

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman (<i>travel</i>)
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary (<i>sick</i>)
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Will Penn	1st Council Member
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Deputy Director

Whitney Jones

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pete Kruger moved to approve the March 13th Council agenda. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. Will Penn stated he would like to add to the agenda a report on his recent trip with Island Enterprises. Russell Harper would like to discuss an issue involving the Casino. Will also would like to have an executive session. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pete Kruger moved to approve the February 14th Council minutes. Russell Harper seconded the motion Ray Peters proposed a wording change. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

March 24-27: Council Work Session, held at the Quinault Beach Resort.

March 25: 30 Year ICW Celebration Dinner, held at Skookum Creek Events Center.

April 20-23: National Indian Gaming Trade Show, San Diego, CA. Ray plans to attend.

April 21-24: EPA Tribal Leaders Summit, at Little Creek Casino, hosted by Squaxin Natural Resources.

April 27-May 1: 2008 Self Governance, Las Vegas. Arnold, Russell, Pete, Will, Ray, Deb, and Ed. Will plans to post the flag in the parade of flags. Council would like to donate to the auction.

April 29-30: 2008 Western Regional Conference on Problem Gambling, Seattle

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May 3: General Body Meeting held at the Little Creek Casino Events Center.

May 9: Suquamish Foundation “A Time To Gather” Kiana Lodge, Poulsbo. Charlene will attend.

May 11-15: ATNI Mid-Year Conference, held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA. Ray Charlene and will attend.

May 19-22: NAFWS Conference, in Yakima, WA. Jim, Arnold and Pete will attend.

June 4-5: “Building Tribal Culture,” Bow, WA. Charlene will attend.

Will Penn reported on his trip to Denver with Island Enterprises. Discussed digital data and new technology; scanning and electronic filing. Ray would like to see written information provided to Information Services. The clinic is in the process of electronic health records.

Russell Harper inquired about the bond and loan payment and compliance with the Casino. Ray stated that with a new compliance officer at the casino this is being taken care of for audit purposes. Ray and Kevin both are also working with the casino maintaining compliance.

Charlene Krise reported on the Coastal Salish Gathering recently attended. An overall history of the medicine creek treaty and the struggle the people went through to reaffirm their treaty rights. Charlene shared the discussions about environmental impacts and the importance of preserving the environment for the future generations; thinking green and educating people to “walk gently on the earth.” Ray shared that Squaxin has been working towards green construction and preservation. The Natural Resources building will be a state of the art green building. The ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for drain fields in Kamilche Valley and utilize water reuse. Charlene also shared their discussion of having each canoe on the canoe journey sample water during the journey, testing the water quality of the different areas. Charlene would like to see the Squaxin Canoe Family participate in this, with Councils permission.

Ray reported on his trip to NCAI. Russell and Arnold were able to attend as well. He received good feedback from Senator Patty Murray regarding the Arcadia Boat Ramp. He feels this improvement will get done. NCAI topics include the modernization of the BIA. Indian Improvement Health Care passed the Senate. This act authorizes congress to fulfill its obligations to Indian health. It is still not sufficient, but it is reaffirming congresses commitment for higher funding levels for Native Americans’.

Council approved Glen’s request to attend the Tribal Veterans Symposium in Couer D’Alene this year, April 8-9 (*Joseph Seymour Jr. attended in Glen’s place*).

Will reported that April 11-15th the Dali Lama will be in Seattle for a tribal cultural day and they are requesting 1000 drums. Council agreed to allow the canoe family the use of the tribal bus to provide transportation, if it is available. Will and Charlene will look in to.

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

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Request letter: Ray shared a letter received by Jim. The letter was written asking permission for use of tribal photos and information to be used in a history book on Mason County. Council agreed by consensus to allow use if the publication is first edited by Charlene Krise and Rhonda Foster.

Tribal member request: Tamika and Morningstar Green presented a housing issue to Council. Council directed Whitney to work with Tamika and Housing to see about a solution.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Geoduck regulation: Andy Whitener, Jeff Dickison and Julie Owens presented the 2008 Annual Geoduck Regulations. Andy stated that the Aquatics Committee reviewed the regulations and he briefed Council on the changes made. Council discussed the changes and had some questions. They decided to further review the regulations at the work session.

Andy presented **Resolution #08-18** which addresses funds available for TFW (Timber, Fish & Wildlife) in FY08 and this resolution authorizes the submission of a funding request to the BIA for implementation of a Tribal TFW Project. Charlene Krise moved to approve resolution #08-18. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

Tribal Leaders Summit: Jeff reminded Council of the Tribal Leaders Summit hosted by Natural Resources in April. He provided an overview of the agenda and hopes that all of Council can participate. Charlene would like to volunteer as a tour guide of the south sound.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Resolution #02-66: As requested, Ray provided the workman composition policy regarding dependency benefits.

