

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
August 23, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

**Jim Peters
Arnold Cooper
Vince Henry, Sr.
Russell Harper
Will Penn
Pete Kruger
Charlene Krise**

**Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary (*left at noon*)
Treasurer (*absent 10:30 – 2:00*)
1st Council Member
2nd Council Member
3rd Council Member**

**Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary**

**Ray Peters
Whitney Jones
Kevin Lyon
Melissa Puhn**

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the August 23rd Council agenda. Jim added a veterans' fundraising item to his report. Ray added a property update to his report. Will inquired about the discussion regarding paid council positions. Ray will provide an update on the Council budget at the next meeting. Arnold would like to know how having a council salary in place would impact other programs; Ray will provide that analysis. Jim would like to hold a workshop for Council for discussion of Will's request; Ray and Kevin will prepare. Russell Harper seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vince Henry moved to approve the August 9th Council Minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

August 25, 9:00 – 1:00 p.m., Referendum Vote, will be held at the Tribal Administration Building. 301 votes are required to make meet the referendum minimum; thereafter, a simple majority will determine whether to continue or to eliminate the enrollment waiting period.

September 8, MLRC Annual Art Auction, held at the Casino

September 12-13, 2007 Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium, Hinkley, MN, Ray Peters, Pete Kruger will attend.

September 17-20, ATNI Annual Conference, held at Quinault Beach Resort. Arnold Cooper, Pete Kruger, Charlene Krise and Ray Peters will attend.

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September 21, Northwest Tribal Leaders Consultation, in Portland, OR. Jim Peters and Ray Peters will attend.

September 25-27 is the **Safe Communities Conference** that will be held at the Little Creek Casino.

September 27-28, 4th Annual NW Regional Enrollment Conference, held at Suquamish. Arnold Cooper, Pete Kruger and Charlene Krise will attend.

October 5-7, 13th Annual Native Basket Weavers Association, held in Lapwai, ID. Charlene Krise, Paula Henry, Josh Mason, Dave Krise, June Krise, Donna Penn, Debbi Obi, Connie Napoleon, Becki Napoleon, Jenn Ogno, Barb Henry, Julie Owens, Ramona Mosier, Margaret Henry, and Vicky York. The One Percent Commission is co-sponsoring up to \$4000 in costs.

November 5-8, Wellness & Spirituality XV Conference held in Tucson, AZ.

November 6-7, Reasonable Alternatives to Blood Quantum Requirements, held at the Quinault Beach Resort. Charlene Krise, Will Penn and Arnold Cooper will attend. The newly formed Enrollment Committee members will also be attending.

November 11-16, National Congress of American Indians, Denver, CO. Arnold Cooper, Vince Henry, Pete Kruger and Ray Peters will attend. Charlene asked if the Canoe Family could raffle a buffalo hide for a fundraiser. She will look into a vendor booth and Arnold suggested that the Canoe Family members tend the booth. Ray will check to see if Island Enterprises is planning on a booth; if so the Canoe Family could send the hide with them.

Charlene Krise reported that she has met with the Planning Department and has been working with Mason and Thurston Counties Parks and Recreation for planning of the 2012 Canoe Journey. One Percent has started an endowment fund for this event as well. The Legal Department will assist tribal members in obtaining passports, most likely through a program with the Passport Office.

Jim Peters reported that September 21, the National Director from the Environmental Protection Agency will be here to tour the water reuse system. Jim was planning on being available that day but will be attending a consultation on Portland.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

Enrollment Committee Formation: Rhonda Foster wanted to share a concern regarding the Committee. She had concerns of dividing up families to be part of the Committee, she doesn't want to see confusion amongst families and what clan they origin from. Council assured her that it was their intention to keep the Committee diverse and would like to have one representative from each family. After discussion, Charlene Krise moved to approve the Enrollment Committee By-Laws. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Enrollment Committee Membership: The Enrollment Committee consists of seven members with no alternates or delegates. Charlene Krise moved to appoint Mary Whitener, Paula Henry, Margaret Henry, Vicki Kruger, Misti Saenz-Garcia, Arnold Cooper and Liz Yeahquo. Pete Kruger seconded

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the motion. The motion carried five for, zero against and one abstention. Acceptance letters will be sent out. At its organizing meeting the members will allocate amongst themselves their terms. The Legal Department will aid the Committee in its start-up.

