

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
April 26, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman
Andy Whitener	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer (<i>absent 11:21- 2:13 pm</i>)
Will Penn	1st Council Member
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>left at 2:30 pm</i>)

Executive Director

Ray Peters (*absent 2-3:00 pm*)

Deputy Director

Don Whitener

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the April 26, 2007 Council Meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the April 26, 2007 Council agenda with additions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against. Andy Whitener and Charlene Krise were both out of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charlene Krise moved to approve the April 12, 2007 Council minutes as amended. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

Tribal Self-Governance Conference, May 6-10, in Garden Grove, CA. Jim Peters, Will Penn, Ray Peters, Julie Goodwin, Whitney Jones will be attending (*Ray Peters will not be attending*).

Tribal Council, Island Enterprises, & Little Creek Casino Visioning, May 16-17, in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

ATNI Mid Year Conference, May 21-24, at the Little Creek Casino Hotel. The Council will be introduced the opening day. Glen Parker will present the color guard and Charlene will assist with the drum group for the invocation and welcome song. Ray will meet with Bank of America regarding sponsorship of a banquet dinner; the welcome reception will be held at MLRC and sponsored by 1%.

Sgwi Gwi, June 1, in the Skookum Creek Events Center

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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National Congress of American Indians, June 10-13, in Anchorage, AK. Pete Kruger, Vince Henry, and Ray Peters will attend.

The Annual Museum Library Golf Tournament will be held June 11th.

Attorney General Rob McKenna would like to meet with Council, June 27th

7th Annual Northwest Indian Gaming Conference, July 16-18, at the Little Creek Casino.

Council would like to schedule a meeting with the Mason County Commissioners.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Jim Peters shared he spoke with the Lummi Tribal Chairman regarding the process of fundraising for hosting the canoe journey. Lummi has been gathering donations and grants to help offset costs. Jim would like to meet with the Squaxin canoe family to discuss fundraising and planning of the 2012 canoe journey.

Mason General Hospital Golf Tournament: A representative from Mason General Hospital recently contacted Jim regarding tribal sponsorship of their annual golf tournament. Charlene would like to see the tribe sponsor at the same level as the previous year. Ray Peters will check in to whether the Tribe or Casino sponsors the event this year.

Tribal Leaders Summit: Jim attended the Annual Washington State Tribal Leaders Summit, held at the University of Washington last week. He stated that it had a good turnout with valuable discussion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Emergency Management Training: Ray will schedule this training offsite in June.

General Body Meeting agenda: Ray went over the agenda.

Fireworks Meeting Report: Ray reported that the Fireworks Committee decided that wholesalers who sell out of their trucks will have no permit fee; while those who sell from a parked canister onsite will have a \$1200 permit fee. Council agreed to those recommendations by consensus. The committee also requested that all Natural Resource and Court fees and fines must be paid by the time of the stand location drawing, which was held Wednesday, April 25th.

Letter from Thurston County Commissioners: Ray shared a letter received from the Thurston County Commissioners, thanking Council on the clarification regarding the article recently printed in The Olympian about the Steamboat Island tobacco store.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

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Mike Evans provided a traffic safety resolution for Council review. This resolution modifies the current traffic safety code. No action at this time.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy presented the following enrollment resolutions: **Resolution #07-27** enrolls Felicia Joy Berg with full benefits; **Resolution #07-28** enrolls Micha Frankie-James Roberts with full benefits; **Resolution #07-29** enrolls Randall Gavin Aldrich with full benefits. Andy Whitener moved to approve these enrollments. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Meloney Hause stated that she is petitioning to change the five year wait moratorium that has been placed on enrollments that have transferred from another tribe. She would like to see all new enrollees with the same benefits. Ray reminded Meloney that the minutes and resolutions are always available for tribal members. He also shared with her the proper process on being scheduled for the Council agenda, which eliminates any miscommunication.

TA HU BUTS LEARNING CENTER

High School graduate scholarships: Kim Cooper and Walt Archer were present to ask how many scholarships Council would like to provide to graduating seniors this year. Council agreed by consensus to provide the same as last year which was up to five scholarships at \$1000 each.

