

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Will Penn	1st Council Member
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	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 9:11 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Charlene Krise added a concern to the Executive Director Update. Vince Henry added a Natural Resource question to the NR report. Ray Peters added some update items to his report. Vince Henry moved to approve the July 12, 2007 Council agenda, with additions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were tabled until the end of the day.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

July 16-19th; 7th annual Northwest Indian Gaming Conference (WIGA) at the Little Creek Casino, all of council is registered.

July 18th; Conservation Commission Work Session in Everett, WA. Jim Peters will attend.

July 19th; DSHS TANF Meeting held at the Quinault Beach Resort.

August 15th; Second Public Budget Hearing at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

September 12-13th; 2007 Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium, held in Hinkley, MN. Ray Peters will attend, along with Whitney Jones and Deb Stoehr.

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September 17-20th; ATNI Annual Conference held at the Quinault Beach Resort. Ray Peters and Pete Kruger will attend.

September 27-28th; 4th Annual NW Regional Enrollment Conference held at Suquamish.

October 1-2nd; Native American Finance Conference held in Las Vegas. Ray Peters and Deb Stoehr will attend.

October 5-7th; 13th Annual Native Basket Weavers Association, held in Lapwai, ID. Council agreed to set aside funding for up to five tribal weavers who would like to attend. Charlene Krise will attend.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Enrollment referendum date; This will be tabled until Legal's report.

Bingo; Cameron Goodwin presented to Council at the July 11th Casino/Council Meeting two different options for bingo. Option 1 includes converting the Bingo Room into a gaming room that would accommodate 100 Class 3 games; move bingo upstairs into a conference room for nightly bingo, in turn this would offset banqueting. Option 2 includes converting the Bingo Room into a gaming room that would accommodate 100 Class 3 games; the Casino would hold a quarterly Bingo Tournament in the Events Center and have no impact on banqueting. Council agreed by consensus to continue looking at both options with a preference towards Option 2. Council would like to have the Casino management discuss the options with the bingo staff. Council also suggested that with Option 2; initially start with monthly bingo sessions and slowly move in to quarterly sessions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Council went in to executive session. Coming out of executive session, Council directed Ray to look in to Bureau of Indian Affairs security protocols on personal information.

Per Capita Date, July 19th; checks will be handed out that day. Those individuals who are on the mailing list their checks will be mailed out July 18th. Any remaining checks will be mailed Friday, July 20th. Arnold would like to see a notice included with the checks explaining that this per capita check in the past has been distributed in August. In order to accommodate the members participating on the canoe journey, Council decided to distribute the checks early.

Mud Bay Dig site meeting date; Rhonda Foster and Ralph Munroe would like to invite Council to the dig site for a Council Meeting. Council is considering August 9th. Ray will get back to them.

Talking Circle Date; Council needs to schedule a talking circle for the fourth quarter. Ray will set a date and present to Council for approval at their next meeting.

Referendum Date; Kevin will update during his report.

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Elders Inter Tribal Dinner; Council directed Colleen Woodard to begin planning the Annual Elders Dinner, scheduled for September 11th at the Little Creek Events Center. The tribe will provide salmon, clams, oysters and elk. Tribal staff will be welcome to volunteer. Glen Parker will be arranging the veterans to post colors.

Brian Wallace- Strategic Planning; Ray reported back to Council that Brian Wallace requested to present to Council his business; performing diagnostic studies of tribal casinos and provides a review of areas of improvement. Ray stated he was impressed with his list of clientele. Council will look in to further and direct Ray at a later time.

Resolution- transit planning; Ray presented **Resolution # 07-59**, on behalf of Brian Thompson. This resolution pertained to a previous resolution #06-93 which approved a grant application filed with the Federal Transit Administration for transportation funding. #07-59 includes the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director or Deputy Director during an absence of the Executive Director as signing authorities. Russell Harper moved to approve Resolution #07-59. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

WIGA Representative; Ray briefed on the WIGA Committee. Terry Mehl serves on this committee, Cameron Goodwin is the alternate representative and an elected official is needed. Jim stated that any Council member is always welcome to attend any WIGA meetings. Charlene Krise moved to approve the appointment of Russell Harper as the Council WIGA Representative. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against. Vince Henry was out of the room.