Charlene Krise inquired about the tribe issuing passports as a sovereign government. Kevin reported that the Legal Department has assisted tribal members in the past in resolving passport problems, particularly name and identity problems.

The Enrollment Committee members will have staggered terms. They will also be required to attend the enrollment conference at Quinault Beach Resort. Council will cover all expenses.

Jim reported that he was approached by Glen and Anne Parker, requesting a location where they can sell prints as a Veterans fundraiser. They are planning on selling at KTP and the Casino and inquired about the [general government?] reception area. Council did not see a problem with that, they can sell at the front desk and money can be collected by the cashier.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Session: Ray briefed Council on several tribal members concerns.

Tribal College Advisory Council: Council received a letter from the Olympic College, seeking a tribal representative to serve on their advisory council. The letter was forwarded to the Education Director for a response.

Mason County Health Board: Jeff Dickison provided a letter received from Linda Ring Erikson inviting an elected member to serve as an ex-officio member of the Health Board. Jim stated that he does not feel it be appropriate for a Council member to serve as an ex-officio member; however, he would like to see a staff member serve. Natural Resources will draft a letter for the Chairman's signature stating that Council would like to see a Natural Resource staff member serve.

Natural Resources Intergovernmental Agreement: Jeff briefed on the recently created Oakland Bay Initiative and Mason County's invitation for the Tribe to become involved. Jeff stated that Natural Resources is supportive of anything the County does to protect Oakland Bay, but the County's intentions and expectations are not clear. Jeff suggested that it was premature for the Tribe to sign on and recommended to Council that Natural Resources staff review this prior to Council's approval. Natural Resources will report to Council at its next meeting.

Jeff updated Council on the County Intergovernmental Agreement. He stated that the County is developing the public works facility on an exempt well north of Shelton, until reclaimed water lines are provided to the city. The Tribe has been working on an agreement with the County on a short term exception for this situation. Jeff is negotiating the language of this agreement with the assistance of the Legal Department. Importantly, the Tribe does not want to jeopardize its position that exempt wells are limited to residential purposes. He anticipates returning with a draft for Council to review and approve at its next session.

Follow up on Housing: Ray updated Council on a tribal members concerns.

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Veterans Memorial update: Ray reported the groundbreaking ceremony was held last week for the Veterans Memorial. Mike Poier and Dan Neelands have worked persistently with the Committee; organizing construction companies to perform in-kind work. Ray stated that they would like to start Phase I and be able to get it going and continue fundraising to move in to Phase II. Ray briefed on the progress of fundraising. Ray made the recommendation to Council to continue moving forward with the construction.

Charlene suggested that she would like to see an event calendar so that different departments can do their fundraising at different times. Ray will create a policy in regards to fundraising requests and should be presented for his approval.

Ray provided a property update on the Marshall acquisition. Once the offer for the sale of the property is received, the Tribe will have a limited time to accept or reject the agreement. The purchase and sale agreement has several contingencies, including contingencies related to the property boundaries and an underground storage tank. Will moved to approve the acceptance of the offer, subject to the contingencies and to authorize the Executive Director to do any and all acts necessary to implement the agreement. Pete seconded the approval. The motion passed five in favor and zero against.

LITTLE CREEK OVERSIGHT BOARD

Ray presented the revised Little Creek Casino Resort organizational chart. There was a revision to the food and beverage service area. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the revision. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray received message from Terry Mehl regarding MultiMedia financing the construction of the bingo room. Council agreed by consensus to move forward with the construction.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Dave Krise was present to share his concern regarding enrolling of his children with Squaxin. His children are subject to the waiting period because they relinquished prior to enrolling at Squaxin. He asks for an exemption from the waiting period for children that were minors at the time that they relinquished. Given their circumstance they would like an exemption to the five year wait. Jim would like to look in to this further but suggested that right now he would like to see them enrolled.

