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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
ISLAND ENTERPRISES
July 11, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Dave Lopeman	Chairman (<i>left at 1:00</i>)
	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 (<i>9:45 a.m.- 1:00</i>)
Executive Director	Ray Peters	
Island Enterprises	Bobby Whitener	
	Bryan Johnson	
	Dave Johns	
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	
Legal Counsel	Kevin Lyon (<i>left at noon</i>)	
Natural Resources	Andy Whitener	
	Jeff Dickison	
	Eric Sparkman	

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

Bryan Johnson provided a financial update on Franks Landing; well beyond the “break even” point with the Landing. He reported on carton sales and upcoming fireworks season at the Landing.

Kevin added that a response was received regarding the letter Squaxin sent to Nisqually; they declined the offer stated in the letter and decided to move forward with the case. Arnold asked if the Nisqually Council would be willing to sit with the Squaxin Council to try and resolve the Franks Landing issue.

Bobby briefly spoke with Nisqually regarding a co-manufacturing partnership.

Council went in to executive session.

Bryan provided statistics on the tribal discount cards; ten cents for tribal members and five cents for employees; including the costs of the discount card to Island Enterprises. Discussed new discount cards and Bryan feels that the five cent discount cards are sufficient; and the change would be made to the ten cent discount card. IEI proposed to increase the ten cent discount cards to fifteen cents. Arnold suggested a twenty five cent discount, which would be tough for IEI to absorb those costs.

Bobby explained that Council can vote to not charge tribal gas tax to Squaxin tribal members, which would be a twenty-six cent discount. There would need to be third card for SIT members only. Dave suggested to leave the tribal discount at ten cents and increase the Squaxin tribal members

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discount. Council would like to increase the discount for Squaxins' to twenty five cents. Ray will provide the tax revenue chart at tomorrows meeting, showing what this will impact.

Kevin asked about the refund that might be available to tribal members regarding treaty fishing rights taxes. Individuals purchasing gas for treaty fishing non highway purposes can save the receipt and get reimbursed for the taxes paid. Kevin will provide the information tomorrow for Council.

Clary property update: Bobby reported on the three different options regarding the land. Council decided in the past to purchase any land that was contiguous to the tribe. Bobby reported on the discussions about the use of the Clary property. Option one was that Cameron would purchase the property for use of the Casino and potential uses would include RV Park, overflow parking, office space, rodeo use; if the property was assigned to the Casino, that is what it may be used for. Option two for IEI would move the IEI office to that site, build a distribution center, retail area, additional manufacturing, storage. IEI would trade assets with the government, giving the IEI house back to the house. Legal would then move in to the IEI house. Option three is to have IEI and LCC recognize the property value to the relationship of the property to the Casino. Build business that help the casino, but not take from the casino. Interim storage for the Casino, business center and resort activities such as adventure, zip lines, alpine slides, ATV/horseback rides, etc. partner with tribal member businesses.

Marshall Property and house: Bobby and maintenance crew went through the house and it may not be worth saving. Discussed boarding the house up and keeping an eye on it. If the house is not a good structure, Ray made the recommendation to Council to demolish the house. Ray made the suggestion to offer the house to the fire department to do practice burns.

The pool on the Clary property could be set up for tribal members to use, no lifeguards and proper signage.

The legal office could be potentially made in to a halfway house.

Charlene would like to be sure that the Council is looking ahead in the future for the use of this land, and to be sure that there is sufficient use for the future generation. Discussed hiring a consultant to do a themed concept of the property.

Discussed Sonic Burger on the Marshall Property.

Bobby discussed the need of a Casino shuttle for hotel guests to the Museum, Arcadia Point for Kamilche Adventures, etc.

Bobby is looking for a tentative direction of which option to pursue on the Clary Property to begin the planning process. Marcella would like to see what the community feels and get their opinion. Bobby stated that he would like to get the architectural renderings done and present to the general body for their thoughts; public hearing/open house. Bobby would like to see a public hearing just for this project.

Council likes the option three of resort development; keeping the aesthetic values, building partnerships and always looking forward, keeping the community involved. Charlene asked about

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the request that went out asking for tribal members input on starting a business; she would like to see a summary of the responses. She also would like to see a professional RFP on that area, keeping it themed. Council asked Bobby to expand on option three and present the ideas back to Council.

Dave and Rod both presented the geoduck enhancement 5-year proposals. Dave handed out the proposal and map of the island. Dave and Eric surveyed and marked points on the island and Dave went over the different locations and shared where the prime locations are. This geoduck fishery would be an intertidal fishery open to anyone willing and able to dig geoduck. Business wise, this fishery would be run the same as any other fishery. One of Council's concern is that this would not necessarily benefit every tribal member; rather a handful of diggers. Another concern is that there should be more enhancement of manila clams before money is invested in another shellfishery.

Dave Johns, Jeff Dickison and Andy presented the buyers ordinance. Andy handed out the draft Intertidal Shellfish Buyers Permit Agreement for Council's review. Andy stated that Kevin is still working on it. This ordinance will allow SIPD to stop any buyer for a weight check. Andy went over the ordinance, still in draft form. This ordinance will be reviewed by the Shellfish and Aquatics Committee. This was handed out as informational only. Council would like to see fin-fish included with this ordinance if possible.

Eric handed out the clam enhancement program. Andy briefed on the program and Council discussed the labor necessary; contracting workers, community service and utilizing volunteers (Marcella suggested tribal volunteers). Council needs to determine what to do with the money (the 1M up front included with the 13M); project orientated (one large project to use all M), or divvy it up amongst five years. NR would like to see the 1M divided up amongst the five years and enhance current projects.

Andy also handed out the tentative dig schedule. Arnold would like the dig schedule to go out to tribal members.

Andy gave a Dahman property update.

Council will act on the enhancement plan at tomorrows meeting.

Dave asked about Kamilche Adventures. Could Jeremy use the compound out at Arcadia Point for his business, he would like to rent a space reserved for his van, trailer and kayaks. Arnold will ask Jeremy about renting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.