

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 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 (<i>absent</i>)

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

Ray Peters
Don Whitener
Kevin Lyon
Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the August 8, 2007 Council agenda with additions. Russell Harper seconded. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pete Kruger moved to approve the July 12, 2007 Council minutes and the July 26, 2007 Council minutes, both as amended. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

TRAVEL PLANS AND REPORTS

August 10th Arcadia Point is the annual **First Salmon Ceremony** starting at noon. A memo was sent out to directors announcing that all non essential employees will be dismissed at noon to attend the ceremony. Those employees wishing to volunteer will be dismissed earlier.

August 13th is the **Elders Lunch at Mud Bay Dig Site**.

August 15th is the **Second Public Budget Hearing** at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Dinner will follow at the elders building.

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

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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September 17-20th is the **ATNI Annual Conference** held at the Quinault Beach Resort. Arnold Cooper, Pete Kruger and Ray Peters will be attending.

September 27-28th is the **4th Annual NW Regional Enrollment Conference** held at Suquamish Clearwater Resort. Pete Kruger will be attending.

October 5-7th, is the **13th Annual Native Basket Weavers Association** held in Lapwai, ID. Charlene Krise, along with twelve tribal members will be attending.

November 11-16th is **National Congress of American Indians** held in Denver, CO. Arnold Cooper, Vince Henry, Pete Kruger and Ray Peters will all be attending.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Council went in to Executive Session. No action was taken as a result of the session.

Basket weavers Conference: Jim reported that additional tribal members showed interest this year in attending the Basket weavers Conference. Council will support five tribal members to attend, and requests will be submitted to the One Percent Commission to support the remaining eight. The tribal members attending will be asked to teach a weaving class for other members and to make potlatch gifts.

Jim reminded Council that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Congressman Norm Dicks will be attending the First Salmon Ceremony this year. Next week the Congressman along with local leaders will be touring Mason County engaging in a number of events to showcase the Environmental Management Programs focused on improving water quality in the South Puget Sound area.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

ATNI Resolution: Ray Peters presented **Resolution #07-66** appointing Arnold Cooper as the delegate and Pete Kruger as the alternate representatives for Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Russell Harper moved to approve these appointments. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray provided a land trust update.

State Parks: Ray updated on a discussion he had with the Director of State Parks regarding the State's intentions for the state park on the Island land the Tribe acquiring and/or using the state park. Discussion included an interest in effective enforcement by state officers or tribal officers funded by the state. Everything is open to negotiation at this time. Council directed Ray to continue discussions.

Referendum update: Ray provided an update on the upcoming referendum; August 25th. Council provided a copy of the notice of referendum. Council affirmed that a meeting would not take place; rather, only vote gathering would take place.

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Council convened an Executive Session. No action was taken as a result of the session.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford reported on upcoming enrollment conferences which at the Suquamish Clearwater Resort and the Quinault Beach Resort. The Quinault conference was recommended as better suited for the committee.

Committee by-laws: Kevin Lyon presented for the second time the draft by-laws for the enrollment committee. Council discussed the role of the committee as providing advice and recommendations to Council on policies and procedures, providing advice to the enrollment clerk, but not providing direction to the enrollment clerk. Upon creation of the committee they will recommend further procedures and policies for their meetings. A final list of interested tribal members will be presented to Council at the next meeting. Council would like each of the clans to be represented on the committee. The by-laws were tabled for further discussion.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon provided an update on cigarette and cigarette tax stamp matters.

Kevin handed out and reported on an agreement with Manke regarding Slocum Cemetery and filed with the Mason County Superior Court.

Kevin updated on the status of the X2 games and availability.

Kevin presented the Memorandum of Incorporation of Most Favored Nation Amendment to the State Tribal Gaming Compact including Colville Appendix. Council agreed by consensus to have Jim sign and submit the agreement.

Kevin presented a draft letter from an attorney for MGAM regarding the dispute resolution process for the pooled wagering poker game under the Colville Appendix. Kevin authorized to present and to advance the dispute resolution with the state.

Kevin updated Council on Class II and Class III machines. He handed out a chart outlining how the National Indian Gaming Commission differentiates the two.

Kevin updated on the status of the motor vehicle fuel excise tax negotiations.

Kevin shared copy of the Notice of Referendum that was mailed to all eligible voting tribal members. Council confirmed that no meeting will be convened; this will be an election only.

LEGAL *(continued)*

The enrollment committee by-laws were presented for a second review. After discussion, Council agreed to table.

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TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Vicki Kruger was unavailable in person but sent her request via voice recording; her concern will be brought back to the next Council meeting to discuss the housing policy.

Ruth Lopeman, Angie Lopeman and the Little Creek Bingo staff were present to voice their concern regarding the decision to reformat Bingo. Council reiterated that the ultimate goal is to look after the bingo employee's job security. Cameron Goodwin and Mark West were present to respond; Cameron recapped the decision making process. Council would like to discuss this further at the next Council/Casino Meeting on August 22nd. The meeting will begin at the Casino so Cameron can show Council the existing bingo hall and other potential areas.

Council went in to executive session. Council directed Cameron Goodwin and Mark West to meet and confer with Angie Lopeman and others interested in participating, and to return to Council with a report, including options and recommendations.

VETERANS

Glen Parker provided an update on the Veterans Memorial; they will have a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled soon.

Will Penn brought up paid Council positions. He requests that his position become a full time paid position. Council agreed to discuss the request further at the next Council Meeting. Will also discussed a housing concern regarding improperly vented dryer ducts which Ray will check in to.