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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 23, 2009**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Dave Lopeman</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b> ( <i>left at noon</i> )
<b>Russell Harper</b>	<b>Treasurer</b> ( <i>absent</i> )
<b>Misti Saenz-Garcia</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Marcella Castro</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>

**Legal Counsel**  
**Executive Director**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Kevin Lyon**  
**Ray Peters**  
**Melissa Puhn**

Dave Lopeman called the April 23, 2009 Council meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Rhonda Foster and Larry Ross provided an update on the Mud Bay Project.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the April 23, 2009 Council Agenda. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

**Council went in to Executive Session.** No action taken.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**April 28-30: Native Leadership Training**, San Diego, CA. Arnold will attend.

**April 28-29: Northwest Native Asset Building; Economic Prosperity in Challenging Times**, Little Creek Casino Resort.

**May 2: 2009 General Body Meeting**

**May 4-7: Emergency Operations Training**, EOC. Monday-Tuesday 9-3pm

**May 6-7: Tobacco Plus Expo 2009**, New Orleans. *Dave cancelled*

**May 17-21: 2009 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference**, Orlando, FL. *Misti, Marcella and Ray cancelled, per Council request.*

**May 18-21: ATNI Mid-Year Conference**, Reno, NV. *Arnold cancelled per Council request.*

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### **June 1: Dinner with Olympia City Council**

**June 14-17: NCAI Mid-Year Conference**, Niagara Falls, NY. *Misti, Marcella and Ray cancelled per Council request.*

### **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

Council agreed by consensus to donate \$5,000 out of One Percent, to the Nation Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA).

Ray provided an update on the SuperFly Event. He met with Sonny Davis and Jeremiah George and this event also will be funded out of One Percent.

**General Body Discussion:** Ray provided the draft agenda for the meeting. He reminded Council that this Tuesday is the candidate open forum; 4:00 p.m. in the Elders Building. Annual Reports will be presented at the general body meeting. Registration will be in the foyer. Council decided that the meeting will be open to tribal members and spouses only. Directors who are required to attend may; otherwise no staff or community members.

Vince asked about the canoe family van that maintenance is using. Ray assured that the van will be cleaned and serviced before the canoe journey. Council will fund the servicing. Dave asked about portable tents and kitchens that are available through GSA. Ray will look in to adding Council to the list to receive surplus GSA supplies.

Charlene asked that Council provide a report at General Body; highlighting the accomplishments of Council during the past year. Misti would like to see a condensed list of all of the positive changes.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

**Separation of clinic and social services:** Whitney and Ray presented the plan to separate the programs. The Family Services Manager will be leaving in June, so this is a good time to do the change. A Social Services Director will be hired to fill the Family Services Manager position. Whitney shared that the Family Services and Health Services are always tied together, but having two separate programs will help both programs get the attention and time needed. The Family/Social Services Program would include TANF and Vocational Rehab also. SPIPA has volunteered some space for their use. Whitney and Ray are seeking Council approval to move forward with this division; they will come back with a progress report.

Council would like to have a meeting with ICW on May 13<sup>th</sup>, after the meeting with the Casino. Would like to discuss the ICW programs and ways to improve it.

**Salmon Defense Sponsorship:** Council agreed by consensus to sponsor two teams (\$2500) for the Annual Golf Tournament.

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**Dinner with Olympia City Council:** The dinner will be rescheduled to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Brian Thompson presented two resolutions; **#09-36A** which authorizes the NWITC to prepare a grant application to fund maintenance and improvements, **#09-37** which authorizes Health & Human Services to prepare a grant application to fund maintenance and improvements. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the two resolutions. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Brian presented resolution **#09-38** which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the US DOJ Office of Justice Programs to address the critical need to enhance the public safety system. This grant will fund one officer for two years. Charlene Krise moved to approve the resolution. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Brian presented resolution **#09-39** which states that the Tribe is pursuing supplemental assistance for disaster recovery costs related to the January 2009 Winter Storm. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve this resolution. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Brian presented resolution **#09-40** which amends the Animal Control Code. This amendment adjusts the code to ban behavioral traits of a dog, rather than breed specific. If a dog is determined dangerous it will be impounded. Additional requirements will be required for a potentially dangerous dog. The revised code includes an appeal process; allows three dogs per household (language will be included to grandfather those who already have four dogs); includes a provision if an owner surrenders a dog, the owner must wait one year before obtaining another dog. This code establishes Council as the animal control authority; Council will establish the fee structure once/year. The DCD Director is authorized to waive fees if extenuation circumstances arise. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the animal control code resolution **#09-40**. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Marcella was out of the room*).

