

**DRAFT**  
**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 27 2009**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Dave Lopeman</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Andy Whitener</b>	<b>Treasurer (absent)</b>
<b>Pete Kruger, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Misti Saenz-Garcia</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member (absent)</b>
<b>Marcella Castro</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member (absent)</b>

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

**Kevin Lyon**  
**Ray Peters**  
**Melissa Puhn**

Tribal Council met with the CEO Recruiter for the Little Creek Casino. Executive Session.

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Marcella Castro offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the August 27<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Pete Kruger seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the August 13<sup>th</sup> Council minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**August 28:** Council will meet with Thurston County Commissioner Sandra Romero at 10am in the Council Lounge

**August 30-September 2:** Office of Public Engagement listening sessions, Washington DC, Pete & Misti will attend.

**September 2: Council/Canoe Family Planning Meeting,** 4pm potluck. *This was later cancelled.*

**September 11: Council/Enrollment Work Session,** 9-11 a.m. Grand Ballroom A, LCC

**September 14-17: NIGA Mid-Year Membership Meeting** Santa Fe, NM. Pete will attend.

**September 14-17: Santa Monica,** Dave, Arnold, Andy, Misti, Charlene, Ray, Marcella will attend.

**September 21-24: ATNI,** Tacoma Convention Center. Arnold and Ray will attend.

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**September 22-24: National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators Fall Conference, Tulsa OK.** Misti and Charlene will attend.

**September 24: All Staff Appreciation Dinner,** at the Casino. This is a Council sponsored dinner and employee incentives are handed out, as well as awards for years of service.

**October 2-4: Basket Weavers Conference,** Great Wolf Lodge, Chehalis. Marcella and Misti will attend.

**October 11-16: NCAI Palm Springs, CA.** Dave, Misti, Pete, Andy and Ray will attend.

**October 22-25: NIEA Annual Convention,** Milwaukee, WI. Marcella may attend.

**November 17- 19: G2E Global Gaming Expo,** Las Vegas

**November 17 – 18: 11th Annual Native American Leadership Conference** Hollywood, FL. Marcella will attend.

### **PORT OF SHELTON**

Port of Shelton Commissioner John Dobson and Maintenance Director Al Fry were present. John explained his new position as the commissioner and briefed on his background. He explained his desire to expand businesses and increase economic development on the port property at Johns Prairie; but is facing water challenges. Arnold stated that this is something that the port will need to discuss with Natural Resources. NR will need to evaluate the situation and brief Council on the effects. This request could make a large impact on the water in that area. Council directed John Dobson to work with Andy, Jeff and John at Natural Resources.

### **CONSTRUCTION**

Dan Neelands provided an update on the Salmon Safe Certification for the golf course and the multi family housing complex. He explained that both the golf course and the housing project will be new pilot projects for Salmon Safe; so the costs will be lower. Salmon Safe provided a quote for both projects, 60% of the cost will be towards the golf course and 40% will cover the housing project. HUD funds can be used for the housing; but funds for this have not been budgeted for the golf course. Dan is looking for direction on whether to pursue the certification and where the funds will come from. This certification covers five years. Ray will look in to the certification requirements further and be sure that they are reasonable for adequately running the golf course. Ray will meet with Golf Works about this.

Dan provided an update on the golf course project. Arnold inquired about the firewood being cut on the property. Dan stated that it will be moved and available for tribal members to gather. They will set aside alder for cooking salmon.

Arnold inquired about the cemetery. Dan stated that it is ready to be used. Ruby has the information for tribal members to reserve sites. Council has not yet decided on how to allow family to reserve plots. Arnold would like to see the cemetery properly maintained. Ray stated that maintenance is out

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there in the spring and they will be sure to clean it up again before the winter. Maintenance is ready to do clean up in the event of a funeral.

Ray gave an update on golf financing. Executive Session.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Council will work on their Emergency Management Testing on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 11-4pm.

Council discussed the tribal logo policy. They would like it to be included in the Klah-Che-Min as a reminder.

**MLRC Auction sponsorship:** Council agreed by consensus to purchase a table for \$1,000.

**Political Donation:** Council agreed by consensus to donate \$250 to Congressman Adam Smith.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER BOARD

Andi Bloomfield and Bert Miller provided an update on the Child Development Center. They invited Council to stop by the Center for a tour. Currently they have 137 enrolled and they are open from 5:15 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. They have 21 full time teachers.

Andi stated they fully support the new drug testing policy but they have some questions; she has a concern of having to close the center in order to send staff to be tested. Dave stated that the NWITC will come to the center and test on site so it will not interrupt operations.

Arnold asked about the bus shed. Bert stated they do not need it anymore since the bus will pick up at the door.

Andi reported that the bullying problem has improved since they have addressed that in their curriculum.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Erik Sparkman explained a potential geoduck beach partnership. A land owner is interested in working with the tribe on planting geoduck and sharing the profits. Council would like to remain updated on the process of this property.

Erik updated on clam digs. Marcella commended Natural Resources on the digs.

### FINANCE

Deb Stoehr presented the final FY10 budgets for approval, along with **Resolution #09-82** which states that Tribal Council approves the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2010. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the budget and resolution. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and (0) against.

### HOUSING UPDATE

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Brian Thompson and Liz Kuntz presented a housing update.

Brian handed out a grant status report; this year the tribe has received over \$800,000 in grants.

Brian handed out a copy of the approved floor plan for the new multi family units. Contractors have begun the dirt work. Brian reported they still have a small amount of funding left on the Skookum Creek Bridge contract. He proposed an informational sign be posted by the old bridge rail. Charlene will assist with the verbiage.

Council discussed housing issues, including an eviction issue. Council supported Brian to work with Legal to get the issues taken care of.

Brian reminded Council that September 1 the rent for non-low income tenants will increase. Tenants have been notified and two public meetings regarding this topic have been held. Brian would like Council to be aware of the date.

### **LEGAL**

Kevin provided a BIA update on the golf course.

### **ENROLLMENT**

Tammy Ford requested Council assistance in sponsoring the enrollment committee to attend an Enrollment Training in Seattle. Council agreed to fund the committee members per diem, mileage, registration and hotel expenses.

Council went in to executive session to discuss an ICW case.

There being no further business the August 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.