

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Recording Secretary

Ray Peters
Whitney Jones
Melissa Puhn
Ruby Fuller

Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

Rhonda Foster and Margaret Henry offered the Oath of Office to Chairman Dave Lopeman and Council women Marcella Castro and Misti Saenz-Garcia. All accepted the oath and **Resolution #08-34** which states the Peoples Oath is the recognized Tribal Council Oath of Office, was approved and signed by all Council members.

Rhonda stated that next Tuesday May 13th they will begin the reburial process and they are looking for workers. She would like Council to be present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Russell Harper moved to approve the May 8, 2008 Council agenda. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the April 10 and April 25, 2008 Council minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

Dave Lopeman thanked Council for the wheel chair ramp that was recently approved by Council and installed at his house by the maintenance department. He was pleased with the speed and quality of the work done.

NATURAL RESOURCES

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Dave Johns of Salish Seafoods, Andy Whitener, Jeff Dickison and Eric Sparkman were present to discuss clam digs. Andy stated they have recently met to discuss changes that would work best for everyone involved. Ideally they would like to have two digs each month, but due to the difficulty of the quality of shellfish they would like to temporarily hold one dig each month for about six to eight weeks until more pounds will be available to harvest.

Charlene made the suggestion of each digger providing their own market to sell; Natural Resources would then provide a dig schedule and it would be up to the digger to sell what they dig, lessening the responsibility of Salish Seafoods.

A buyer's ordinance was discussed; having that in place would allow Squaxin Law Enforcement to randomly check pounds purchased and would protect from buyers claiming inaccurate pounds purchased.

Council directed Natural Resources to present at the next Council meeting and to provide a draft buyer's ordinance with the Aquatics Committee recommendation, along with a quarterly dig schedule.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

May 11-15: ATNI Mid-Year Conference, at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA Arnold, Charlene and Misti will attend. Dave, Ray and Whitney each will attend a day.

May 15: Annual First Salmon Ceremony, Swinomish Tribe. Ray has been talking with Swinomish for some time regarding programs and idea sharing and would like to attend this event.

May 15-16: Revitalization of Salish Language Conference, NWIC, Charlene would like to send tribal members. Council agreed to sponsor two, if anyone is interested.

May 17: Wild Fish Soiree and Benefit Auction, Woodinville, WA.

May 19-22: NAFWS Conference, Yakima, WA. Dave, Arnold and Misti will attend. Charlene would like to see Natural Resources Committee members attend. Council agreed by consensus to sponsor two active committee members (*John Vanderwal attended on behalf the Hunting Committee*).

May 29: Golden Tennis Shoe Awards Luncheon with Senator Patty Murray, Washington Convention Center. Charlene, Misti and Marcella will attend.

May 29-30: Climate Change in the Northwest, Seattle WA, Arnold will attend.

July 1: Veterans Memorial Dedication, Ray will meet with Veterans Committee to set an agenda. Invitations to elected officials have been mailed, also would like to include a fundraiser for the governor that day following the dedication.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS (*continued*)

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June 4-6: Island Enterprises trip to GA Andron, Santa Monica CA. Arnold, Misti and Marcella will be attending.

July 14-28: Canoe Journey Charlene would really like to see Council attend.

June 1-4: NCAI in Sparks, NV. Dave, Arnold, Misti and Charlene will attend. Council approved Glen Parker to attend as well.

July 14-16: 8th Annual NW Indian Gaming Conference & Expo (WIGA), LCCR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Committees & Commission Council representative appointments: Council made the following appointments for Council Representative positions on the following committees and commissions: Arnold Cooper and Dave Lopeman will serve on the Island Enterprises Board; Dave Lopeman will serve as ex-officio on the Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB); Misti Saenz-Garcia will serve on the Gaming Commission; Charlene Krise will serve on the Education Commission; Russell Harper will serve on the Housing Commission; Marcella Castro will serve on the One Percent Commission.