Brian handed out a grant report and a stimulus spreadsheet.

Brian provided an update on a list of properties waiting to be surveyed. Brian shared the costs of surveying the properties. Brian is seeking direction whether to move forward with the surveying. After discussing options; Council agreed by consensus to get the surveys done as soon as possible if there is money available.

Brian stated that for the Spring Clean up time, they will have dumpsters our May 22- June 1. Another one will be brought in after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The environmental clean up of the Clary Property will begin next week. The fuel storage tanks need to be cleaned before the land can be transferred in to trust.

DCD negotiated a contract with PUD to change out 19 street lights.

Marcella inquired about the Children's Justice Act with SPIPA. Whitney provided a report and stated that all issues have been dealt with and fixed.

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Whitney provided a report on the Foster Care Grant through SPIPA.

### **NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Jeff Dickison presented resolution #09-41 which authorizes the submission of a funding request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for implementation of a Tribal Timber Fish & Wildlife Project. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the resolution. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Andy Whitener handed out the Mountain Goat permit hunting guidelines from the Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Andy asked about meeting with Green Diamond. A letter will be sent to Paul Wing inviting him to meet with Council.

Jeff and Kevin presented the geoduck medical waiver change. They met with the Aquatics Committee on April 3, there was no quorum from the committee, but there were 23 members in attendance. Those present discussed the means to implement the Council's motion:

“Following the 2009-2010 geoduck season, all harvesters will have to meet all requirements, including physical and UA tests, and all form of the 55 year old waiver, lifetime quota, and medical waivers shall be suspended.”

Kevin handed out the memo changing the medical waiver. This change will be effective for the 2010 season.

Kevin handed out a second memo regarding a larger Aquatics Meeting. May 16 there will be an Aquatics Meeting in the Gym. Kevin prepared a notice to go out in the bulk mail. Kevin included a list of some discussion topics that came from the Aquatics Committee. Council agreed to sponsor food for this meeting.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Astrid Poste and Jan Olson provided an update from Human Resources. Astrid discussed the Stepping Stones Program; HR did a pilot program last year and involved the 13-15 year old youth. They focused on hands-on, culturally relevant group projects. The program involves community members to help with the program, creating employment opportunities. These positions have been posted and they are hoping to hire by June 1.

Marcella stated that she would like to be sure that the youth have enough water when they're out in the field. She also thought lunch would be appropriate. Astrid stated that lunch is provided when they're off-site.

Astrid went over the projects they are working on for the program; trail building, creating a park near the Skookum Creek Bridge. Misti suggested having the youth work with Dave on building a sweat lodge.

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Astrid updated on current job postings.

### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Ed Fox provided an update from Health & Human Services. He handed out a budget on the dental program. He discussed increasing the dentists' time to four days/week, which would be considered full time. Ed briefed on the different budget options. Misti would like to see orthodontia offered.

Ed is seeking direction on which budget to move forward with. Misti would like to see a model used that utilizes only one dental assistant and having a position available for a tribal member who wishes to pursue the career of dental assisting. Ed would like to bring on a temporary dental assistant until a tribal member is ready for the position.

If a tribal member cannot be scheduled with the clinic dentist within two week, a purchase order will go to Kamilche Dental for service.

Council stated that the community has noticed an increase in customer service and care with the dental office.

Council agreed by consensus to move forward with a full time dentist.

### **LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

Kevin handed out the Transitioning Offenders Program (TOP) and a draft handbook for Families of Incarcerated Members. Kevin visited the Washington Corrections Center and shared with Council the different non-profit organizations within the prison. The TOP was created to train members as they leave the prison; including what to do and where to go for assistance upon discharge. The incarcerated members requested Council to attend their pow wow this fall.

Kevin provided an update on Golf Works, Inc. He handed out a letter of agreement. Kevin and Ray visited with Thurston First Bank and discussed details of financing a loan. Kevin handed out an Agreement for Final Phases of Construction. Kevin is seeking approval to move forward. Council agreed by consensus for Kevin to move forward with the process. Kevin will notify Council as soon as a decision is made.

Kevin provided an update on a collection clam that he is working on.

Kevin provided an update on the NIGC. Kevin handed out a copy of the NIGC settlement with Nisqually.

Kevin shared that the tribal compact allows for a person 18 years of age to be on the gaming floor, unless alcohol is served. If alcohol is served no patron under the age of 21 shall be in the gaming floor. Kevin asked Council if the Casino should have areas where no alcohol is served. Misti suggested that the non-smoking area be designated as an area where alcohol is not served; allowing 18 year olds to be in that area. Council liked that idea which will draw in a younger crowd. Kevin will relay this to the Casino.

