

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 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 September 24th Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Marcella offered the opening prayer.

NORTHWEST INDIAN TREATMENT CENTER

June O'Brien provided an update on the domestic violence grant they recently received. This is a specific grant that will fund one additional position at the residential site as well as half of an existing position. This is a three year grant and is intended to help women put together a safety plan post treatment.

June briefly updated on the UA testing process.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the September 24th Council agenda. Marcella would like to discuss the elders bus. Ray added a few items to his report. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Whitney Jones introduced Lorraine Van Brunt, the tribe's new Family Services Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Glen and Anne Parker presented a photo album to share; Anne put together all of their photos of fishing during the past several years.

Ray discussed the elder's bus. Brian Thompson has been working with Colleen Woodard on collecting data for grant applications.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

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September 24: All Staff Appreciation Dinner 6:00 p.m., LCC.

September 28: Council/Canoe Family Meeting, 5pm MLRC Potluck

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

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

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

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

November 1-6: Washington DC, Dave, Arnold, Ray and Bobby will attend. They will meet with the delegation; Dave and Arnold will meet with the President.

Dave would like to return on November 5th in order to attend a Corrections/Tribal Summit on November 6th. This gathering will address complicated issues for the benefit of tribal members under the Departments jurisdiction. Charlene also would like to attend.

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

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

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

Shaker Church donation: Rita Andrews submitted a letter requesting on behalf of the Shaker Church for a small donation from Council. The Shaker Church will host the Annual Convention October 9-11th. They would like help in renting sani-cans for this event.

Tribal Liaison: Council discussed the Liaison position. Council agreed by consensus to advertise for a new liaison.

Dave shared that Squaxin is the only tribe who assists tribal members while incarcerated. Dave would like to send out a letter to other Tribal Leaders encouraging other tribes to support their incarcerated tribal members, similar to how Squaxin does. The Department of Corrections appreciates the assistance that Squaxin has been giving.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Political Donation: Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 for a reception for Norm Dicks.

Tourism Budget: Ray handed out the Tourism Budget. Charlene stated that Ruth Whitener was elected to the National Tourism Board Association. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the Tourism Budget amount of \$289,455. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in

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favor and zero (0) against (*Pete was out of the room*). Andy made the suggestion to start purchasing art now for next year's art auction.

Ray shared the bid they received for demolishing the Marshall House. The bid includes the demolition and clean up. Dave would like to salvage some of the wood first. Council would like to allow tribal members to go in and take what is needed. Arnold would like to see the job go to a tribal member. Ray will contact the tribal contractors and see if they are able to do it.

Andy asked about additional parking at Arcadia boat ramp. Natural Resources have tools in the garage out there, but they can empty the space in order to remove the garage to make additional parking. Council directed Ray to see what it would cost to demo the garage and expand the parking.

Charlene would like to see additional lights and Misti would like to see sani cans at the boat ramp.

Glen brought up for discussion the homeowner who owns the beach that is used for First Salmon Ceremony. Council discussed a life estate in order to continue using the beach in the future. Glen stated he would talk with her; Ray would like to schedule a lunch meeting with her and Glen to discuss options.

Council discussed the 2012 Canoe Journey. Council would like to meet with the canoe family and discuss the pros/cons of co-hosting with Nisqually. Kevin suggested that Bridgette Ray draft a resolution outlining the responsibilities between the two tribes for the journey. This would help keep everyone on the same page.

Ray stated that Jack Selvedge will complete the Drug Free Zone sign installation this week.

Council reminded Kevin that language is needed for a No Trespassing sign for the Island.

Ray provided an update on the Shellfish Settlement.

Kevin provided an update on the CEO search for the Casino. Charlene asked why the tribal hiring preference policy was not used. Kevin stated that Council decided not to use the tribal hiring preference for this position in order to find the best fit for the job.

Kevin reported that the Enrollment Committee recently attended an Enrollment Training. They would like to relook at the ordinance before reviewing with Council.

Kevin stated that at the last Council Meeting an ICW case was discussed; at this time Council is not in favor of the guardianship. Two guardianships were discussed and Tribal Council action is to not punish relapse or failure, but identified the reason for relapse or failure, modifies the plan for programs, services and supports accordingly and reengages child and parent.

