

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer (<i>left at 1:30 p.m.</i>)
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

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the May 22, 2008 Council agenda. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council briefly discussed the Natural Resources buyers' ordinance. Council would like to meet with Natural Resources in the afternoon of the June 11 Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Lyon proposed a couple of changes. Vince Henry moved to approve the minutes as amended. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

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

May 29-30: Climate Change in the Northwest, in Seattle WA. Arnold will attend (*Arnold was unable to attend*).

June 1-4: NCAI Mid year Conference, in Sparks, NV. Arnold, Misti and Ray will attend (*Arnold was unable to attend*).

June 4-8: IEI Trip to GA Andron, Santa Monica, CA. Vince, Russell, Marcella, Misti, Charlene all will attend (*Russell and Charlene were unable to attend*).

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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June 9: MLRC Golf Tournament

June 10: 19th annual Centennial Accord meeting, held in Chehalis, WA. The chairman will attend a dinner at the governor's mansion on June 9. Charlene would like to see all Council members attend the Centennial Accord.

June 20: Sqwi Gwi, 5pm at the Little Creek Events Center. All of Council plans to attend.

July 1: Veterans Memorial Dedication. Invitations have been sent out to those involved with the memorial, as well as media and elected officials. Ray will check in to the status of security cameras.

July 14-28: Canoe Journey Discussed Council representation and coverage

July 14-16: 8th Annual NW Indian Gaming Conference & Expo (WIGA), Little Creek Resort.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Commendation for CRD: Ray reported that the previous Council wanted to show their appreciation to the Cultural Resource staff for their hard dedicated work on the Cemetery. Council agreed by consensus to cover their expenses for a weekend trip to the Inn at Spanish Head in Lincoln City, OR.

Olympia pole: Charlene shared photos of the carved totem pole, which the Burke Museum would like to loan to the Tribe. The MLRC conducted a survey at the General Body meeting requesting for tribal input on obtaining the Port of Olympia totem pole. The outcome was 50/50 "for and against." Russell stated the necessity of listening to the input from the carvers that did majority of the actual carving; and would like to see the carvers of the totem pole involved in the totem pole raising ceremony, if the Tribe were to accept it.

Charlene inquired about the totem pole at KTP; she stated the Museum would like to restore the pole. Council directed Ray to work with the Casino and Island Enterprises on getting the pole and the sign restored. The tribal signage at the tourism building and KTP entrance was also mentioned in need of paint.

Council discussed possible property acquisition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Island Enterprises Board Appointment: Arnold Cooper moved to appoint Mike Peters to the Island Enterprises Board. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

Elders Committee Council Representative: Misti Saenz-Garcia would like to be the Council representative. Charlene would like to be the Council alternate. Marcella would like to see Natural

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Resources open a special fishery for Oysterfest, so the Elders won't have to purchase fish again this year.

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Council agreed to donate oysters to Sqwi Gwi.

Housing appointment: Marcella Castro moved to appoint Tully Kruger as a Housing Committee alternate. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

Tourism appointment: Arnold will serve on the Tourism Board.

Ray reported that at the March 27th Council appointed an alternate to the One Percent Commission. He shared that commission does not recognize alternates.

Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 for expenses for Twohawks Krise Young.

Ray reported that the One Percent Commission is in the process of planning a social hour, inviting all who received funding this last year to attend. Dave would like to see this scheduled soon.

LCC Succession Program: Charlene read a brief response to Russell Harpers email sent to all Council members. Her response was for further discussion and review on the “Succession Program” at the upcoming Vision Session at Quinault.

LEGAL

Harassment Policy: Kevin handed out the policy for Council review at the last Council meeting. Council agreed by consensus to adopt the policy and Kevin will present a resolution at the next Council meeting.

Shaker Church: Kevin provided discussion questions for Council at the last meeting, with the recommendation that Council discuss those questions prior to the meeting with Shaker Church. The original direction to Legal was to create the circumstance where the property could be transferred to the tribe and put in to trust status, and the church would carry on business as usual. Council needs to discuss the intent of the tribe and what the tribe is willing to take responsibility of.

Russell shared he believes in the separation of church and state and would like to see the church hold their own fundraisers.

Animal Control Code: Kevin handed out for Councils review.