Incentive gifts: Kim updated Council on the status of high school graduates and asked about the incentive gifts this year. Council will sponsor the laptop computer and printers again this year. Monetary donations will stay the same as last year also; \$1000 will be awarded to high school and college graduates, and \$500 will be awarded to those who earn their GED. This will include technical degrees as well; technical certificate equivalent to a college degree (two years) will be awarded \$1000, and a technical certificate equivalent to a GED will receive \$500.

Sgwi Gwi is June 1st in the Event Center, Walt asked about the “cut off” date for receiving graduation awards, last year the cut off was August. After that they were recognized the following year.

Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Conference: Council agreed to send a basket made by Paula Henry to be donated to the silent auction at the NAFWS Conference.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Tribal member was present to inquire about the housing policies, the MEPA Account and inquired about monthly housing payments for seasonal workers.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS *(continued)*

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Tribal member was present to seek assistance in hiring an attorney. Andy Whitener moved to approve \$500 to this tribal member if the tribal attorneys can not assist. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Tribal member was present to discuss the Northwest Indian Treatment Center. Council directed Ray and Don to assist her. The Tribal member also inquired about a housing issue. Council went in to executive session. No action was taken. Council agreed to make a donation on this tribal member's behalf for assistance.

TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Leslie Johnson, Tourism Director, handed out a first year outline of the Tourism Department. She went over the upcoming SalmonFest and shared the pamphlet describing the sponsorship levels. She stated that Sa-He-Wamish Days is scheduled for February 2008 in the Skookum Creek Events Center. Leslie will be the coordinator for these events. Jim suggested that there may be tribal members with an interested in assisting. Leslie briefed on the outline, establishing the Tourism Department. She provided the logo which was reviewed by the community. She has been working with the Shelton/Mason County Chambers to develop a tourism website for Mason County and South Puget Sound. Tourism will be at Super Saturday and Lake Fair selling clams and frybread, and is also hoping to attend NCAI this year.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Whitney Jones provided an update on the SPIPA Foster Care Services.

Whitney provided an update on the planning of the General Body Meeting, May 5th. Council directed her to work with Cameron Goodwin regarding the costs for food. Island Enterprises will be donating clams for the meeting.

Whitney briefly discussed the Child Development Center. Council has a policy in place that covers dues for tribal members who are working or attending school. Whitney briefed Council in an instance where a tribal member has lost their job due to an illness and would like to see of Council will continue to cover the childcare while they are at doctor appointments and other related appointments. Council thought that would be okay, just as long as it is tracked to make sure that is not abused.

The policy for the Child Development Center states there is an annual enrollment fee. Council does not cover that enrollment fee, it is the responsibility of the parents.

Whitney updated that she will be testifying in Mason County Superior Court regarding some ICW cases.

The Clinic will be closed May 14th for Native American Day, and May 28th for Memorial Day.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

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Council agreed to donate five gallons of oysters for Swgi Gwi, June 1st.

Ray presented **Resolution #07-30** which states the Squaxin Island Tribe will participate as a registration jurisdiction in the National Sex Offender Registry system as outlined in Section 127 of Public Law 109-248, and the Tribe will seek funds from the Department of Justice under the Sex Offender Management Assistance Program. Andy Whitener moved to approve Resolution #07-30. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray presented **Resolution #07-31** which clarifies the inconsistency in the jurisdictional and scope provision of the Tribal Code. Pete Kruger moved to approve Resolution #07-31. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB) Report: Ray handed out the chart outlining the delegation of authority. It is the recommendation of LCOB that Council approve this in interim. There will be more discussion at the Visioning and possible changes will be considered. Vince Henry moved to approve this delegation of authority as interim. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray handed out the tentative Shellfish Agreement in the South Sound involving Puyallup, Nisqually and Squaxin Island. He brought attention to some points in the agreement. After extensive discussion, Council agreed by consensus to have the agreement sent out for Kevin Lyon to continue to advance.

LCOB recently discussed the funeral policy per Councils direction. The board recommends that funerals not be held on the casino property. The board felt that that casino is not an appropriate location for such event. Council has the right to waive that policy at any time. Council agreed by consensus to adopt that policy.

Ray provided an update on Bank of America. Bank of America committed to sponsoring \$5000 for the ATNI banquet dinner and asked if Council would co-sponsor. Bank of America will also sponsor \$5000 for the Museum Golf Tournament.

Ray provided a brief update on the golf course.

There being no further business, the April 26th Council meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.