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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
LITTLE CREEK CASINO
April 9, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Jim Peters	Chairman
	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 (absent)
Executive Director	Ray Peters (absent)	
Deputy Director	Whitney Jones (left at 12:30 p.m.)	
Little Creek Casino	Cameron Goodwin (left at 1:00 p.m.)	
Island Enterprises	Bobby Whitener	
	Jennifer Ulrich (left at 12:00 p.m.)	
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	
Legal Counsel	Kevin Lyon (arrived at 12:15 p.m.)	
LCOB	Glen Parker (absent)	

Jim called the meeting at 9:30 am

Bobby shared a power point on the business center development. Bobby, Will and Jennifer attended training regarding business development last week; SIT is ahead of other tribes in this area. Jennifer shared the presentation sharing how IEI can help tribal entrepreneurship, and tribal members. Business Development Center will help tribal members; as stated in IEI goal three “assist tribal members.” Shared the proposed business center goals: Promote economic diversity through entrepreneurship; Create complimentary businesses for existing tribal enterprises; Directly assist tribal and community members to create business plans, hone business skills and gain access to capital; Increase youth awareness and participation in business orientated activities to grow our entrepreneurial base; Increase financial literacy. Briefed on the BDC structure and programs. Loan Fund, CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution). The initial focus will be small business loans. CDFI Fund could expand in to housing loans, large business loans and/or a credit union. The business center would be open for technical assistance, coaching, business planning, provide seminars and guest speakers. Discussed needs such as staffing and budget, as well as necessary office space.

Bobby handed out a draft agenda of the Visioning next week.

Cameron asked Council and the IEI Board (those present) what direction that Tourism should go. Cameron is seeking direction from the Board and Council on event planning and how it impacts the casino. In the past, Casino needs to step in and run events that are planned by Tourism; it may be easier for the Casino to just run the event solely. Need to evaluate the Tourism Board. Council agreed for Cameron to move forward with an evaluation/audit of the Tourism Board and bring back to Council his findings. Lack of communication and organization have been an issue.

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Will wanted to have a company come in for a presentation he saw at "Rez 08." Nortel is the company, they do cell towers. Cameron would like the Board to review.

Compliance Officer: Cameron stated that in their mission statement, a compliance officer makes sure that all internal control standards, NIGC, standard operation procedures and audits are in line. NIGC and Washington State are both happy that LCC has a compliance officer. She is excellent and is applying procedure and reviewing standards to areas that have not in the past. Regulation and control standards are helped defined by the compliance officer. Cameron introduced Cindy Averill, the compliance officer.

Legal

Kevin Lyon provided a bond update. He will not be available at Council tomorrow. Handed out the bond schedule and term sheet.

Nisqually v. Gregoire. Updated on; attorney for Nisqually was disqualified, so Nisqually found a new firm. Updated on Franks Landing.

Updated on Shaker Church; sent letter in response to their email inquiring about the tribe's participation and Shaker's expectation of the tribe. Invited them back to Council to discuss any further expectations.

Challenged the BIA appraisal process of the island properties and their failure to appraise the buffer zones properly. Council would like Kevin to send out letters explaining this situation to the prospected tribal sellers. Kevin suggested an option of agreeing to a price based on the appraisal for the seller. Might agree to pay 75% of the appraised value to lock things in, then the balance upon the end of the final appraisal. Arnold would like Council to look in to this. Kevin will start working on.

Andy just alerted Kevin today that the Area 9 fishery is in conflict. Updated on the Intertribal Allocation Agreement.

Washington State Gambling Commission; reexamine charges to the tribe. Working on changing that; right now pays WSGC, NIGC and SITGC on internal auditing, duplicating work.

Updated on *US v. Washington* regarding disputes amongst tribes. Jim will offer to host a meeting while he is at the Tribal Leadership Summit this Friday at UW. **Check Kevin's email.** Month of June- Kevin will work with Melissa. Not the first week Bobby, Vince will be somewhere.

Federal Govt contribution was made to the Shellfish Settlement Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

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Ask WJ about totem pole
Check on committees; let directors know and contact tribal members.