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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL  
LITTLE CREEK CASINO  
March 12, 2008**

**Attendance:**

<b>Tribal Council</b>	<b>Jim Peters</b>	<b>Chairman</b> ( <i>travel</i> )
	<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
	<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b> ( <i>sick</i> )
	<b>Russell Harper</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	<b>Will Penn</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b> ( <i>absent</i> )
	<b>Pete Kruger</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
	<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b> ( <i>absent</i> )
<b>Executive Director</b>	<b>Ray Peters</b>	
<b>Deputy Director</b>	<b>Whitney Jones</b>	
<b>Little Creek Casino</b>	<b>Cameron Goodwin</b>	
<b>Island Enterprises</b>	<b>Bobby Whitener</b>	
	<b>Dave Johns</b>	
	<b>Bryan Johnson</b>	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Melissa Puhn</b>	
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Kevin Lyon</b>	
<b>LCOB</b>	<b>Glen Parker</b>	

Arnold called the meeting at 9:08 am

Cameron provided an update on IGT Machines. This will bring a new customer base that they do not have today. Customer base is down, but average spending is up. These machines will be both on the non smoking and smoking gaming floor. IGT has worked with the Casino on financing, and a 36 month financing will be best for the Casino, which will be about \$33K/month. The machines should bring in at least that amount on a monthly basis. These machines will help keep the property fresh and updated. Cameron shared the negotiations and agreements with IGT. The new machines will be in place by the end of May. IGT will improve their player-tracking system before the machines will be on the floor.

Discussed the move of the poker room to accommodate the additional machines; the poker room will not be moved until the IGT machines have proved to perform as expected. Once they have, the additional machines will be moved in to the poker room, which will then be moved upstairs.

Discussed air conditioning systems to accommodate the increase in machines; both on the floor and the server room. Maintenance is working on how to handle this heat. Smoke is still an issue; Toby is working on ways to fix the smoke dispersion throughout the resort.

Cameron updated on the currency systems on the different machines: IGT, Ballys and Multimedia.

Hired a compliance officer this week. She came from Red Wind Casino. The auditors from WA State Gambling Commission are happy that she is on this property.

**Island Enterprises**

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Bryan Johnson provided a financial update of Franks Landing. The sales are going well as expected. Discussed cash flow. The school received their excise tax payment, which really helped the school through the end of March. Discussed distribution of excise tax.

Kevin reported on Franks Landing. Leases between Theresa Bridges, Franks Landing and the Tribe were submit to the BIA for approval.

An appraisal was done, before the lease could be approved, BIA wanted to know that fair market rental value will be done. SIT is well within the fair market value for rent. Kevin stated that the approval for those leases are near.

Kevin updated on the litigation with Nisqually.

Bryan reported on Skookum Creek Tobacco. The SCT Board of Directors, currently all members are consistently made up the same as IEI Board. Tim Sheldon's position is up this fall, the board will ask him if he would like to continue; then go to Council.

The new packing machine is operating well, but not to the terms of the purchase order. Bryan is still reluctant to accept the machine and final payment is being held until the machine can operate at its full capacity.

SCT has been notified regarding their license; an audit will be done by the company who the license is through. Kevin and Nate are working on this. SCT is well prepared. Kevin stated that the success in the factory and the growth created a "flag" that alerted the audit.

Bobby discussed co-manufacturing. See attached notes.

Brian will present this to the SCT Board: the co-mfg., and consortium of tribes. See attached notes.

Bobby met this morning with GA Andron, looking to finalize everything the end of April. The calling system and dialer companies are being compared. Arnold and Vince would like to visit the call center soon.

### **Salish Seafoods**

Dave Johns reported that had their semi annual inspection by the state health department; standard audits and all looks good. They informed Salish Seafoods that they were drawn for a federal inspection next month. In the past, the state inspector has been lenient, now there are concerns that the federal inspector will not be so. Most of their improvements have been structural to the building, so that might be coming up. Never had any major issues with inspections.

Rod and Dave put together a report of expansions and projects. The board approved a loan to fund these projects. This is an internal transfer through IEI. The grow bags will be expanded, yielding about 38K dozen annually. This loan will occur after the first harvest of geoduck, and be for five years. This expansion is mostly expanding additional projects, and a few new. Salish will construct a new setting tank, with the idea to increase setting seed. The new tank will be installed around May 1. See attached notes.

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Will increase clams, right now there is a half acre of clam farm in front of the company. Plan to expand about two more acres near the company. Raking will need to be done to rid the larger rocks, and prepare for clams. Expecting to produce 30-50K pounds per year.

The other project is with the single oysters, right now they are brought in four different ways: mechanically or naturally broken off, purchase singles from tribal members out of Oakland Bay, or purchase seeds and plant in protected areas which is slow growing; the last way is to buy oysters from other tribes. They really need to improve that by using the grow bag method, which he explained. Looked at the aqua purses, which work good on the sound, but not so much on the south sound. Budgeted for about 25 bags.

Geoduck: the area in front of the company was recently surveyed, Taylors think that is harvestable area for geoduck. Plan on doing two acres over five years; 14K 6" tubes, totaling 42K seed. Not harvestable for 5 years with a 66% survival rate. That expectation will retire the debt with IEI. Talking with fisheries now, Taylor and the state have three sites where they would like enhancement to occur. Taylors would like to get the tribe involved with this monitoring. Erik Sparkman is reviewing this. Eastern shore of Harstine.

Bobby shared that he and Will went and looked at Sky Ventures in Colorado. Bobby feels that this venture will really work.

Bobby briefly discussed the loan program through IEI for community members who would like to build a business. IEI will assist individual tribal members' businesses.

Island Optics: the first order came in. Machinery is three weeks out. Job announcements went out and some viable candidates have come in. Bank loan is complete. Local retail outlet.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.