

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
May 24, 2007**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Jim Peters</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Russell Harper</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Will Penn</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Pete Kruger</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member (<i>travel</i>)</b>
<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>

**Executive Director**

**Ray Peters**

**Deputy Director**

**Don Whitener**

**Legal Counsel**

**Stephanie Nichols**

**Nate Schrinier**

**Recording Secretary**

**Melissa Puhn**

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Rhonda Foster presented the oath of office to Council Vice Chairman Arnold Cooper. Arnold accepted the oath in the witness of Tribal Council.

Council training with Legal will be scheduled at the next Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Charlene Krise moved to approve the May 24, 2007 Council agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vince Henry moved to approve the April 26, 2007 Council minutes as amended. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Russell Harper moved to approve the May 10, 2007 Council minutes. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**May 29 – May 31<sup>st</sup>, Meeting with MultiMedia & Little Creek Casino** in Austin TX. Jim Peters, Arnold Cooper, Russell Harper, Charlene Krise, Ray Peters, Cameron Goodwin, Mark West, and Nate Shrinier will attend.

Will Penn plans to attend the ICW Consultation with Whitney Jones next week, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)**

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**Sgwi Gwi** is **June 1<sup>st</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. in the Skookum Creek Events Center.

**Tribal Justice and Safety Conference, June 4-6<sup>th</sup>** at the Little Creek Casino.

**Council Meeting with the Elders, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, 12:30 p.m. at the Elders Lunchroom

**Tribal Program Development luncheon, June 8<sup>th</sup>**, at The Evergreen State College. Jim Peters will attend.

**National Congress of American Indians, June 10-13<sup>th</sup>** in Anchorage, AK. Vince Henry Pete Kruger and Will Penn will attend.

**Council Lunch with Mason County Commissioners, June 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Little Creek Casino.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting** will be held at the Oyster Company.

**Centennial Accord, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, at the Little Creek Casino

**Emergency Management Training, June 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Council Lounge

**Attorney General Rob McKenna** would like to meet with Council on **June 26**.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Indian Gaming Conference (WIGA), July 16-18**, at the Little Creek Casino.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Regional Enrollment Conference, September 27-28<sup>th</sup>**, held at the Suquamish Clearwater Resort.

### CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

**Tribal member request:** Charlene Krise provided an update on a tribal member seeking assistance. Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 to this individual.

**Canoe Family Update:** Jim Peters briefed Council on his recent meeting with the Canoe Family. They discussed the planning process of potentially hosting the 2012 Journey. Jim would like to see Council meet regularly with the Canoe Family for a year and re-evaluate the potential for hosting such an event. The Puyallup Tribe is interested in co-hosting. Jim feels that hiring an organizer for this event would be appropriate. The Canoe Family has a meeting scheduled with Council, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Museum will coordinate. The Planning Department needs to be included at the meetings. Council briefly discussed possible corporate sponsorships. Charlene also stated they are anticipating approximately fourteen canoes to launch at Arcadia Point this year. The Canoe Family would like to provide lunch and dinner for the attendees which may number up to 400. Charlene asked Council be present to greet and send off the canoes. Charlene would like to see each Council member participate this year.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

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**Cultural Resources Meeting:** Rhonda Foster and Larry Ross provided an update on the Indian Graves Bill. Representative John McCoy met with Rhonda and Larry and several other tribes. Larry briefed on the changes to the amended bill. Jim agreed to assist with meeting potential groups who may oppose the Graves Bill; stating the penalties of destroying a grave site.

**Fireworks:** Ray wanted to clarify with Council the fireworks committee recommendation not charging vendors who deliver to stand owners, only charge the \$1200 to vendors who park their canisters onsite. Council is okay with the recommendation.

**Political Donation requests:** Charlene moved to approve the following political donations; \$1,000 for Governor Christine Gregoire; \$250 for Representative Judy Clibborn, Representative John McCoy, Representative Sherry Appleton, Representative Sam hunt, Representative Frank Chopp, Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, Senator Time Sheldon, Senator Claudia Kauffman, Senator Margarita Prentice and Representative Hans Dunshee; and \$200 for Representative Mike Armstrong, Representative John Lovick, Representative Zack Hudgins, Representative Dave Upthegrove, Representative Alex Wood, Representative Ed Murray and Representative Tracey Eide. Will Penn seconded the motion approving the political donations. The motion carried unanimously.

