

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

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| Jim Peters | Chairman |
| Arnold Cooper | Vice Chairman |
| Vince Henry, Sr. | Secretary |
| Russell Harper | Treasurer (<i>left at 1:00 p.m.</i>) |
| Will Penn | 1st Council Member |
| Pete Kruger | 2nd Council Member |
| Charlene Krise | 3rd Council Member |

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Deputy Director

Whitney Jones

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the April 10, 2008 Council agenda. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vince Henry moved to approve the March 13, 2008 Council Minutes. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

Pete Kruger moved to approve the March 27, 2008 Work Session Minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

Charlene Krise briefly reported on the Tribal Tourism Conference she recently attended in Sitka, AK. She shared that the information was very beneficial for future planning, and was very intense with a lot of information regarding cultural tourism,

April 16-17: Council Visioning, Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

April 20-23: National Indian Gaming Conference, San Diego, CA. Ray, Russell. Ray was asked to serve on a panel to discuss the government perspective on casino development.

April 21-24: EPA Tribal Leaders Summit, Little Creek Casino.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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April 27-May 1: 2008 Self Governance, Las Vegas. Arnold, Will, Ray, Deb, Ed and Pete will attend. Self-Governance will be funding the trip for four tribal veterans and Don Whitener, Joe Seymour, Sr., Joe Seymour, Jr., Jonella Seymour will be traveling

April 30-May 1: NW Regional Indian Housing Summit, Grand Mound, WA. Will plans to attend.

May 3: General Body Meeting, 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, Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA Jim, Arnold, Pete and Charlene.

May 15-16: Revitalization of Salish Language Conference, held at the Northwest Indian College in Bellingham.

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

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

Arnold Cooper reported on his recent trip with Island Enterprises to Santa Monica to visit the GA Andiron call center. He shared that he is very impressed with their set up and would like to see the entire Council go and see the center once it is up and running. They intend to be functioning by October.

There will be no second Council meeting in April.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Little Creek Casino security request: Jim shared a letter received by a tribal employee at the Casino. Ray will bring this issue up at a Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB) Meeting.

Wheel chair ramp: A tribal elder submitted a request for a wheel chair ramp at their home. Funds have been designated for elder support and Ray will direct Housing to have maintenance schedule this project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

Letter to BIA: Ray provided an update on the BIA appraisals for island property purchase. Ray shared a letter that was prepared as directed by Council; addressed to the BIA regarding the conflicts of the land appraisals. Council discussed a proposal presented by Kevin which would pay each seller a percentage of the land value, then upon the final appraisal the balance would be paid. Arnold Cooper moved to approve this proposal, Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ray will contact Kevin to move forward with this.

AQUATICS

Don Whitener and Andy Whitener came with a request from the Aquatics Committee regarding Key Peninsula geoduck harvest. Don doesn’t feel comfortable with beginning divers harvesting on Key

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Peninsula and he suggested delaying the enforcement of the 50% diving assistance until August 1, 2008. Pete Kruger moved to postpone the diver assistance until August 1. Vince Henry excused himself from voting. The motion died from lack of a second. No motion, the regulation is status quo and it is up to the diver and boat owner of who dives at Key Peninsula.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison and Andy presented the posters that were shared at the South Sound Science Symposium. Squaxin Natural Resources was instrumental in organizing the symposium and a number of scientific studies were showcased.

Erik Sparkman presented a state lease beach in Oakland Bay for approval. Council agreed by consensus to move forward with this lease.

John Konovsky presented a press release he and Kevin put together to stop all new water withdraws, including permit-exempt wells, in the Johns Creek watershed

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(continued)*

Political donation: Council agreed to donate \$250 for the breakfast reception for Christine Gregoire. Russell will attend; Whitney can attend if he cannot.

Salmon Defense Fundraiser: Council agreed to co-sponsor with the Casino, a hole for the Salmon Defense Golf Tournament May 16th, for the amount of \$2,000.

Social Security: Charlene Krise moved to leave their social security and not collect a reimbursement. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

Shaker Church: Charlene reported that the Shaker Church is in need of repairs. She would like to request a work day for the community and tribal employees to do a “spring clean up” at the church. Jim would like to look in to getting a dumpster donated, then pay the delivery fee. Council agreed on April 25th at 9:00 a.m. with a barbeque lunch at noon. A flier inviting the community and employees will be sent out in the bulk mail.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Thompson and Whitney Jones provided an update on a housing issue that came up at the last meeting.

Brian presented **Resolution #08-31** which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT *(continued)*

Pete Kruger moved to approve Resolution #08-31. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian went over the goals and objectives of the community development department.

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Council would like to schedule an all day work session to discuss meth use and prevention with Housing, Law Enforcement, Northwest Indian Treatment Center and Education.

Brian discussed the Summer Spruce-up Contest. During that process the garbage service was established alleviating the litter.

Community wastewater system was discussed; all new developments will be connected to the MBR.

Council discussed the junk car policy as well as the dangerous dog policy.

Unmet needs were discussed; a wheel chair lift is necessary for the clinic van. Brian would like to further this discussion at a later date.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Terry Capoeman and Margaret Henry both requested financial assistance for their family naming potlatch which will be held April 19, 2008. Council agreed to donate clams and oysters, as well as \$500; also will donate \$1,000 from the One Percent Committee.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Vicki Kruger inquired about the tribal courts ability to do marriage licenses, divorces and wills. She also requested the youth code change to state that tribal children be allowed cultural access. Council stated that a letter could be written to the judge stating that children should be allowed to participate in cultural activities. After drafting and approval of a letter to the court; the process of revising the Youth Code to reflect that recommendation will be considered.

Council donations were discussed. Council would like to see all requests submitted in writing prior to the meeting.

There being no further business, the April 10th Council meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.