Cowlitz resolution; Ray stated there is a WIGA Meeting this coming Wednesday to discuss the Cowlitz resolution supporting Cowlitz to get their property in to trust. Cowlitz is asking for Squaxin support. Council feels it would be appropriate for them to remain neutral and a decision has not been made.

Oki Golf; Ray recently met with the Vice President from Oki Golf and would like to bring some representatives to tour the golf course. They have been impressed with the property so far and are looking forward to continue discussions.

Property update; Council directed Ray to get more information regarding a piece of property with a life estate. Ray will also provide Council with a map of the property. Council feels that at this time, there are other properties that would be more beneficial and a higher priority at this time.

Ray also shared information about another piece of property that has come up for sale, which is slightly less than five acres. Ray will get the specifics on the piece then bring to Council at a later date.

Ray handed out the Little Creek Oversight Board Meeting Minutes from the last meeting.

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Kevin updated on the acquisition of the Harstine Island Property.

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The Canoe Family dinner has been moved to July 20th, with a new launching date of July 21st at Arcadia Point.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Hunting Regulations; Pete Kruger went over the 2007-2008 Hunting Regulations. He stated that July 19th he and the NR Summer Youth workers will clean up the Bulb Farm area, out of appreciation Green Diamond will give the youth pizza certificates. Pete reported on the problems that the Little Creek Quarry has had; therefore has removed the tribal lock from the Taylor Towne gate and it has been moved to Elson Road. Pete discussed the Riffe Lake area. Kevin will find out the outcome of a case that occurred on that area. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the 2007-2008 Hunting Regulations. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against. Charlene Krise was out of the room.

Fishing Regulations; Joe Peters presented the 2007-2008 Fishing Regulations. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the 2007-2008 Fishing Regulations. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against. Charlene Krise was out of the room.

A hunting meeting will be scheduled to update the members on a litigation pertaining to a hunting situation.

McDonald property; Andy Whitener and Jeff Dickison presented a report on a grant application; which has been approved and the money appropriated by the state for purchase of property. The land in discussion is 365 acres which will be preserved and will be managed long term as riparian habitat protection for Skookum Creek. Council agreed by consensus to move forward with this property.

At the request of Council, Andy provided a handout outlining the number of shellfish harvesters and amount of acreage harvested.

Vince Henry inquired about the recent clam dig. Andy stated that he informed his staff not to open two different beaches that far apart again. Andy also clarified that as long as an elder is next to their clam bag; somebody else can pack them. Law Enforcement and Natural Resources is working together in enforcing the use of bag tags.

Andy shared that Natural Resources has been working with Island Enterprises regarding the enhancement dollars and ways to enhance beaches. Arnold asked about cleaning the beaches from predators. This will be included with the budget cycle. Ray stated that he has been working with Island Enterprises regarding funding for a security position that will work tides.

Jim shared that August 16th he will be touring Norm Dicks and the Regional EPA Director around Shelton and Oakland Bay. Arnold would like to participate as well.

ENROLLMENT

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Tammy presented **Resolution #07-60** which authorizes the enrollment of Kasia Krise and Tyrone Seymour. Charlene voiced her concern regarding the enrollees. Tammy clarified her concern. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #07-60. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against. Ray reiterated that any enrollment concerns that may be out there bring them to attention so that those concerns can be checked.

Jim and Charlene both absent at this time

NORTHWEST INDIAN TREATMENT CENTER

June O'Brien presented and provided the Outpatient and Residential Program quarterly revenues. Reporting only, no action necessary.

Ray commented that June has been diligent in her budget and the new residential building, and credited Council for making that a priority. They will have a small blessing next month for the building.

VETERANS UPDATE

Glen Parker provided a report on the Veterans Memorial capital campaign. The design is complete and they are ready to construct as soon as funds allow them. They have raised \$224K so far. Glen has recruited volunteers to solicit money from other businesses. Brian Thompson will train and provide a letter of solicitation.

The goal is to have the Memorial complete by the Native American Veterans Day; November 6th. In order to do that, long lead time items need to be ordered now; such as the service medallions, native artwork, paddles, house posts and the canoe. They have ordered the service medallions and have signed the contract for construction. They will need additional funding to order the remaining long lead time items. Glen encouraged the individual Council members to donate. Glen asked if there is any way they can borrow money, and pay it back as donations come in. Ray will meet with Glen and discuss their options. Ray then will report back to Council.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon provided an update on the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) audits. The audits were not completed on time and Kevin briefed on the violation and the settlement. Arnold felt that the settlement is the best interest of the tribe. The recommendation from LCOB is to move forward. Council directed Tribal Gaming and the Casino CEO can never allow for this to happen again. Council agreed by consensus to proceed with the settlement agreement and giving Kevin the authority to make it happen.