Kevin provided loan documents for the golf course. The tribe will own Salish cliffs 100% and Golf Works will not have any ownership. Kevin updated on the loan process and completion; the closing is scheduled for next Tuesday at 10am.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER BOARD

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Bert Miller provided an update from the Child Development Center. He shared that this month they will celebrate their 5th anniversary. They will have a Family Night BBQ tomorrow and invited Council to join them. Bert went over the enrollment numbers. They had an audit of their food program and passed with no problems. They are now approved through NIAC, meaning they have met the highest standards for child care. Council asked that they receive the CDC Board Meeting minutes.

LEGAL

Kevin provided all of the bank documents and resolution for Salish Cliffs.

Kevin was asked by Council to resolve a Medicaid related billing problem. He explained that if a hospital makes a mistake with the billing, the provider (tribe) could be responsible for covering the costs. This came up and he helped resolve the issue reducing the dollar amount owed.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison briefed Council on the Salmon Safe Certification for the golf course. This is an integrated pest management program and will address different strategies for eliminating pest species. This certification will be shared with the new multi-family housing project, sharing the costs as well. Jeff assured that this program will not have a large impact on business itself and it will be positive to the public image. Council agreed by consensus for Jeff to move forward with this certification.

Arnold asked for an update regarding geoduck on Harstine Island. Andy stated they are complete and removed most of the geoducks. Arnold would like to see a break down of what was earned and where the money went. Jeff will present at the next Council meeting.

Joe Peters provided a fishing update and handed out a print out of the fish catch so far this year. It has been a good year for Chinook.

PLANNING

Brian Thompson shared that his department has brought in over five million in grants this year. Recently they have been awarded a grant from ANA for a program targeted to under served youth ages 18-24. They also have been awarded a grant from DOJ for rural drug enforcement; this will allow another officer to be hired as a liaison with Mason County.

Arnold asked about the skate park and the feasibility for a simpler design; something that would cost less and make it easier to find funding. Charlene really would like to see something temporary set up until the skate park can be built.

Brian shared the FY10 grants they plan to go after. During the month of March there will be a lot of grants available and due to his departments' work load he will ask other benefiting departments to help out with the grant writing process during that busy time.

Charlene asked about the elders and if there are any funds available to help cover the costs of wheelchair ramps for their homes. Brian stated that maintenance has been helping out by building ramps for elders in the vicinity.

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Brian shared that they still have \$7,000 left in the Transportation Grant that covered the costs of the Skookum Creek Bridge replacement. Planning is proposing to use those funds for signage at the bridge. Brian shared the draft signs and presented a resolution to extend the contract. Charlene Krise moved to approve **Resolution #09-86** which authorizes the balance of the contract be allocated for the design, construction and installation of interpretive signage at the bridge site, and extending the term of the contract to September 30, 2010. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Housing Code change: Brian presented **Resolution #09-87** which approves Change One of the Housing Code in regards to tenant responsibilities, as recommended by the Housing Commission. This change states that a tenant must continuously occupy their residence a minimum of twenty (20) days per month with allowances given for vacations up to thirty (30) days. Andy Whitener moved to approve this resolution. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) for and two (2) against.

Brian presented **Resolution #09-88** which approves Change Two of the Housing Code in regards to the eligibility, admission and occupancy policy, as recommended by the Housing Commission. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve this resolution. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Dave thanked Brian for all the work he and his department does for the tribe.

Joe Seymour invited Council to the Evergreen College Longhouse reopening, October 17th, at 1pm.

Council discussed the upcoming elections for the Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA). A letter will be prepared for Dave's signature to support Andy Whitener to this Board.

Dave brought up the Staff Appreciation Dinner tonight. He would like Council to offer a gift to serve as a door prize. Council decided to donate the blue eagle print that is hanging in Dave's office.

LEGAL

Kevin presented **Resolution #09-89** which authorizes Squaxin Island Tribe, as the sole owner of Salish Cliffs, to enter in to a loan agreement with Thurston First Bank for the purpose of constructing and financing Salish Cliffs Golf Course. Pete Kruger moved to approve the resolution. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Kevin presented **Resolution #09-90** which establishes the Tribal Purchasing Office which will be a central purchasing office to take advantage of the combined buying power of the different departments, agencies and enterprises and extending this benefit to tribal members. Arnold Cooper moved to approve this resolution. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

There being no further business, the September 24, 2009 Council Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.