Island Enterprises Board appointment: IEI Board candidates will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Housing Committee Appointment: Housing has one vacant alternate position. Council appointed Jaime Adams to the alternate position

LEGAL

Kevin briefed and presented on behalf of the Squaxin Gaming Commission, **Resolution #08-35** which amends paragraph 9.9 of Appendix X2 of the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming. Arnold Cooper moved to approve resolution #08-35. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin presented **Resolution #08-36** which nominates Desmond Smith, Tribal Gaming Director, as the Squaxin Island Tribal representative to the Minimum Internal Controls (MICS) Advisory Committee. Charlene Krise moved to approve this appointment. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

Kevin presented **Resolution #08-37** which authorizes the agreement between Squaxin Island Tribe and the Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS), and the Squaxin Legal Department, as the designee of the Tribe, is authorized to select appellate judges under the terms of that Agreement. Russell Harper moved to approve this agreement. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENROLLMENT

Kevin Lyon, on behalf of Tammy Ford, Enrollment Clerk presented the following enrollment resolutions: **Resolution #08-38** enrolls Cyrus Austin Littlesun with full benefits, **Resolution #08-39**

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enrolls Christi Jean Aguinaga with full benefits, **Resolution #08-40** enrolls Evan Lance Ellerbe with full benefits, **Resolution #08-41** enrolls Zachary Hetzler II with full benefits, **Resolution #08-42** enrolls Anthony Joseph Ramirez with full benefits, **Resolution #08-43** enrolls Ana Marie and Anthony Andrew Pinon with full benefits, **Resolution #08-44** enrolls Candace Lee Ehrhard with full benefits, **Resolution #08-45** enrolls Audelia Marie Araiza with full benefits, and **Resolution #08-46** enrolls Ernest Leonard Pluff, Jr. on the five year wait. These enrollees all have been reviewed and approved by the Enrollment Committee. Arnold Cooper moved to approve all new enrollments. Misti Sanz-Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL *(continued)*

Kevin Lyon presented the unified harassment policy which will serve Tribal Government, Little Creek Casino and all of Island Enterprises. Kevin provided a copy for Council review. Once the policy is approved all tribal entities will incorporate in their employee handbook. Kevin will seek approval at the next Council meeting.

Kevin briefed on the history of the title ownership history of the Indian Shaker Church. Kevin explained the intentions of the previous Council in regards to obtaining the title of the church which will protect the property and will allow the land in to trust status. Council would like to meet with the church bishop to discuss future plans. Kevin provided discussion questions for Council regarding the relationship and responsibilities between the church and tribe; no further action will be taken until Council further discusses these topics.

Ray provided a property update. Council directed Ray to negotiate the best price of the land discussed. Ray will report at the next council meeting.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Council approved by consensus to donate a total of \$1,750 to Twana Machado for the Congressional Youth Leadership Counsel; \$500 of that amount will be donated from Council and the remaining \$1,250 will be donated from the One Percent Commission

LEGAL *(continued)*

Kevin handed out the animal control code. He has updated the code as per Councils request. Council will review and discuss at the next council meeting.

Kevin provided an update on the bonds, the closing will be done Wednesday, May 14th.

Kevin provided a litigation update.

LEGAL *(continued)*

Kevin provided **Resolution #08-47** which appoints Jim Peters to serve as the official delegate in all matters pertaining to the negotiation of remedies in the U.S. v. Washington culvert case and water

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litigation. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve this appointment. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(continued)*

Ray reported that USDA will be presenting a grant check at Arcadia Point, Wednesday May 15th.

Ray provided a BIA land update.

Council would like to hold another Visioning Session with the casino and Island Enterprises. Council training will be included with this trip. May 27-28 at Quinault Beach Resort; the first day will be training with Kevin Lyon and the second day will be for Island Enterprises and the Casino.

There being no further business, the May 8th meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.