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### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chief Mike Evans and Officer Josh Howell introduced their K9 Officer Bora, who is a 13 month old Belgian Malinois. She is fully trained to find drugs. She lives with Josh who also is her trainer. Josh explained how she tracks drugs and shared a demonstration.

Mike and Officer Chris Peters updated on the hiring of four additional positions; three officers will be funded through the budget and one officer will be funded by Tribal Gaming and will work at the Casino. They are hopeful to hire mid-May. Mike stated that they will then have twelve full time officers. The twelve officers will allow full time 24-hour coverage as well as two full time Natural Resources Enforcement Officers.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(continued)*

**General Body:** Sign in tables will be in the foyer and ballots will be handed out inside the meeting space. Whitney and the elections committee are requesting a change to the electoral code. They would like to rearrange the letter break down, making each sign in table a more even breakdown. With approval Whitney presented resolution #09-42 that changes the alphabetic breakdown to A-E, F-J, K-P and Q-Z. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the change. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Whitney shared that there will be tables reserved at the front for Elders. For clarification purposes; the meeting will be open for tribal members and spouses only, non-tribal Directors will be allowed to attend, departmental staff working needs to be tribal. Any non-tribal staff and visitors will need to stay in the foyer. A notice will be sent out.

**Education Commission:** Whitney reported that each year Council funds scholarships for Mason County youth. Council agreed by consensus to fund six \$1,000 scholarships for Mason County Seniors. Scholarship applications will be sent to the Mason County High Schools.

Whitney wanted to verify that Council would like to keep the high school diploma, GED and other graduate level incentives the same. Council agreed by consensus. Dave would like to look in to awarding vehicles again for high school graduates.

Whitney provided a written response to questions asked by Charlene to the Education Commission.

Ray reported that he is working on creating a K-12 Education Commission.

Whitney provided a resolution appointing a new SPIPA Board Alternate. Council would like to discuss this and wait until after elections.

**Donation request:** Janita Johnson is seeking a \$5,000 sponsorship for the Women's & Girls Gathing. This request will be forwarded to One Percent.

Ray will provide an update at the next meeting regarding any outstanding balances owed to the tribe from the Casino or Enterprises. He has been working with Cameron regarding casino distribution.

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**Committees & Commissions:** Ray handed out a list of vacancies on committees & commissions. Council would like to see sign up sheets at General Body and an additional mail-out in order to try and get more interested individuals. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

Ray handed out the Fireworks Committee budget. The committee is requesting to use \$1,500 of their permit fees (stand-owner & wholesaler) towards advertising. Council approved by consensus. Wholesaler permit fees were discussed.

**Manke Property:** Ray stated that Manke owns a piece of property near the Casino. When utilities were installed for Skookum Creek Tobacco, the utilities went through Manke property. Manke suggested deducting \$15,000 from the cemetery work as payment, and they would then deed that property to the tribe. Council gave Ray approval to move forward with this transaction.

Ray stated that the elders were very grateful of their tickets to the Turtles Show. They thank Council.

**Highway 108:** Ray stated that stimulus money was received for roads and the amount received will fund about half of the turn lane project on highway 108, in front of the Casino. Ray met with Brian, Dan and Cameron regarding the turn lane, and it was determined that a turn lane would make it safer and help alleviate traffic on event nights. There is an urgency to expend the stimulus funds. Ray is asking Council for direction; either direct the Casino to fund the other half of the turn lane project (about \$400K), or start looking for another road project to spend the stimulus funds on. Council directed the Casino to get the turn land project done; funds need to be allocated by this summer.

Misti would like to see the fireworks stand area and the cemetery road paved.

Charlene asked about the Personnel Committee. Ray stated that the committee cannot be tribal employees. Charlene would like to see some changes with that committee.

Council directed Ray to notify Ben Stubbs to vacate the Whitener house, the house will be taken down soon.

During the Enterprise Visioning Session Council directed Bob Whitener, Jr. to put together a realty position to be in charge of rentals. Per Council direction, Ray looked in to fair market rental values. He shared his findings. The rents will be paid in to land acquisition. Ray will provide this information to Bob.

Misti stated that she would like to see Bob Smith employed in the Planning Department. Ray stated that he has a meeting with him set up for next Monday to discuss stimulus funding. Charlene would like Ray to discuss Habitat for Humanity with Bob. Misti believes that he would be an asset to the tribe. Ray stated that he must follow the hiring policy. Dave suggested that the tribe hire Bob, but make him find his own funding through grants.

Tribal Council scheduled the Annual Governmental Work Session for May 12-14<sup>th</sup>, and it will be held at Suquamish Clearwater Casino.

There being no further business, the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.