

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2006

Attendance:

Tribal Council

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

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
1st Council Member *(absent)*
2nd Council Member *(absent)*
3rd Council Member

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon *(absent)*

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn, sitting in for J. Ruby Fuller

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The opening prayer was given by Andy Whitener.

MINUTES & AGENDA

Andy Whitener moved to approve the amended July 13th Council Minutes, August 10th Council Minutes, August 24th Council Minutes, and the August 25th Phone Poll Minutes, Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS

Jim Peters, Ray Peters and Doug Boon will travel to Washington D.C. attending the **Class II Gaming Hearing, on September 18-21.**

Jim Peters, Andy Whitener and Ray Peters will be attending **WIGA, September 21-22,** in Sequim WA.

Jim Peters and Ray Peters will travel to Lummi for the **Self-Governance Tribal Strategy Session, September 26-27.**

Jim Peters, Andy Whitener, Vince Henry, Russell Harper, Ray Peters, Glen Parker will be attending the **NCAI Annual Meeting, October 1-6,** in Sacramento CA.

Charlene Krise plans on attending the **5th Annual Tribal Gathering, October 4-5,** Port Madison Indian Reservation, in Poulsbo WA.

Shelton School District In-service Training hosted by TLC will be held on **October 13th,** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Little Creek Events Center.

Mason County's Full Scale Emergency Exercise is scheduled for October 18th.

Charlene Krise is planning to attend the **Indian Women in Action Conference**, November **9-10** in Scottsdale, AZ. Jim requested copies of the flier to be sent to all departments.

Jim Peters, Andy Whitener, Russell Harper and Ray Peters are planning on attending the **Global Gaming Expo, on November 14-16**, in Las Vegas NV.

Charlene Krise and Ray Peters are attending the **2006 Potlatch Gala, November 18**. A table has been purchased by Council for the event. Ray urged the Council Members to attend. MLRC and Government staff will be offered unused seats.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

Salmon Defense Fund, NWIFC – Fran Wilshusen with the Northwest Indian Fish Commission presented the Salmon Defense Fund, a non-profit organization formed to advocate and defend salmon in the Pacific Northwest. A \$25,000 grant has been received, and they are now seeking matching funds. Council by consensus agreed to donate \$5,000 from the FY07 budget.

Hosting Tribal Leader's Summit John Konovsky presented Council with the possibility of hosting the 2007 Environmental Protection Agency's Annual Tribal Leaders Meeting. The EPA covers most of the expenses, providing a grant of \$180,000 to the hosting tribe. This will offset most of the conference costs; including hiring a staff member to coordinate the event. Tribal responsibility involves developing an agenda, providing staff for registration, a traditional dinner, and a tour of environmental projects. Jim suggested hosting using the name Medicine Creek Tribes and asking the Puyallup and Nisqually Tribes to join with us in hosting this event. Council agreed by consensus to host the 2007 Tribal Leaders Summit. Russell Harper will be in charge of coordinating with the Casino.

Jim was approached at the ATNI Conference regarding hosting the winter conference this year. The ATNI Winter Conference is held in February. Jim would like to postpone the conference until after the hotel addition is complete. ATNI will send out a checklist of what the hosting tribe is responsible for, but usually requires minimal work from the hosting tribe. The hosting tribe would need to provide volunteers for the conference, as well as a small financial obligation. Ray will contact Lyn Dennis of ATNI regarding the winter conference, and set up a meeting with the events staff at the Casino, as well as staff at ATNI to see if this is feasible.

LCC Policy & Procedure Amendment, Russell Harper presented the amendment to the Little Creek Casino Personnel Policy, previously approved by the Council. Russell went over the changes reviewed by Legal. Charlene moved to approve the changes. Vince seconded the motion. Carried 4 for and 0 against.

Clear Bay Settlement Jim presented the Clear Bay Settlement, prepared by Mark Allen. Mark provided three options which Council can choose from at the time the case is settled. Jim discussed options with Council. A meeting will be set for Wednesday, September 21st, at 1:30 p.m., with Mark Allen to resolve any questions that Council may have.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tribal Enrollment, five year wait amendment Ray presented the draft resolution for rescinding the five year wait for elders. Andy suggested discussing this with the Tribal Elders. After extensive discussion, Jim felt it appropriate to bring up at an Elders Meeting.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented **Resolution 06-78** which corrected errors in Resolution 04-91 and 04-92 that incorrectly states the blood quantum of two tribal members. This error is based on documentation provided by Quinault Enrollment in 1999. Charlene Krise moved to approve this resolution, and Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Tammy Ford presented Resolution **06-79** which approves the enrollment of Kui Lee Tahkeal Jr., and Terry Nakai Tahkeal, both with full benefits. Charlene Krise moved to approve this enrollment resolution. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 for and 0 against.