Jim returned at 1:30

Kevin brought back the LCOB delegation of authority. This will be tabled until Charlene returns.

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US v. WA; Kevin updated on the Suquamish lawsuit initiated against a property owner regarding private harvest of geoduck.

Kevin reported that he spent time at the Oyster Company regarding an alternate dispute resolution.

Enrollment Referendum; Council reviewed the petition to rescind signed by 64 valid signers. Council responded to the petition with tribal court with a response that the Court lacked jurisdiction to consider the matter. The Council also considered whether the petition was sufficient to trigger a referendum under the Constitution. The Constitution requires 50% of the eligible voters, or 301 petitioners.

Council further considered initiated on its own a referendum. Council discussed whether to ask, ‘Shall the tribe continue with the five year wait for fish and shellfish and per capita distributions and the two year wait for education benefits be rescinded’ or ‘continued’? Council chose to ask whether the wait should continue.

A YES vote would be a vote to continue the five and two year wait. A NO vote would be a vote to eliminate the five and two year wait, and to eliminate the current wait list.

A NO vote will not result in any past payments.

Council also considered the notice to be given, the meeting date, and the manner and method of conducting the referendum.

Council directed Ray and Kevin to prepare a notice, and to provide that notice by mail to all eligible voters, by posting, and, if possible, published in the Kila Che Min. They are to provide a draft of the notice to Council on July 26.

Council directed that the referendum take place between 9:00 and 1:00 on Saturday, August 25.

Council also determined to conduct the referendum as a ballot only, that is, neither the Council nor the General Body will convene.

Charlene Krise returned.

LCOB Bylaws; Russell Harper moved to approve the LCOB Bylaws. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against. Will Penn was out of the room.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mike Evans & Whitney Jones updated on the domestic violence grant. They have hired an officer who has been attending meetings and trainings. They have been meeting with Pam Hammond regarding strategies of implementing this grant. They decided on a media approach; marketing this

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since it is a learned behavior. The other aspect is a multi disciplinarily team to provide oversight and accountability for these cases. The team will receive training through SPIPA and will include family wellness employees.

Mike reported that his officers and Mason County Sheriffs Department have an excellent working relationship. Mike finally has a full staff of officers.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Kevin Lyon presented a letter to Council which was written to the Family Wellness Team. The letter was from a tribal member regarding a foster child and an instance which the tribal member feels is the tribe's responsibility and is seeking support. Council feels that this is not their responsibility and will not act on this request. Whitney Jones and Dr. Dave Caulfield discussed chronic pain management and how the Clinic deals with different issues. Dave stated that chronic pain is the largest issues that the clinic deals with.

Chronic pain is defined as a non-malignant pain that lasts longer than six months. The two most common are back pain and headaches. First thing the doctors do is to try to find out if there is a cause. If there is no obvious cause they move to ways to treat the pain. Each treatment is slightly different depending on the doctor and the patient; but ultimately the goal is to make the patient as comfortable as possible. The different medications were discussed. If a patient cannot be managed effectively, they are referred to an outside specialist, and in a rare instance a pain specialist.

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board; Whitney Jones presented **Resolution #07-61** which designates the Director of Health & Human Services as the delegate and also designates the Assistant Director of Health & Human Services as the alternate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #07-61. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

American Indian Health Commission for Washington State; Whitney reported that a Council representative needs to be appointed to the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State. Charlene Krise moved to approve **Resolution #07-62**, which appoints Will Penn as the Council Representative, and adding Ed Fox to the Commission. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

Pete Kruger reported that he was approached by someone offering a buffalo hunt for \$2500, plus butchering and packing. This will be brought back the next fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vince Henry moved to approve the June 14th amendment to the minutes, and the June 28th Council Minutes.

In regards to the Harstine Property; Council agreed by consensus directing Ray to move forward on this property purchase.

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Pete Kruger seconded the motion to approve the amendment and the meeting minutes. The motion carried six in favor and zero against.

There being no further business, the July 12th Council Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.