Attorney Contract Addendum: Kevin presented an increase he would like to make for the attorney contract of John Arum and Ziontz Law Firm, who is working on three water litigations at this time. This decision will be tabled until the next meeting to be sure funds are available.

LEGAL *(continued)*

Kevin presented **Resolution #08-48** which shows support of the Council to receive grant money to be used to clarify the off-reservation hunting and fishing rights. Arnold Cooper moved to approve resolution #08-48. Misti Saenz-Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Last year council approved the lease and sublease to Franks Landing, which were submitted to the BIA and granted approval. Kevin stated a signature is needed to submit those leases. A 2007 resolution is needed to accompany the leases; Council approved a 2007 resolution to be prepared for the previous Chairman signature.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES UPDATE

Bryan Johnson reported on the inter-governmental agreement with Franks Landing. He strongly supports the broad scope of the previous council regarding the needs of Franks Landing. Bryan meets with the Landing once a month and would like to invite Council to attend a meeting.

Per Council request, Bryan looked in to tribal member discount cards. He will provide a count of those cards and what kind of effect will be made, if the discount is increased.

Kevin and Bryan both discussed the briefing on the decision of Franks Landing. Council agreed by consensus for Kevin to forward with a letter to Nisqually's attorney.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Ed Fox, Mary Renville and Dennis Beardontwalk presented an ICW case. Council agreed by consensus with the recommendation of the Family Wellness Team regarding case # 01-01-016.

June O'Brien handed out a memo regarding treatment expansion funds to ADATSA. She briefed on the background of the treatment center and the contract with DASA to provide treatment. The contract includes several categories to provide treatment. ADATSA is easy to access; most people needing treatment can pass the standards to go through ADATSA for funding. The ADATSA funding is running low. Treatment expansion program have the opposite problem; there is lot of money but tough to qualify for access. June would like to request that the governor increase the flexibility of the Treatment expansion program. She is proposing that Council present this to the governor at the Centennial Accord.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Levi Sanchez requested from Council that he be allowed to have a firework stand, even though all of the spots are filled and it is past the deadline. Misti stated that the recommendation from the Fireworks Committee is to stay status quo, and to not make an exception this year. Council discussed the larger space the stands will occupy this year and the room for additional stands. Council agreed to open four additional spaces for fireworks stands with a deadline to sign up Friday, May 30; with a plan of expanding next year to thirty stands.

COUNCIL COMPENSATION POLICY

Russell Harper handed out the draft policy for Councils review. This will further be discussed at the Council Visioning.

LEGAL *(continued)*

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Harassment Policy: Kevin Lyon provided **Resolution #08-49** which approved the unified harassment policy that was presented earlier today. Arnold Cooper moved to approve resolution #08-49. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray reported on a potential property acquisition and the shellfish enhancement.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Vicki Kruger requested an Executive Session. Coming out of executive session, no action was taken.

MPA PROJECT UPDATE

Whitney Jones and Tom McCullough presented an update on the television project they have been working on for their Masters Program at The Evergreen State College. They have been doing research and conducted a survey on the need for a Squaxin Television Channel. Surveys were administered and they received about 250 respondents with 90% tribal members. The top three topics of interest that people would like to watch are: cultural programming, youth activities and traditional crafting. They received a high interest from the community of having a Squaxin TV Channel, but Hood Canal Communication (HCC) cannot easily broadcast to a reservation only channel. HCC has a local (Shelton area) channel that Squaxin activities could easily be included on the programming, but the community would like a channel that was broadcasts exclusively on the reservation. Council would like Tom and Whitney to look in to Lummi and Quinault who both have their own TV channel. Whitney and Tom will continue to look in to options if HCC is not feasible.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Ray reported on the Island Land acquisitions. The buffer zones were discussed and their appraised value which is usually between 30% and 50% of the timber value. Council gave direction to Ray to value the buffer zones at 50%.

Council gave Ray and Kevin the authority to negotiate on a potential property acquisition. Council gave direction of an offer which will be contingent on funding.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Will Penn asked Council if he could still serve as an alternate on the health board and housing commission. He would like to participate in the health board meetings and is requesting travel expenses. Council stated that Marcella will serve on the health board and there will be sufficient representation. If nobody is available and funds allow for, Council will consider sending Will periodically.

There being no further business, the May 22nd Council meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.