Tammy presented **Resolution 06-80** which rescinds the enrollment resolution 06-73, submitted in error. After thorough discussion regarding this enrollment, Russell Harper moved to approve this resolution. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRIBAL GAMING AUTHORITY

Mike O'Donnell presented **Resolution 06-81** for the Tribal Gaming Commission. This resolution allows the Gaming Commission to become members of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators (NTGC/R). NTGC/R is a non-profit, voluntary association composed of Tribal Gaming Regulatory entities and associate members representing federally recognized tribal governments involved in gaming enterprises. Mike explained that the NTGC/R holds trainings and conferences throughout the year that would be beneficial to the Gaming Commission. The membership fees and dues will be covered by the Gaming Commission. Charlene Krise moved to approve this membership. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

PLANNING

Brian Thompson and Esther Fox presented **Resolution 06-82** which dedicates the 120 acres purchased from Green Diamond Resource Company for low-income housing purposes, to be managed by the Squaxin Island Office of Housing. Russell Harper moved to approve this resolution. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Brian then presented **Resolution 06-83** which deeds the parcel of property purchased from the Taylor Family placed in to trust status for the Tribe. Charlene Krise made a motion to approve this resolution. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

John Taylor presented **Resolution 06-84** approving the adoption of the "Recommendations for Tribal Council" dated September 12, 2006, including the "Squaxin Island ICP/EOC" flow chart, as change one to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, previously adopted by Resolution 05-107. Vince Henry moved to approve this resolution. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Brian Thompson and Lynn Scroggins presented **Resolution 06-85** which appoints Lynn Scroggins to be the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) Policy Board alternate, and Brian Thompson as the PRTPO Technical Assistance Committee alternate. Russell Harper moved to approve this resolution. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against. In the future, a delegate will need to be designated for this Board.

Brian and Lynn presented **Resolution 06-86** approving of two Squaxin transportation priority lists which will be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads (BIA IRR) program and other related agencies for inclusion in their respective transportation improvement programs and plans. Charlene Krise moved to approve this resolution. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(continued)*

Lunch with County Commissioners Council will host a lunch meeting with the Mason County Commissioners, October 10th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Skookum Lounge.

Political Donation Council agreed to donate \$200 to Friends of Dick Taylor campaign.

MLRC Art Auction, September 16th, at 6:00 p.m. This is a very successful fundraiser for the Museum. Charlene Krise mentioned funding from the 1% Committee has really opened the opportunity for young tribal artists to create prints and artwork, which will be included in the auction. Ray encouraged Council to attend the auction. Council designated Jim to bid for Council, and approved \$2500.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(Continued)*

Ray reported that he will be meeting with Mason County Fire District 4 Friday, September 15th to discuss with them funding options.

Ray provided a brief update on fee to trust status on a portion of the golf course property.

TANF Program Ray reported that the Tribe is completing its second year in the TANF Program. TANF will be audited prior to the start of the third year. Ray wants to work with June Krise, TANF Director, to make sure that the funds available are being spent appropriately.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Brian Johnson presented Council the Island Enterprises Draft Annual Operations Plan. The mission statement remains the same, and has been approved by the Enterprises Board. Brian provided a report on the Kamilche Trading Post, implementation of the fuel tax, Salish Seafood and the Tobacco Factory; all of which are coming along well.

City of Olympia Parks and Recreation Mark Foutch, Mayor of Olympia; along with Steve Hall, City Manager; Linda Oestreich, Director of Parks & Rec; David Hannah, Assistant Director; and Stephanie Johnson, Arts Director; presented their plan of the renovation to Percival Landing in downtown Olympia. Linda Oestreich has been working with Squaxin Island Cultural Resources Department regarding changes being planned. The construction phasing will begin in 2009. Jim requested that they work closely with the Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department during the environmental improvements and shoreline aquatics. Council encouraged them to seek funding from the Tribe. Charlene discussed the canoe journey briefly. They are looking forward to help accommodate and assist the Tribe in hosting the 2012 Canoe Journey.

FINANCE

Deb Stoehr presented **Resolution 06-87**, approving the fiscal year 2007 budget. After review, Andy Whitener moved to approve the FY07 budget resolution. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

THE LEARNING CENTER

Kim Cooper and Walt Archer provided the Council an update on the planning of the In-Service Day scheduled with the Shelton School District, October 13th at the Little Creek Events Center. They are anticipating approximately 400 Shelton employees. Walt handed out a draft agenda. The purpose of this training will be to provide information to the Shelton Teachers allowing them to understand who the Squaxin Island Tribe is, historically and presently. Kim and Walt discussed with the Council what their mission objective is, asking for input from Council on who should present the information.

THE LEARNING CENTER *(continued)*

Jim inquired of this years high school senior count. Kim stated that the Education Department will keep Council updated throughout the year. Kim will compile a list in October regarding the tribal college student count as well.

CASEY SALISBURY

Casey Salisbury came and introduced himself to the Council Members. Casey is a lieutenant with the Thurston County Police Department, running for Mason County Sherriff. He shared with Council his education and professional history, and how he got involved with Law Enforcement. Casey answered questions from Council and discussed his plans for the future if elected.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Janita Johnson presented a housing issue in which she has been dealing with for quite some time. Ray Peters agreed to meet with her and work to fix this issue. Ray will also discuss this with Brian Thompson, Housing Director.

Private Tidelands: Andy Whitener provided a brief report regarding a private tideland issue. Council discussed several options regarding the handling of small private beaches, deciding to bring this issue to the Shellfish Committee.

There being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.