PLANNING

Nia Wellman presented **Resolution #07-67** which authorizes SPIPA to prepare, submit, negotiate, execute and administer a grant proposal with the Office of Community Services Black Grant. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #07-67. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Mike Evans and Chris Peters provided an update on patrolling for fishing season. They have been actively out and visible although they are short staffed. Jim would like Mike to work with Natural Resources regarding the net limitations; and specify that no more than 300' of net can be on board.

Mike reported they will have bicycle patrol out again. Mike shared that this year the Casino has not been utilizing the Squaxin police for events held at the Events Center. Mike shared his concerns and has spoken with the Casino. Ray will bring this up at the next LCOB Meeting.

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

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Steve Simonson had a concern regarding a mistake made to his children's per capita distribution. His complaint was that he was not notified of the mistake. Council apologized for this hardship and agreed by consensus that in good faith that it would make a donation of \$500. The Executive Director was tasked with resolving the matter with Mr. Simonson.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Kevin Lyon provided Council copies of Judge Martinez's decision in the culvert case in U.S. v. Washington and several related new articles and editorials regarding the ruling. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the development of, and importance of the case. Kevin also reported on efforts to negotiate the remedy phase.

Kevin provided Council a copy of the Court's order dismissing the case filed in the Nisqually Tribal Court by an employee against SPIPA including SIT's designee and alternate. No further action will be required on the case.

Kevin reported on the fund funded by cell phone use (Universal Service Fund). Kevin would like to prepare a letter in support of directing the use of those tax dollars to rural cell phone support. Council agreed by consensus for him to move forward.

Kevin and Ray presented the draft formation documents for the Seven Inlets Foundation. The Foundation was the result of the One Percent Commission's desire to have create a lasting legacy to benefit youth through education. This foundation will have 501(c)3 status, allowing it to receive donations from other entities and to be eligible for grants and contracts. Ray briefed on the intention of the Foundation - to provide scholarships for higher education. Council had previously given the Executive Director the authority to manage the funds consistent with the investment policy in the per capita program, he is now seeking authorization to move these funds into an investment account to be managed consistent with the investment policy for the Seven Inlets Foundation. He also requests approval of the trust agreement and the designation of the Executive Director as the account trustee. The Board of Trustees will be the One Percent Commission. Russell Harper moved to approve (a) the Trust Agreement; (b) the Executive Director as Trustee; (c) the Investment Policy; (d) the transfer of the Seven Inlets Foundation monies to the Charles Schwab account; and (e) to do any and all acts necessary to fully implement the trust provisions and obtain any other approvals. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

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Ray also briefed that the One Percent has started other endowment funds: for example, for the MLRC, the 2012 Canoe Journey planning, Veterans Memorial and the Elders.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Gloria Hill was present to inquire about dedicating the Child Development Center after Eleanor Krise. Ray shared that Council decided in the past that they do not want to name buildings after individuals or families. Gloria stated that she just would like to have a plaque in her memory. Jim stated that the Council could meet with the Childcare Board and see about dedicating a room in her honor. Council will get back to Gloria regarding dedicating a room of the Child Development Center.

Gloria also would like to see a stipend provided to help college students with living expenses. Council will continue to look in to ways of helping tribal members with education expenses. The Education Department is available to assist students in applying for grants and scholarships.

Gloria also inquired about wood cutting permits. Pete will call Green Diamond for a permit.

She handed out a pamphlet from the Womens' Spirit Coalition Conference, which will be held at the Casino, October 18-19. She asked if Council would donate oysters and clams for a traditional dinner for about 200 people. She also asked if Council would sponsor up to eight tribal members to attend this conference. Gloria would advertise to the community and they could respond to Executive Services. Charlene would like to see this go out in the weekly mailing.

Terry Capoman was present to thank the Council members who attended the canoe journey this year. It was nice to see the support. She liked the youth involvement and is hoping that next year they could get the elders out there.

Gloria thanked Council for the grant money to replace the defective siding.