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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
ISLAND ENTERPRISES
August 13, 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 (<i>sick</i>)
Executive Director	Ray Peters	(<i>annual leave</i>)
Island Enterprises	Bryan Johnson	
Little Creek Casino	Cameron Goodwin	
Legal Counsel	Kevin Lyon	
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	

Dave called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Russell offered the prayer.

Cameron Goodwin reported on the Chief Operating Position. He reported that he has decided not to hire Mike Peters. Although he has an interesting background and could be a good working relationship. Cameron feels that the Casino does not need two Chief Operating Officers. He does not believe that this is the best fit. Cameron feels the progress and changes made at the property; they will be better fit for the future. Cameron will aggressively seek a Chief Operating Officer. Cameron has the faith in his executive staff and employees and is ready to really make the property the best it can be.

Marcella inquired about advertising jackpots and why the Casino does not do that. Cameron shared the different medias they used to advertise: Tacoma Tribune, Olympian and the County Fairs.

Marcella also stated that she recently stayed in a suite and her room service was inadequate, her TV didn't work and she heard another complaint while she was checking out. Cameron stated that he always would like to hear of any good or bad experiences. Cameron will make sure that this won't happen again.

Council honored Cameron's decision and feel he made the right decision.

Bryan Johnson introduced Martin Myers who has been hired as IEI Marketing Manager.

Bryan handed out the IEI Annual Operating Plan for fiscal year 2009. This was presented as a draft to the Board of Directors at the last meeting. Looking for approval from the Board at their next meeting then will be presented to Council for consideration. The next Board Meeting is August 28th and Bryan invited all of Council to attend.

Martin Myers was hired and he has been doing marketing for Indian Country for about seven years. He briefed over his work history.

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Bryan and Kevin updated on Franks Landing; sales are strong. Franks Landing created instant sales for the factory.

Bryan updated on the Tobacco Factory. He has met with another tribe regarding properly setting up a tobacco co-manufacturing. He is looking in to the State of Alaska and if the native corporations there have the ability to develop state tribal compacts.

Bryan updated on the railroad spur; the final bidder is looking at the survey work. Arnold shared his concerns and Bryan shared the cost savings to the tribe by having a rail road spur.

Misti inquired about gas cards. Bryan was told that they will be ready by next Wednesday. This will be expanded to tribal spouses, tribal employees and other tribal members. Twenty five cents for tribal members and ten cents for other members. Bryan shared the idea of creating a card-lock system by Simmons Road that will offer non-ethanol gas and install a couple of high speed pumps for trucks.

They received three bids for resurfacing the parking lot, hopefully to have that complete by the end of the summer. Work will be done during the night as to not affect business.

Bryan reported that IEI has offered tribal employees leave without pay during the fishing season. Six tribal members took that opportunity. This will help the factory and make it easier to hire a temporary employee. Factory sales are strong. August 27th he will try and set up a dinner for Council to participate and meet with a Chinese Tobacco Company. What they want to do is to come to the US and sell tribal product. They will be here the 27th to look at the factory. Their first order will be 2,000 cases. SIT would manufacture the product for them.

Marcella would like to see all tribal businesses offer leave without pay for fishermen.

Kevin provided an update on a hunting case and hunting patrols.

Council briefly discussed the elders request for a new bus.

Misti emphasized her concern of the expense IEI has of paying for child care. Marcella would like to see tribal families utilize HHS programs to fund child care.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.