

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

**Jim Peters
Arnold Cooper
Vince Henry, Sr.
Russell Harper
Will Penn
Pete Kruger
Charlene Krise**

**Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary (*left at 3:00*)
Treasurer (*arrived at 9:40*)
1st Council Member (*arrived at 10:00*)
2nd Council Member
3rd Council Member**

**Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary**

**Ray Peters
Don Whitener
Kevin Lyon
Melissa Puhn**

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the June 14, 2007 Council agenda with additions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vince Henry moved to approve the May 24, 2007 minutes as amended. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against. .

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

National Congress of American Indians, June 10-13, in Anchorage, AK. Pete Kruger, Will Penn and Glen Parker attended. Pete reported that while there, he presented a resolution pertaining to hunting; which was passed. He will provide a copy of the resolution at the next Council Meeting. NCAI was well attended with over 1100 attendees

Lifestyle Balance Honoring, June 14, at 5:00 p.m. held at the Little Creek Casino. All of Council would like to attend.

Centennial Accord, June 19th, at the Little Creek Casino. Council, Ray and Kevin will all be attending.

Council Emergency Management Training, June 21, 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

TRAVEL REPORTS (*continued*)

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Attorney General Rob McKenna would like to meet with Council, **June 26th in Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m.** Kevin Lyon and Bob Whitener Jr. will also attend.

7th Annual Northwest Indian Gaming Conference (WIGA), July 16-18, at the Little Creek Casino. All of Council will attend.

The 4th Annual Northwest Regional Enrollment Conference, September 27-28th, held at the Suquamish Clearwater Resort. Charlene Krise would like to attend.

June 27th Kevin will provide Council training in Council Chambers following the IEI/LCC Council Meeting,

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Enrollment: Council briefly discussed the recent meeting with the Elders regarding the five year wait enrollment issue. Will stated the Elders will report back to Council regarding their final decision. Legal will compile the pros and cons of the five year wait and an enrollment committee, as well as information regarding the voting process.

Kevin provided a brief update on the petition filed; upon direction of Council, he filed a response stating this is not the way to make a claim. The court has no jurisdiction to direct Council, unless Council violates the constitution. Council is moving forward with the referendum, and agreed to set a date within ninety days. Jim would like to wait until the next meeting to discuss this further.

Donation requests: Charlene Krise moved to approve the following donations; \$250 for the Shoalwater Bay Powwow, held July 14th; \$200 for the Pressure Fundamental Development youth basketball team; and \$500 for the Shelton Tornados Soccer Team. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the donation request from a tribal family seeking assistance with funeral expenses. Ray will respond to the family stating the funeral subsidy has recently been increased, and Council does not have an avenue to provide additional assistance in order to stay consistent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Council training with Legal is scheduled for June 27th, following the Casino/IEI Meeting in Council Chambers. This annual training will cover the roles and responsibilities of the Council.

Land acquisition: Ray provided an update on a potential land acquisition. Council asked Ray to develop the details further and report back.

Ray presented another potential land acquisition which Island Enterprises is interested in.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

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LCOB Candidates: Ray reported at the May LCOB Meeting, it was decided even though the Little Creek Oversight Board is actually a Commission; it will continue to be called a “board.” The two community member vacancies were discussed; the only recommendation LCOB had regarding the interested individuals was they felt there was a conflict of interest with Casino employees and gaming employees serving on the board. Qualified applicants will be requested to submit a letter of interest and will be discussed at the June 28th Council Meeting. A letter of thanks will be sent to the remaining applicants.

Emergency Management: At the May 24th Council meeting, John Taylor presented a new revision to the SIT Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for Councils review. Ray presented the final resolution for their consideration. Pete Kruger moved to approve **Resolution # 07-39**, adopting the new revision to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, dated May 2007, Change 2, in its entirety as the Squaxin Island Tribe’s foundation document. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against. Charlene Krise was out of the room.

The Emergency Response Plan was provided for Council reading.

TANF Update: Ray provided an update on the TANF Grant Negotiation with the State of Washington. He gave a historical review of the program, telling the Council that over the past three years, Squaxin set up and has been operating our own TANF program – intended to provide aid in removing employment barriers to native families. This agreement with the State was for three years and will end August 2007. He briefed Council on the history of the negotiations with the State thus far for funding of the Squaxin TANF Program as part of a consortium through SPIPA. A draft agreement was created by appointed representatives from the three participating Tribes; these representatives met with the state to negotiate the draft document on May 21st. Another draft is being developed as a result of that meeting and another negotiation meeting will take place on Thursday, June 21st. A final draft will be presented to the Tribal Council on June 28th for approval prior to signing the agreement with the State. A copy of the funding request for the Unique Needs of Squaxin Island Tribe was distributed for review. These funds are in addition to the TANF grant and will be negotiated with the State as a separate item.

Tax revenue update: Council went in to Executive Session. No action taken.

Letter to Tribal Council: Council discussed a letter received regarding Natural Resources. No action taken.

Council had extensive discussion regarding shellfish and the tribal economic needs. Charlene stated it would be prudent that Council analyze the amount of shellfish dollars and pounds of shellfish brought in by tribal members; number of harvesters; and current harvestable tidelands. This would provide a better understanding of the current and future generations’ economic needs.

