

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2006

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters
Andy Whitener
Vince Henry, Sr.
Russell Harper
Will Penn
Pete Kruger
Charlene Krise

Chairman (*arrived at 11:30*)
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
1st Council Member (*absent*)
2nd Council Member
3rd Council Member (*9:30*)

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

Ray Peters
Dave Whitener, Sr. (*absent*)
Kevin Lyon
Melissa Puhn, sitting in for J. Ruby Fuller

Andy Whitener called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES & AGENDA

Pete Kruger moved to approve the August 10th Council agenda, as well as the July 28th Council Minutes with amendments. Vince Henry seconded the motion, the motion carried 4 for and 0 against.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS

The First Salmon Ceremony will be held **August 11th** at the Arcadia Boat Ramp. Ray Peters will let the Directors know that they can allow their non-essential staff to leave at 11:00 a.m. that day, to attend the ceremony.

The Skookum Creek Tobacco Open House will be held on **August 15th**, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The premier **SalmonFest** will be held on **August 19th** at the Little Creek Events Center

Indian Country's Economic Sovereignty is set for **August 21st**, in Seattle, WA

The **1st Annual Native American Alliance Trade Fair**, **August 21st** at the Museum of Flight, in Seattle, WA.

Tribal Leaders Congress in Education will be held on **August 22**, at the Little Creek Casino.

Jim Peters and Pete Kruger plan on attending the **Tribal Leaders Summit, August 21-25** at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Pendleton OR.

Jim Peters and Pete Kruger plan on attending the **ATNI Annual Meeting in September 11-14**, at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, OR.

Andy Whitener and Russell Harper plan on attending the **NIGA Condensed Commissioner Certification, September 11-15**, in Baraga, MI.

Jim Peters and Ray Peters plan on attending the **Self-Governance Tribal Strategy Session, September 26-27**, held at the Lummi Indian Reservation.

Jim Peters, Andy Whitener, Vince Henry, Russell Harper and Ray Peters all plan on attending the **NCAI Annual Meeting, October 1-6**, in Sacramento CA.

Charlene Krise stated that she may be interested in attending the **5th Annual Tribal Gathering, October 4-5**, Port Madison Indian Reservation, Poulsbo WA.

Charlene Krise and Ray Peters plan on attending the **2006 Potlatch Gala, November 18**, in Seattle, WA.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Housing Commission Council Representative By consensus, Tribal Council appointed Russell Harper to be the Housing Commission Council Representative in Will Penn's absence.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Letter to South Puget Inter Tribal Housing Authority (SPITHA): Ray gave Council Members a letter to be sent to SPITHA, outlining the rental price, and date the building must be vacated. With Councils approval, the vacate date is to be the end of October.

Steering Committee: The Governor's Office and Attorney General's Office are extending an invitation to the Squaxin Island Tribe to participate on a Steering Committee for planning the agenda for next the year Tribal Criminal Justice Summit. The Council directed Ray to send someone from Law Enforcement to participate on this Committee.

Letter from HUD: Ray read a letter which was received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington D.C. They sent a letter of appreciation for their recent visit, and were pleased with the way they were treated by the Squaxin Staff.

Letter from DSHS: A letter was received from the Department of Social and Health Services requesting the tribal logo, so it can be included with the next poster printing for their Problem Gambling Program. Council directed Ray to see that the logo is sent.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon briefed the Council on the changes made to the Business Loan Agreement that was previously reviewed and approved at the July 28th Council Meeting. Kevin asked Council to ratify the financing documents, including the changes in the loan agreement approved by **Resolution #06-68a**. Russell Harper moved to ratify **Resolution 06-68a**, and Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING

Brian Thompson presented **Resolution Number 06-69** which authorizes SPIPA to prepare, submit and administer a grant proposal with the Office of Community Services Block Grant. He also presented **Resolution 06-70** which authorizes the development and submission of a FY06 grant proposal on behalf of SPIPA for continuation of the current LIHEAP Program funding. Vince Henry moved to approve these two resolutions, **06-69** and **06-70**, and Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Brian handed out a draft Transportation Planning Program Priority List for 2006 for Councils review.

Brian informed the Council about the utility rate increase of about 20% for the residential water and sewer. The Planning Department has discussed this with the Housing Commission. By policy, there will be a Public Hearing regarding the rate increase, and the date is still to be determined. Brian will present a resolution for Council approval.

Vince Henry stepped out at 10:00 a.m.

Ray requested a housing update from Brian regarding a housing concern of a tribal member; Brian briefed Council on this concern.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken regarding a housing concern of a tribal member.

Brian briefed Council on the ordinances and procedures for renovating houses, and will provide Council with renovation reports periodically.

Vince Henry returned at 10:21 a.m.

FINANCE

Deb Stoehr presented the FY07 draft budgets to Council requesting their approval prior to moving forward with the budget process. A final budget hearing is scheduled for August 16th. Deb will present the final budgets at the September 14th Council Meeting. Russell Harper moved to approve the draft budgets, and Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 in favor and 0 against.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

Anne Parker presented an update on the progress of the Veterans Memorial. She has been researching different herbal and medicinal plants to utilize at the memorial site. She will be doing a plant presentation on August 14th at 1:00 p.m. showing the different plants they plan on using. The veterans were given permission to sell the tribal flag, proceeds to benefit the veterans. Anne provided an update on the planning of the Inter-Tribal Elders Dinner, which includes the Squaxin Drummers and dancers, and including the youth to assist with decorating, making of crafts for giveaways, and help with serving food.

Kevin Lyon provided an update on the purchase of property for the golf course. The purchase/sale agreement of 4.99 acres related to the Taylor property needed ratification. Russell Harper moved to approve the ratification to the sale agreement, authorizing Ray Peters to execute any and all documents relating to the purchase of the property, and Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tribal Member request A Tribal Member was present to ask for assistance with a housing issue. Council directed that tribal member to work with the Legal Department on this particular case.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Doug Boon and Cameron Goodwin were present and provided a financial update for the Casino.

Doug Boon provided a report on future potential plans for the Casino. After extensive discussion, Charlene Krise moved to approve the plan of expanding the Starlight Lounge, contingent to stay within the loan amount. Pete Kruger seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Russell Harper left at 11:30 a.m.
Jim Peters arrived at 11:30 a.m.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

A tribal member was present to share a concern regarding the care of a tribal elder. Council fully supports her concern, and directed her to work with the Legal Department.

Ron and Kathy Dailey were present to discuss the use of the Mary Johns Room for Sunday church services. Council discussed the use of the Mary Johns Room is for youth, which conflicts with the Sunday services. Council suggested the use of the gym temporarily until another facility becomes available. Ray will check in to the schedule of the gym, and work with Ron on the expectation of the use of the gym and get him a key.

Jim Peters just returned from the Lummi Tribe's new hotel open house. He shared that they were very appreciative of his attendance and support. He stated that the Lummi's Silver Reef Hotel is a nice place.

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.