Squaxin One Percent.

Whitney handed out the fishing leave policy, as requested.

Whitney handed out the self-insurance information for medical coverage. She briefed on the different coverage's. Council would like to see an estimate on covering all tribal members, along with the employees.

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.