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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2009**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Andy Whitener	Treasurer
Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary
Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

Legal Counsel
Executive Director
Recording Secretary

Kevin Lyon
Ray Peters
Melissa Puhn

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Marcella Castro offered the opening prayer.

NORTHWEST INDIAN TREATMENT CENTER

Executive Session

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Charlene would like to discuss the fishing regulations; she also would like an update on the Social Services Director position. Misti would like a clinic update.

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the September 10, 2009 Council Agenda. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) for and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the August 27, 2009 Council Minutes. Marcella seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

September 11: Council/Enrollment Work Session, 9-11 a.m. at the Little Creek Hotel (*this was cancelled*)

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

September 14-17: Santa Monica, Andy and Misti will attend.

September 19: MLRC Art Auction

Council briefly discussed the 2012 Canoe Journey. They would like to meet with the canoe family and see what their thoughts are on hosting the journey without Nisqually.

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

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September 22-24: National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators Fall Conference, Tulsa OK. Misti will attend (*she later cancelled*).

September 24: All Staff Appreciation Dinner, Little Creek Casino Grand Ballroom. 6pm.

September 29: Domestic Violence Dinner, 5pm Gym

October 2-4: Basket Weavers Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Chehalis. Marcella, Misti and Charlene will attend. Council is funding 15 tribal members and Tourism is sponsoring the registration for nine tribal members.

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

October 17-23: Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Regional Conference, Reno. Pete will attend.

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

November 17- 19: G2E Global Gaming Expo, Las Vegas, Andy will attend.

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

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Council discussed funding for areal photos. Council agreed by consensus to split the costs three ways; Tribal Government, Island Enterprises and Little Creek Casino. Council directed Ray to move forward with this and to bill the other entities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

A tribal member submitted a letter to Council requesting education assistance for their Certification in Counseling from Saint Martins College. Council agreed by consensus to give \$500.

Child Development Center: Ray provided an update on the CDC and the tribal member subsidy. Council discussed who would qualify for the subsidy *e.g. tribal kids with non tribal parents, non tribal kids with tribal parents, etc.* Council considered the option of having the tribal subsidy cover kids of tribal families if all other options are exhausted, such as DSHS funding or other tribal subsidies. This discussion will be tabled until they have a better understanding of the situations.

Ray provided an update on the non-profit arm of the Child Development Center. Whitney has been working on starting a "Friends of the CDC" to earn grants and fundraise for the Center. Council agreed by consensus for her to move forward with this.

SPIPA Annual Youth Conference, Camp Bishop, October 2-4th. SPIPA has requested the Chairman offer a blessing on the 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Dave will attend.

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Kinship Care Conference, Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 to the Family Support Services, for this conference. A Council Member will offer opening remarks.

Council agreed to donate \$500 to Senator Patty Murray.

ATNI appointment: Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve **Resolution #09-84** which appoints Dave Lopeman as the ATNI Delegate and Arnold Cooper as the ATNI Alternate. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB) Appointment: Council agreed by consensus to appoint Rhonda Foster and Melanie Hause to LCOB.

Ray and Whitney provided an update on the Social Services Director position.

Kevin provided an update on the culvert case. He requested additional funding for the litigation; Kevin will check to see if he has it in his budget.

TRIBAL GAMING UPDATE

Desi Smith and Jeff Peters provided an update from TGA. Surveillance has installed a new system and they are looking in to quotes to extend their retention time.

TGA is working on their internal audit; the casino is doing well. They are working closely with the casino and they have strengthened they way they operate; preventing any audit findings. There have not been any issues lately regarding shipping documentation.

2012 CANOE UPDATE

Bridgette Ray, Jeremiah George and Vicki Kruger reported on the canoe journey planning. They discussed a planning coordinator and the importance of hiring someone soon. Charlene suggested establishing a committee to be in charge of gift making for giveaways. Vicki stated that TANF has carry over funding that can be used for community projects. She would like to see a joint agreement with Nisqually regarding gift making and giving. Council would like to meet with the canoe family and discuss ideas and the pros/cons of co-hosting with Nisqually.

Charlene suggested a presentation to the Washington State Historic Caucus; they may be able to share avenues for financing.

Charlene recommended a slide show presentation to the Washington state historic caucus. Charlene will get the contact info and when they watch the presentation the caucus will be able to share other avenues for financing.

September 28th 5:00 p.m. Council will meet with the canoe family for a potluck meeting.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence Coordinator; Gloria Hill shared that on Tuesday September 29th DV will host a dinner and she hopes that Council could attend. She will have a guest speaker on domestic violence;

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topics will include teen and elder abuse and cyber-stalking. Council agreed to donate clams and oysters for the dinner.

LEGAL

Kevin presented an ICW Guardianship issue. Executive Session.

Ray provided an update on the clinic.

Ray is working on property acquisition for the canoe journey. He shared that there is room for camping beyond the new multi family housing unit location. Charlene would like a tour of the area.

Misti inquired about the Christmas per capita; Ray and Bobby met and decided that with the additional gas station there would be additional gas revenue.

Kevin brought up the issue of tribal members whose social security is affected by their per capita income. Kevin explained the “needs based” program. Charlene asked if this could apply to TANF clients.

Council postponed the enrollment meeting that was scheduled for September 11th. They would like to see them on the next Council agenda.

Tribal Council agreed by consensus to approve **Resolution #09-83** which authorizes Island Enterprises Incorporated to enter into a loan agreement with West Coast Bank.

Tribal Council agreed by consensus to approve **Resolution #09-85** which authorizes Squaxin Island Tribe to enter in to a loan agreement with Thurston First Bank for the purpose of constructing and financing Salish Cliffs Golf Course.