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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
June 26, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
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

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:25 p.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the June 26, 2008 Council agenda. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the June 12, 2008 Council Minutes as amended. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and (0) against.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Cameron Goodwin, Desi Smith, Cindy Avril and an auditor from Moss Adams were present to discuss the new audit standards and how it will impact the casino and government. Cameron stated that if Council has any specific questions regarding the audit to contact Desi who is fully in charge of the audit.

Ray briefly discussed the direction from LCOB to Cameron to fill the Marketing Director position. Ray suggested that by this time next month, it should be filled.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

June 30: Lunch with County Commissioners, 11:00 am, at the Little Creek Hotel.

July 1: Veterans Memorial Dedication, 1:00 p.m.

July 7-9: Council Work Session, Little Creek Casino, in the Squiatl Room.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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July 14-28: Canoe Journey Council would like to discuss coverage during the Journey. These details will be further discussed at the work session.

July 14-16: 8th Annual NW Indian Gaming Conference & Expo (WIGA), at the Little Creek Casino. Marcella will attend.

August 1: First Salmon Ceremony, at Arcadia Point.

August 14: Per Capita distribution. No exceptions will be made for any to be handed out early.

August 19-22: 2nd National Conference on Child Protection & Child Welfare in Indian Country, Billings, MT. Marcella, Misti and Charlene will attend.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Dave Lopeman updated on Franks Landing.

Council agreed to purchase a gas barbeque for the elders.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Housing Work Session: Brian would like to set a date for a 3-4 hour housing discussion. Ray will keep this on his update and perhaps set a date in August.

Potlatch Fund Gala: This request will be sent to the One Percent Committee.

Packwood property: Ray shared a letter received from a family who is interested in purchasing the tribes property in Packwood. Ray will respond and tell them the tribe is not interested in selling.

Whitener Road property: Council agreed by consensus for Ray to move forward with negotiations on this potential land acquisition.

Budget update: Ray provided a Council budget update.

Parking Lot: Ray provided the list that was discussed at the last work session. A draft agenda will be completed and circulated next week.

Tribal Vehicles: Ray reported that a GSA van will be ordered with a wheel chair lift for the elders.

Ray reported that Bonneville Power Association (BPA) is planning on doing some work on the power lines. They requested from the tribe to lease some property to use as a staging area for equipment while they are working on the project. Ray will contact BPA for further details and get back to Council.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE *(continued)*

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Ray reported that Tom's Outboard is not eligible for GSA purchasing. Ray will put out a policy stating that buyers must be tribal and pre-pay in full at the tribal center. Council discussed the potential buying power for the tribe and if the tribe could buy large items in bulk and sell to tribal members allowing for a savings.

LEGAL

Kevin updated on Franks Landing.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following enrollment resolutions, all of which were approved at the last Enrollment Committee Meeting. **Resolution #08-65** enrolls JayAnna Diane & Elsie Jeanne Gamber both on the five year wait; **Resolution #08- 66** enrolls Victoria Rodriguez with full benefits; **Resolution #08-67** enrolls Terasa Kenyon Pinon with full benefits. **Resolution #08-72** enrolls Sophie and Chloe Martin, both with full benefits. Russell Harper moved to approve these enrollment applications. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Brian presented the following resolutions:

Brian Thompson and Lynn Scroggins presented **Resolution #08-68** which authorizes the FY08 Indian Housing Plan.

Brian provided an update on the siding project. Notices were sent out to tenants regarding the timeframe and update on the project. They will be doing a re-bid for the second phase of this project. Charlene would like to be sure that tribal members have first option for construction. Brian stated they already have a register of all tribally owned businesses and when a project comes along they refer to that register.

Housing by-laws: Resolution #08-69 which authorizes the separation of the Housing and Utilities Commission, creating two commissions. No changes made to the ordinance, only taking Utilities out.

Tribal Transportation Plan: Resolution #08-70 which authorizes tribal transportation plan.

ICDBG Grant: Resolution #08-71 which authorizes the grant submission to HUD, for the NR/CRD Building project.

Russell Harper moved to approve all of the resolutions. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING *(continued)*

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Dan Neelands was present to provide an update on the siding project. He has been in contact with the painting contractor and the subcontractor and the painting will be complete in about a week and a half. Dan stated that they interview the residences once the work is complete to be sure the work is complete and adequate.

POLITICAL CANDIDATE

Dan Goodell, Mason County Superior Court Judge was present to introduce himself to Council. He stated that he recognizes the diversity of Mason County. Council wishes him luck and thanked him for coming.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Gloria Hill requested some financial assistance from Council to assist her in getting her brakes repaired on her vehicle. Ray will look in to programs that she can get assistance from. *(Ray was able to assist Gloria in her matter).*

Jason Koenig, Don Whitener, Walter Lorentz, Tammy & Rebecca Ford, Kim Burrows, Kim Allen, Rose Blueback, Tony Rivera were here to discuss geoduck. They shared their concern of the ordinance change of the 50% assistance. They feel that this creates a safety hazard to the divers and that the previous ordinance was fair and effective.

After extensive discussion regarding the safety of the divers and the changes to the geoduck ordinance, Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to go back to the old 2006-2007 geoduck regulations. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. It was requested by council that all divers have input in safety and attrition of how to get more people in.

Tony Rivera requested assistance from Council for his daughter to attend the John Powers School. Council referred him to One Percent.

LEGAL *(continued)*

Kevin provided an update on Franks Landing.

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.