

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary (<i>sick</i>)
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 9:40 a.m. Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Charlene Krise moved to approve the July 10, 2008 Council agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Russell Harper requested that Ray research the “whistle blower” policy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vince Henry moved to approve the July 10, 2008 Council minutes. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

July 14-28: Canoe Journey: The canoe family dinner will be on Monday the 14th, and the canoes will leave Arcadia Point early the 15th. The canoe family has entered in to an agreement with Dorinda Thein for beach clean-up once they have departed. Charlene asked if Council would donate \$200 to purchase bubbles for the kids during the journey. Council agreed by consensus

July 14-16: 8th Annual NW Indian Gaming Conference & Expo (WIGA): LCCR

August 1: First Salmon Ceremony: Arcadia Point

August 13: Public Housing Meeting with Tribal Council, 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Charlene suggested those who attend the meeting be able to receive their per capita checks. The announcement will be mailed to housing residents only.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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August 14: Per Capita distribution

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

The second Council meeting of July will be cancelled due to scheduling.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Committee notice: A notice will be sent out in bulk mail for committee and commission vacancies.

Packwood Property: Ray will provide copies of the property description once he visits the property and checks on the ordinances of the community. He will also meet with Planning and Construction to look in to building options.

Elected official policy: Ray provided the elected official leave policy. This policy will allow an employee to take a leave of absence from their position for one term, if they are to be elected to Council. This will be brought back at a later meeting.

GED Policy: As directed by Council, Ray looked in to changing the current GED policy that requires a diploma or GED as a minimum requirement for employment with the Tribe. Ray shared a revised pay scale that reflects experience along with education. Marcella had a concern regarding the pay scale. This policy will be tabled until later.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Annual Fishing Regulations: Andy Whitener and Joe Peters presented the Annual Fishing Regulations. They are similar to the previous years with a small change to the Chinook Regulations regarding harbor seal interactions.

Annual Hunting Regulations: Andy Whitener and Pete Kruger presented the Annual Hunting Regulation. They discussed a hunting hotline for emergency regulations and update.

Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the Fishing Regulations and Hunting Regulations for 2008. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Julie Owens handed out a print out of shellfish and fish taxes accrued and balance for fiscal years 2004-2008. Arnold would like to see a harder policy on those who do not pay their taxes.

Jim Peters provided an update on the culvert case.

Jeff Dickison reported that local governments are meeting to discuss the Budd Inlet initiative to clean up the inlet. Jeff will prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting to authorize Natural Resources staff to attend and participate in their meetings, offering tribal perspective.

LEGAL

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Kevin Lyon reported on the hunting and fishing grant that was received from the BIA. He handed out a letter explaining the three project proposals which were funded. A resolution will be presented to accept these funds.

Kevin reported on the Miller Case

Kevin reported on the restraining order recently obtained for an individual and discussed the exclusion ordinance. Kevin handed out a draft of the changes made and will bring back to Council at the next meeting. This new ruling will be sent out to all tribal members via the newspaper.

Kevin reported on Franks Landing.

Kevin presented **Resolution #07-73** which authorizes the purchase and sale of the property belonging to the Indian Shaker Church on the terms and conditions as set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve Resolution #07-73. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Youth Per Capita Distribution: Kevin reported the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires a revenue allocation plan in place for all casino distributions. The minors trust funding source has been both gaming and non-gaming revenue. After the Council decision to provide all funds directly to the youth, some parents requested the funds for their children still go towards the minors trust account. Kevin suggested offering a one time only option for the parents to determine if the money is to go towards the youth or the trust account. He will provide a resolution and a form for the parents to sign. Council approved by consensus treatment of non-gaming revenue the same as gaming revenue under the revenue allocation plan; and authorized the one time only opt in or opt out of the minors trust.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB): Whitney Jones and Ed Fox presented the PEBB Plan, which is a state insurance plan that provides medical, dental, life and long term disability coverage for employees of the state of Washington. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve **Resolution #08-74** which requests the approval by the Health Care Authority to participate in the state insurance plans for Squaxin employees. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against. *Charlene was out of the room.*

PLANNING

Brian Thompson presented **Resolution #08-75** which authorizes the purchase of undivided interest on allotment 121-12; and **Resolution #08-76** which authorizes the purchase of undivided interest on allotment 121-13. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve both resolutions. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against. *Dave and Charlene were both out of the room.*

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

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Ruth and Angela Lopeman both presented on behalf of Little Creek Casino employees regarding a down-size in management. They feel some form of appreciation would be appropriate for the employee because of his long history and hard work at the casino.

Ruth and Angela both shared their appreciation for the good job that Cameron Goodwin has been doing as General Manager.

Council tasked Kevin to review any loop holes in the Casino's tribal preference hiring policy. Council would like to see that policy strengthened and see more tribal members in positions.

Debbi Obi came and requested executive session. Coming out of executive session Council will look in to her situation and get back to her.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Canoe Journey: Council agreed by consensus to pay Council's salary at a maximum of forty (40) hours total for attending the canoe journey. Council also requested Ray attends this year and witness what is necessary for hosting; in preparation for hosting the 2012 Journey.

LCOB: Bobby Whitener provided an updated Casino organization chart as recommended from the Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB). Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to accept the recommendation from LCOB on the organizational chart change and to commence on the hiring. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

There being no further business, the July 10, 2008 Council meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.