Jim Peters would like to see Natural Resources update the numbers based on eligible harvesters, and what it would take to provide a certain income on average for a year. Then analyze the number of new harvesters that are coming up in the next five years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

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Regional Wastewater System: Ray provided an update on the estimated water usage at the Casino. Ray briefed on the current flows and the operation of the MBR.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following enrollment resolutions; **Resolution #07-40** enrolling Kamela Lee Byrd with full benefits; **Resolution #07-41** enrolling Cedar Korndorfer with full benefits; **Resolution #07-42** enrolling Mary Jane Monahan with full benefits; **Resolution #07-43** enrolling Darrius James Rau with full benefits; **Resolution #07-44** enrolling Elizabeth Campbell (Araiza) with full benefits; **Resolution #07-45** enrolling Kui Lee Tahkeal, Sr. with the five year wait; and **Resolution #07-46** enrolling Charlotte Sky, Percina Erin and Adonis Michael Bradley all with full benefits. Charlene Krise moved to approve all of the new enrollments. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Andy Whitener shared with Council the Shellfish Settlement signing will take place July 6th. He invited them to attend. Kevin provided an update on the settlement. Andy provided an update on the Shellfish Committee.

Inter-Governmental Agreement: Andy Whitener, Jeff Dickison and John Konovsky presented Council the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the city of Shelton and the Squaxin Island Tribe, establishing a scientific framework for evaluating water resources of mutual interest. Jeff provided a brief history. The agreement was provided to Council for their review. Natural Resources will seek approval at the next Council meeting. If approved, a signing ceremony held June 29th at the Shelton Civic Center.

Jeff Dickison presented **Resolution #07-47**, authorizing the submission of a funding request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for implementation of a Tribal Forest and Fish Report project. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #07-47. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed with Natural Resources the tribal hunting rights. Jim would like to discuss this at the Centennial Accord next week (*later decided to discuss at a separate meeting*). This will need to be discussed with the Fish & Wildlife Commission. Jim will meet with Natural Resources next Monday.

Jeff Dickison shared with Council Natural Resources is in the process of planning the Tribal Water Advocacy Conference this fall, hosted by the Tribe. There will be a planning meeting June 25th, which Council is invited to. Jeff is looking for interested Council members who would be willing to participate in the conference.

PLANNING

2007 Indian Housing Plan: Brian Thompson handed out the FY07 Indian Housing Plan and provided a break down of where funds are going. Brian presented **Resolution #07-48** authorizing

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the submission of the Indian Housing Plan for the Squaxin Island Tribal Housing Program, for fiscal year 2007 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #07-48. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

Brian presented **Resolution #07-49 and #07-50** both of which refer to two piece of property the Tribe has purchased within the Tribe's Land Consolidation area and requesting that the United States accept title to the described real property in trust for the Squaxin Island Tribe. Pete Kruger moved to approve these two resolutions. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian presented **Resolution #07-51** which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Meth grant program. Charlene Krise moved to approve resolution #07-51. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian presented **Resolution #07-52** which authorizes the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department o Justice Offices of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne grant program. Charlene Krise moved to approve resolution #07-52. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian presented **Resolution #07-53** which authorizes the submission of a grant to the fiscal year 2007 Indian Community Block Grant under the Public Facilities and Improvement Projects in support of the Cultural and Natural Resource Facility. Will Penn moved to approve resolution #07-53. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Housing Siding Project Update: Brian provided an update on the tribal housing siding project. Planning obtained a grant though HUD to replace defective siding. One stipulation of the grand is the tenants must qualify for low income. Brian will continue to pursue funding for homes that are not considered low income. This project will be completed this coming summer.

Utilities Update: Brian will be providing an update to Ray next week on how to cover the operating costs for the new water system once it is running.

Council inquired about a tribal member with a housing concern. Brian will review the tribal members file and look in to this particular situation.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

A tribal member was present to seek a temporary spousal permit for clam digs during her pregnancy. Arnold Cooper moved to approve this medical exemption for the one year requirement for spousal assistance in result of her pregnancy and her hypertension condition. This tribal member will need to

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provide Natural Resources with the proper paperwork. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. She also inquired about emergency housing. Council will look in to her situation and get back to her.

A tribal member was present seeking assistance for funding multi-vitamins for expectant mothers. Jim would like to see what programs can be utilized. Ray will check with the clinic and report back to Council.

CONSTRUCTION

Simmons Road Update: Mike Poier presented a map of the proposed Lynch Road connection. Mike reported that Washington Department of Transportation funded a feasibility study and this was the best option. Charlene would like to see a round-a-bout at the new intersection to help alleviate the heavy traffic during events.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Council went in to executive session; no action was taken.

LEGAL

Kevin advised Council of his intention to present a memorandum of incorporation to LCOB for its review, approval, and recommendation to Council; adopting Appendix Colville and other competitive elements.

Kevin presented the LCOB Delegation provisions in draft form. Council agreed to continue its review and to consider approval at the next Council meeting.

Kevin presented and Council approved the South Sound Shellfish Settlement trust fund agreement and distribution. The consent decree and the minimum density settlements for little neck and manila clams, geoduck and oyster.

Kevin explained the alternate dispute resolution process being considered in *US v. WA* at Suquamish for intra-tribal allocation matters. The Chairman and Kevin will attend.

Kevin reported that all of the title issues have been resolved regarding the Indian Shaker Church property. Legal will meet with the Portland BIA next week to discuss the best path for fee to trust for the church property. Council needs to consider whether to take the title in the interim. Kevin alerted Council to a host of liability issues including fire hazard and poor roof and foundation.

Kevin provided an update on the petition to rescind the five year wait. He will return with a briefing paper and date for the referendum.