Council Visioning, April 15-17: Ray shared the date for the Council Visioning with Island Enterprises and Little Creek Casino, which will be held at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA.

Council donation request: Ray read letter from Francis Family. They will be holding a memorial service. Council decided to donate oysters and clams.

WIGA: In preparation of the centennial accord, WIGA is putting together a report from tribal benefits. They are seeking a contact person; Ray has been active in the past and will be the contact.

Housing unit report: Provided to council. No anticipated empty units and one empty because of a move.

Fireworks: Misti Saenz-Garcia is working on a fireworks meeting and will send out a flier soon. Ray provided the sellers agreement which status quo from last year. Council agreed by consensus on the seller's agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Brian Thompson presented **Resolution #08-19** and **#08-20** which authorize the purchase of Clary property and Marshall property; respectively. Pete Kruger moved to approve both resolution #08-19 and #08-20. Russell Harper seconded the motion.

Brian provided an update the process of the current issues with the BIA and island property evaluations. Council agreed to proceed with a letter addressed to tribal members stating that there is conflicting information regarding value based on BIA appraisals.

Kevin Lyon presented on behalf of the Squaxin Island Gaming Commission; **Resolution #08-21** which is a proposed technical revision to Appendix X. This has been approved by the commission and Kevin handed out a draft letter for the Chairman's signature. Russell Harper moved to approve the X2 revision and resolution #08-21, as well as the letter for the Chairman's signature. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Kevin updated on a case involving the Casino. Council agreed by consensus for Kevin to move forward with this issue.

Kevin updated on Franks Landing

Kevin spoke to the status of the Shaker Church. Ray received a letter from Rita Andrews inquiring about the Tribe's assistance to the church. Arnold would like to have the bishop come back to Council for further discussion. Ray will work with Kevin on a response letter to Rita Andrews.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Mitzie Whitener presented to Council options to upgrade their lap tops. She asked that they let her know which type and style they prefer.

U of W HHS RESEARCH PROJECT

Ron Whitener and Rose James presented. They both work with an organization that does health related research in the Indian community. They have been working with Ed Fox and Whitney Jones regarding genetic research and a study on health care for elderly women; also have gotten the approval from the Elder Committee. Ron explained the interview process they will use and how the anonymity of the participants will be kept. Anything done with the information will be first brought to the elders and Council for further approval. Russell Harper moved to approve **Resolution #08-22** which grants permission and states that Ron Whitener as co-investigator at the University of Washington Center for Genomics and Healthcare Equality has consulted with the director for the Squaxin Island Health and Human Services Department and Deputy Director to discuss a long range project to measure Squaxin Island members' knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about health research conducted within the Squaxin Island Community; and **Resolution #08-23** which grants permission to the University of Washington to conduct a pilot study to determine reasons why American Indian Women 50 years and older to not utilize mammography screening. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Work session data: Whitney Jones handed out notebooks for Council to use at the work session. The notebooks included data from different departments for Councils review.

ENROLLMENT

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Tammy Ford reported the enrollment committee met on Tuesday. Although a quorum was not met, those present agreed by consensus to move forward with the applications. Kevin suggested to Council that it may be necessary to appoint alternates. Council would like to appoint alternates off the original list of interested individuals. Arnold resigned his position due to employment reasons. Tammy will contact the four interested on the list to see if they would be interested in an alternate position.

Tammy presented the following enrollment applications: **Resolution #08-24** approves the enrollment of Lola Bonin with full benefits, **Resolution #08-25** approves the enrollment of Stanton Todd Sicade Jr., and Nyah Rose Sicade with full benefits, **Resolution #08-26** approves the enrollment of Sapphire Pricilla Ward with full benefits, **Resolution #08-27** approves the enrollment of Melissa Ann Day and Danielle Garnet Leas with full benefits, **Resolution #08-28** approves the enrollment of Adrian James Garcia with full benefits, **Resolution #08-29** approves the enrollment of Shaelynn Dawn Peterson with limited benefits. Russell Harper moved to approve the enrollments. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and (0) against.

TRIBAL GAMING

Charlene Krise moved to nominate Desi Smith to the NICS Advisory Board. Will Penn seconded the nomination. The motion carried unanimously. Kevin will prepare a resolution to accommodate Desi's application.

Ray provided an update on the fire station. Fire District #4 is moving in. A small ceremony will be held April 4th at 1:00 p.m.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Janetta Johnson, Jeanette Sigo and Jacklyn Meyer were present to share some concerns. Kevin provided them an update regarding their housing concern. They also had a concern regarding a junk car removal. Kevin assured that arrangements can be made to resolve this situation. Kevin will speak with Mark Allen and set up an arrangement with him on Monday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Coming out of executive session, Kevin will provide a report on Council Social Security. Also directed Ray to check in to the sponsorship of the ATNI Economic Summit.

There being no further business, the March 13, 2008 meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.