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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
LITTLE CREEK CASINO/ISLAND ENTERPRISES/LCOB
February 13, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Jim Peters	Chairman (<i>arrived at 10:00 a.m.</i>)
	Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
	Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
	Russell Harper	Treasurer
	Will Penn	1st Council Member
	Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
	Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>absent</i>)
Executive Director	Ray Peters	<i>(arrived at 10:30)</i>
Deputy Director	Whitney Jones	<i>(left at 11:00 a.m.)</i>
Island Enterprises (9:30- Little Creek Casino (9:00 – 9:30) Tribal Gaming	Bobby Whitener, Jr.	
	Cameron Goodwin	
	Brandi Peters	
	Glen Parker	
	Kevin Lyon	<i>(arrived at 11:00)</i>
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	

Arnold called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Cameron went through outdoor advertising. He handed out “Key points for consideration” regarding outdoor advertising. Cameron discussed the billboard in Fife. Brandi Peters explained the previous outdoor billboard that was located in Fife. The board they are looking at now, is a still board (doesn’t change). This one will be across the freeway and facing the correct direction. This board will be near Red Wind Casinos billboard and near the Emerald Queens parking lot. Brandi went through her proposal that was handed out. Right now LCC has advertising boards around the South Sound/north sound area including transit. Asking Council to look through materials and Cameron emphasized that this board will be better placed than the previous one in Fife.

Bobby discussed the branded gas station, Jim and Ray both stated they would like to excuse themselves from these discussions. Bobby discussed potential locations. Also discussed the reasons why an investor is a better option than IEI borrowing the money for a branded station themselves. Discussed concerns of the community. Bobby explained the terms and contract with this investment and the relationship with the financier. No action today. Arnold would like to see this move forward after the general body meeting, allowing for potential input/concerns of tribal members.

Brief update on the golf course: Bobby stated that Okie Golf called and would like to set up a meeting. Explained how the relationship with Okie would be. Explained why they would like to use Okie Golf.

Kapowsin: Met yesterday with them, discussed the site visit in Denver. Noise was not an issue, liked the demographics. Bobby feels that they would benefit the property by being here. The only

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commitment from the tribe is to provide a location. No financial commitments. Shared where the potential location would be; corner of the second entrance and highway 108. \$10M investment on Kapowsin. The company wants to put near an attraction. If the tribe is a builder, there would be no sales tax to the company. Once they build the building, if the company does not work, the building stays with the tribe. They would be willing to put in a youth provision; during slow hours. Kevin could prepare a letter of intent under Council direction. Pending Kapowsins financing and if the dive company will be willing to build here. Bobby and Will plan a trip to Denver and Ray would like to be sure that Council sends a thank you gift with them to present to the owner of the dive company that Council toured last fall. Discussed potentially waiving the tribal taxes in return of benefiting the tribal members; employment, youth programs, etc. Bobby will include tax implications in the letter of intent. Kevin will prepare a letter for Councils consideration. Glen would like to know the liabilities and who that would fall on.

Jim updated on his conversations with the tribes, he has spoken with about 10 tribes, and all have appreciated the phone call. Most cases the other tribes misunderstood the situation. There was a letter sent out by Nisqually to Puyallup Tribe. Jim spoke with a Puyallup Council member and he stated that Puyallup completely supports the actions of Franks Landing. They will be meeting to discuss the letter received from Nisqually and how to respond. All south sound tribes are supportive of the decision made. Jim will continue to contact other tribes that he has not been able to reach.

Franks Landing update: Kevin Lyon stated that the outreach done by Jim has been valuable to protect against comments made by Nisqually. Kevin reported that Andy, Brian and Dave L. were each served last week with a lawsuit; the idea of serving those three was to get around the legal problems with filing against a tribe (sovereign immunity). February 29th will be a prelim injunction. Lawsuit against the governor and the three tribal members. SIT Legal will represent the tribal members. Franks Landing is not included with the lawsuit. Kevin briefed on the “themes” that Nisqually is claiming. Kevin reported that the governor’s office is preparing a letter to the tribal leaders stating facts. All tribal leaders will be invited to the grand opening this Friday. Bobby stated that the Landing is doing well; Bryan estimated they would break even by the end of the month. Bobby suggested that a letter go out in the bulk mail stating the facts. Kevin stated that in Nisqually’s press release; they state that this issue is in regards to the illegal act of the governor- nothing to do with Franks Landing or the school. They claim that it is not a dispute between two tribes. Franks Landing grand opening; a gift will be presented to the tribe. Billy and Jim will be speaking. As many as possible should attend. Public opening, everyone is welcome to attend. Kevin asked if it would be necessary and if the new membership should be recognized. Jim doesn’t feel anything special needs to be done for the enrollment itself, but perhaps show appreciation for the business partnership. Send a personal invitation to the pow wow and auction. Add the store to the mailing list for the Klah-Che-Min.

Jim shared a concern of Harbor Wholesaler regarding Franks Landing. Bryan explained that he has not been satisfied with Harbor, so they have gone with someone else for Franks Landing; business decision. Other explanation of why they went with someone else.

Will inquired about Yakima Juice. Bryan stated they do not carry their juice in the store, but they will donate juice for the pow wow.

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Tobacco update: Bobby updated on tobacco operations. The factory is in the black. Reported on the machines; the old packing machine runs 200 packs/minute. Learning to fix machines and have had competent instructors to teach the factory workers to run and fix the machines. Becoming an independent factory. Produced 102K cartons in January. Discussed tobacco employees and how well they're doing. MSA Certs are coming in; standardizing the limited waivers of sovereign immunity; getting licenses for GA Andron. Staffing for the California call center is coming.

Co-Manufacturing: Recently met with Chehalis, Port Gamble and SIT. Discussed the strategy of how to get the state on board, and what the state is looking for. SIT would offer ownership out to 10% of the company. SIT could create a consortia of tribes, constitutionally based structure for tobacco. Resolution created. Similar to SPIPA, NWIFC, SPITHA, etc. Not businesses but tribal governments would be participating. Bobby explained the buy in, 10% is worth 500K. If each tribe involved in the consortium, that would provide a good benefit for SCT. Only tribes can be members, and they would have to be in compliance with the compact.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.