Council will present Kelly Croman Neelands with a Pendleton blanket to show appreciation for her dedicated work to the Tribe.

**National Indian Gaming Association:** Ray shared a letter he received from NIGA which Legal is reviewing. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Cameron Goodwin. Legal will prepare a response letter for the Chairman's signature.

**Council Budget:** Ray provided Council a copy of their current budget.

**Fuel Litigation:** Stephanie Nichols provided a fuel litigation update. Charlene Krise moved to dismiss the state's appeal and seek authorization on behalf of the Tribe for Kelly Croman to sign the Stipulated Motion to Dismiss Appeal. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim suggested Kelly Croman draft a letter to Governor Gregoire thanking her for all the hard work she put in to this case.

**Island Enterprises:** Ray proposed an investment option within the current investment policy. Vince Henry moved to approve this investment option in concurrence with the investment policy. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**LCOB Update:** Ray handed out the minutes from the April 24<sup>th</sup> LCOB Meeting for Council review.  
**PLANNING**

Tracy Parker presented **Resolution #07-33** which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program to address the critical need for additional funds to support the Squaxin Island Public Safety and Justice Department.

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Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #07-33. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Scroggins presented **Resolution #07-34** which authorizes the Squaxin long-range transportation plan be updated, and **Resolution #07-35** which authorizes the Squaxin road inventory be updated. Charlene moved to approve both Resolutions #07-34 and #07-35. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TA HA BUTS LEARNING CENTER

Kim Cooper and Walt Archer provided an update on graduates. They have a total of ten high school graduates this year. Kim and Walt have been facilitating the graduates to turn in the confirmations. Council discussed higher education students and greater incentive awards. After extensive discussion, Will Penn moved to approve bachelor or four year students to receive \$2000 upon graduation; or an option to receive \$1000 once they earn junior status or ninety credits, and receive the remaining \$1000 upon graduation. Effective now. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding community members. This question will be sent to the education commission.

Walt Archer reported the Griffin School District is now offering full day optional kindergarten, with a fee of \$286/month. Walt reported he was approached about the tribe assisting tribal members with that fee. The Council feels they already subsidize childcare and it is the choice of tribal members whether or not to utilize the service.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John Taylor presented the Emergency Operations Plan. He will present Council with a resolution at the next Council Meeting.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Patty Suskin presented **Resolution #07-36** which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Washington Health Foundation. Will Penn moved to approve the resolution and to look in to ways to reduce the indirect costs. Russell Harper seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Charlene Krise was out of the room.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES *(continued)*

Ray provided an update on ICW. He gave an update on the consultation Whitney Jones will be attending regarding ICW federal funding. Will plans to attend also. Council directed Will if new options come up, he needs to bring those options back to Council for review.

### ENROLLMENT

## **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Council went in to Executive Session. Following Executive Session, Council agreed by consensus to respond to the Court by letting the Court know Council will, within ninety (90) days from May 24, 2007, will schedule a date for a referendum to pose the question of defining and limiting Tribal enrollment to the general body. Jim and Council members will request a meeting with the tribal elders and pose the question to them regarding enrollment issues.

### **CENTER FOR WORLD INDIGENOUS STUDIES (CWIS)**

Rudolph Ryser from CWIS presented the American Indian Caregiver Stress and Health Study, which was in part supported by the Squaxin Island Tribe. CWIS conducted a two year exploratory study of the effectiveness of holistic healing among American Indian family caregivers. Rudolph handed out a health survey and asked Council to participate.

### **WOMEN'S SPIRIT COALITION**

Dee Koester and Gloria Hill presented the Women's Spirit Coalition, a program for victims of domestic violence. They will be holding a Domestic Violence Conference at the Little Creek Casino this fall. Gloria wanted to make sure Squaxin Law Enforcement personnel were properly trained in this area.

### **TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS**

A tribal member was present seeking ICW assistance. Legal will review this case and try to provide an option by the following week.

A tribal member was present seeking personal assistance. Ray will look in to emergency assistance through the Clinic. Council will further discuss what other sources can be tapped into and get back to this individual.

There being no further business the May 24, 2007 Council Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.