

**Squaxin Island Tribal Council
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2006**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

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

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Deputy Director

Dave Whitener, Sr.

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn, sitting in for J. Ruby Fuller

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer. Russell Harper offered a prayer for a tribal member.

Minutes/Agenda

Andy Whitener moved to approve the meeting agenda with a few additions, and Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Vince Henry moved to approve the May 25th Council Meeting minutes as amended and the June 15th phone poll. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Travel Reports and Plans

Washington Indian Gaming Conference, June 25-26 in Yakima, WA. Andy Whitener is planning on attending, along with Kevin Lyon and Kelly Croman.

Veterans Flag Blessing, June 26th at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Site. All of Council is encouraged to attend.

Surveillance Open House, June 28th at noon in the Little Creek Hotel Skookum Ballroom B, tours will be given after lunch.

Northwest Indian Gaming Conference, July 24-26, in Tacoma WA, Andy Whitener, Jim Peters, Charlene Krise and Kelly Croman plan on attending.

Travel Reports and Plans *(Continued)*

Building Green: Sustainable & Innovation Design for Northwest Tribes, July 11 – 13 at the Little Creek Casino Resort. Washington DC HUD will be planning a tour with Council. Jim Peters encouraged Council to attend this conference. Planning Director, Brian Thompson will be attending.

Northwest Indian Gaming Conference July 24-26 in Tacoma, WA.

First Salmon Ceremony will be held August 11th, at the Arcadia Boat Ramp.

SalmonFest will be held August 19th at the Little Creek Events Center.

Chairman's Update

Administrative Leave was tabled until all of Council was present.

Hunting Regulations: Pete Kruger presented the 2006-2007 Annual Hunting Regulations. There were no changes from the last year's regulations. Charlene moved to approve the 2006-2007 Hunting Regulations, and Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Fishing Regulations: Joe Peters presented the 2006-2007 Annual Fishing Regulations. Joe briefed Council on the few minor additions. Andy Whitener moved to approve the regulations, and Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against. Joe went over the 2006 pre-season forecast for chum and coho salmon return run. He also went over how their forecast compares with the previous years.

Council sponsored dinner Rick Peters requested that Council help him put on a dinner of appreciation to honor those who had helped him create his multimedia CD. Rick had suggested the date of July 14th, and Council agreed by consensus to move forward, and to have the dinner funded by the one percent committee (*This dinner was later changed to July 20th*).

Council Pictures will be done at the July 13th Council Meeting.

Shellfish Settlement Agreement: Jim reported that they are preparing for the signing ceremony, which will be held around July 6th or 7th. Squaxin Island Tribe has not ratified this agreement yet, and it was suggested that Council meet with the Shellfish Committee one more time to determine if any changes to the agreement will be necessary. The meeting will be held June 28th at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. Natural Resources will contact the Shellfish Committee.

Executive Director Update

Emergency Management Training for Council will be held on July 12th, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center.

SalmonFest The Tourism Board met and SalmonFest is progressing along well. There will be live events, vendors and cultural activities. Jim asked if a letter could be sent out to all Tribal Chairperson's inviting them to this event, and to include two admission tickets. Ray will draft a letter for Jims signature.

Evening with Capital Land Trust Charlene briefed on the event which will be held at the Museum on June 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Tourism Director Leslie Johnson presented the Tourism Committee by-laws. Russell Harper will be the alternate for Will Penn on the Committee. Council approved the board membership by consensus. By request, the by-laws will be reviewed one more time, and will be brought back to Council for approval at a later date.

Enrollment

Tammy Ford presented the following enrollment applications; **Resolution #06-56A** which approves the enrollment of Tayla Rose Logan with full benefits, **#06-57** approves the enrollment of Priscilla Dolores-James with full benefits, **#06-58** approves the enrollment of Mario Antonio Castillo with full benefits, and **#06-59** approves the enrollment of Mary Elena Cruz with full benefits. Charlene Krise moved to approve these enrollments, and Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Tammy brought forth a request from a tribal member regarding the five year wait on new enrollees. This tribal member was asking for an exception, given their particular case. Council took no action.

Planning Department

Brian Thompson presented two resolutions for approval. The first, **Resolution #06-60** approves, through SPIPA, the submission a new five year proposal to the U.S.

Department of Health & Human Services ACF for funding to provide support to enhance the tribal TANF programs. The second, **Resolution #06-61** supports the submission of a grant application to the US DHS SAFER Program, to address the need for two additional firefighters to support Fire District #4. Andy Whitener moved to approve these two resolutions, and Charlene Krise seconded the motion of approval. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 0 against.

