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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
ISLAND ENTERPRISES
February 25, 2009**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Dave Lopeman	Chairman
	Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
	Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary (<i>absent</i>)
	Russell Harper	Treasurer (<i>left at 2:30 p.m.</i>)
	Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
	Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member
	Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>absent</i>)
Island Enterprises	Bobby Whitener	
	Martin Meyers	
	Rod Schuffenahuer	
	Lisa Bielski	
Executive Director	Ray Peters	
Legal Counsel	Kevin Lyon	
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	

Marcella offered the prayer. Dave called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Bobby introduced Bruce Davies a new attorney and Alan Parker from TESC.

Bruce and Alan have been trying to create a tribal nonprofit organization. Bruce explained this organization and it was decided to create a separate corporation from TESC, creating one under the SIT Corporation Code. Have developed articles of incorporation and draft by-laws, handed those out. Joe De La Cruz Center. Bobby and Alan would be the directors. Alan explained that this is time sensitive since TESC has made plans of ridding the public education center within the next budget year. If not eliminate, drastically reduce. Would like to incorporate this under SIT Code.

The Joe De La Cruz Center will be a tribally chartered nonprofit that will provide research, training and consulting services to tribal government. The Center will conduct most of the work with little overhead and operating expenses. Major contributors will be entitled to membership benefits and may elect members to the Board.

This is informational only at this point. They just want Council aware of what they are working on. Bobby shared that they do need a consensus for them to move forward; Ron Whitener will then review and make sure that this falls under the SIT Corporate Code appropriately. Council agreed by consensus for them to move forward.

Bobby provided an update on Stillaguamish. Council went in to executive session.

Discussed employing tribal members in carpentry for the Business Center and at Stillaguamish. Bobby explained that he needs tribal members to come to him requesting work. If Council hears of anyone, send them to Bobby. Arnold would like to see a written proposal for the work at Stillaguamish outlining who is responsible for the expenses.

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Bobby explained that Quinault has approached him regarding assisting in running stores. Offered a proposal to Quinault similar to the one offered to Stillaguamish (\$1/carton sold).

Misti asked where the money goes that is made from Stillaguamish and potentially Quinault. Bobby explained the breakdown as per the budget ordinance. The IEI share of the funds he would like to use for remodeling the Clary House for IEI to move in to. Marcella is worried about the general body and their opinion of IEI putting money in to a house when they already have an office building.

Bobby updated on KTP Express. He shared the maps of the site in concept for the station. This building will be temporary. Trying to work with the potential Simmons Road connector. The Simmons Road connector will create small parcels along that frontage road, the tribe would have the opportunity to purchase those pieces. Ray, Bobby and Dave will meet with Taylors to discuss this property.

Bobby went over the Clary property plans. IEI would like an outside consultant to look at the property for resort related activities. IEI will help develop those enterprises. IEI is willing to move to the Clary House in order to have Legal move in to the current IEI House since Legal has outgrown their building. Bobby will have a conceptual drawing of the Clary property available for the Visioning and for General Body in May.

Bobby discussed Horses Inc. co-owned by Don Whitener. This would be horse rides on the Clary Property. They have been discussing with Green Diamond regarding allowing a guided horse service on their property. Horses would cost about \$20,000. Bobby told Don that he needs to write a business plan, and then come up with an agreement with Green Diamond before pitching the idea to IEI.

Bobby gave an update on Island Optics. They have product on the way; the IEI Board is not paying them until they produce revenue.

Bobby provided a senior check update. The IEI Board approved over-expending the budget, taking funds from the business center (gas tax) to help prevent the senior checks from decreasing. The elders' checks come from the cigarette excise tax; this year there was profit from KTP, SCT & FLIC. The signs will also go toward the elders checks. Council is okay with this.

Island Search and Consulting was used for two years. This business is not used very often.

Bryan went over the KTP financials and provided a financial report. Went over Franks Landing financials.

Salish update; operating slightly below budget. Marcella would like additional patrols to watch the island. Rod provided a report on the oyster theft. Council requested that he let Ray and Council know when something like that happens asap; rather than Council hearing about these incidents thought the community.

Rod updated that they have started spreading the oyster sets; they look good.

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Rod explained the oysters dying off as a possible result of the freezing temperatures during the low tides of December, along with the heavy rains. Planning on a spring meeting out at the Oyster Company.

Ray provided a golf course update; Frank Hutchinson is still very interested. He knows golf course businesses well. He would like to make this course playable through the winter. \$11.2M turn-key. Ray will negotiate with him; if he cannot come up with the potential subsidy. Would like to get this going soon. The timeline would be to start grow in this spring, opening 2012 fall. The feasibility study did not take in account the built in point system at the casino, the tribal night, the youth program, etc.

Bobby updated on Skookum Creek Tobacco and Distributing. Bryan provided an update on the railway. Will offload the rail cars outside the factory with a roll-up door in to the factory. SCT is no longer hooked up to septic anymore. The trailer behind the factory is for offices. Progressing with rail. Bought 20K pounds of tobacco and was not completely satisfied with it. Send some of that back to the distributor and it is found that the difference is due to the humidity. Another batch is being sent down.

Discussed the increased taxes on loose tobacco and cigars.