Brian provided a brief progress report on the Skookum Bridge replacement.

Planning Department *(Continued)*

Andy Whitener inquired about the SPITHA Building. Brian reported that they are in the process of moving to a building in Aberdeen, and will provide a vacate date soon.

Andy also asked about the possibility of a tribal member building their own house on a lot within the reservation. Brian reported that all of the available lots have houses built already.

Vince Henry asked about the plans for a playground. Brian stated that there are locations reserved for playgrounds, but there are no plans of yet.

Legal Department

Kelly Croman and Dan Neelands presented a building code revision. This revision will replace the current building code, which Kelly briefed on. She then presented **Resolution #06-62** which repeals chapter 11.16 of the Squaxin Island Tribal Building Code, and adopted in its place the amended Building Code, effective immediately. Charlene Krise moved to approve the new Building Code, and Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kelly also presented a list of suggested campaign contributions. She briefed on each candidate. Council approved the following contributions; Representative Frank Chopp, Representative Jeff Morris, Representative Deb Wallace, Representative John McCoy, Representative Hans Dunshee, Representative Ed Murray, Representative Sherry Appleton, Representative John Lovick, Representative Dave Upthegrove, Representative Maralyn Chase, Senator Tim Sheldon, Senator Margarita Prentice, Senator Luke Esser, Senator Tracey Eide, Representative Pat Sullivan, Representative Brendan Williams, Lilian Kaufter, and Judge Ann Hirsch.

Kelly provided an update on WIGA. There will be a tribal leaders meeting next week with the Governor. Jim and Andy are planning on attending.

Kevin Lyon provided a land trust litigation update. Kevin discussed a particular case, and the high costs involved. Council directed Ray to work with Kevin to allocate money for this case and future litigations. It was suggested to create a litigation account, to cover such expenses in the future.

Kevin requested guidance on a particular adoption case. By Council direction, Kevin will modify the Adoption Code to allow a child to be adopted by a step-parent, along with a birth parent. Kevin will present back to Council for approval at a later date.

A Tribal Member was present to ask for assistance. He is in the process of working with Human Resources to get a job, and is now facing difficult times. Under Councils direction, Ray will look in to emergency housing, and also Council will donate \$500 to this tribal member.

Island Enterprises Incorporated

Bob Whitener Jr. presented the 2005 Financial Statements and Audit Reports for Island Enterprises and for Skookum Creek Tobacco Company. He reported that there were no findings.

Bob provided an update on Salish Seafoods. They are looking for a steel barge to purchase. They have been working with the Natural Resources Department to find places to harvest shellfish. He also provided an update on Kamilche Trading Post, which is doing well. The Tobacco Factory is fully operational now; they have fully trained machinists who are doing very well. Bryan Johnson presented a report on tobacco sales.

Tribal Gaming Update

Mike O'Donnell reminded Council of the Surveillance Open House next week, June 28th at 11:30 a.m. Mike also reported that their fingerprinting system will be installed next week, as well as the new tracking system for gaming machines which is up and running. They also have hired an internal auditor, who is working out very well.

Executive Director *(Continued)*

Property Update Ray Peters and Bob Whitener Jr. provided a property acquisition update.

Bob reported that he will be working on the Island Enterprises Annual Operation Plan, he is planning on having the draft complete by August 16th, at which time he will present to Council for approval.

Dave Whitener Sr. reported on the Canoe Family Meeting he attended yesterday. The by-laws were presented and elections were conducted. The Canoe Family requested a change in the by-laws to allow community members to be on the committee. It was decided that as per tribal policy, all committee members must be tribal members. Council discussed the hosting of the canoe journey in 2012, and would like to meet with the Canoe Family to discuss logistics and costs. Russell Harper will let the Canoe Family know.

Political Donation There will be a dinner honoring William Clinton to raise money for Senator Maria Cantwell on July 31st. Russell Harper and a guest will attend. Ray will contact the NWIFC to see about a seat.

Fireworks Security Ray reported on Fireworks, he stated that Tully Kruger offered to bring his trailer down to the stands, and watch the stands at night. Council agreed for him to stay on property if the fireworks committee approves. Also that Tully would need to have proper communication with Law Enforcement for any assistance needed.

Executive Director *(Continued)*

Andy Whitener brought up a concern regarding private tidelands and was looking for Council direction. Jim encouraged Andy to pursue the beaches of interest for Squaxin Island's share of the resources.

Ray asked Council for permission to allow non-essential employees to take Administrative Leave for next Monday, July 3rd. Vince Henry moved to approve Administrative Leave for July 3rd and Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 for and 1 against.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.