

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
September 26, 2007**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Jim Peters</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b> ( <i>annual leave</i> )
<b>Russell Harper</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Will Penn</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b> ( <i>travel</i> )
<b>Pete Kruger</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member</b>

**Executive Director**

**Ray Peters**

**Deputy Director**

**Whitney Jones**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kevin Lyon** (*arrived at 1:45 p.m.*)

**Recording Secretary**

**Melissa Puhn**

Jim called the council meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Tribal Leaders Summit:** John Konovsky briefed on the 2008 EPA Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit, April 21 – 24<sup>th</sup>, held at Little Creek Casino. John briefed on the tentative plans for the conference, including a welcoming dinner hosted by the Tribe.

**Shellfish Harvest Plan:** Erik Sparkman presented the Rex Tideland Harvest Plan. Erik went over the differences of this agreement versus other agreements. Pete Kruger moved to approve the Rex Tideland Harvest Plan. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

**Water Agreement with Mason County:** John Konovsky and Jeff Dickison presented the Inter-Governmental Agreement between Mason County and the Squaxin Island Tribe, to establish performance targets for water supply at the new Department of Public Works office facility. Pete Kruger moved to approve this agreement. Russell Harper seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**LITTLE CREEK CASINO**

Cameron Goodwin provided a financial update. Cameron presented a cost of living (COLA) and merit increases of 5% (3% COLA, 2% merit) for all non-tipped employees. Ray commented that the Casino Executive Team has done a commendable job of cutting costs and budgeting lean. Charlene Krise moved to approve the 3% COLA increase and consider the 2% merit increase once Council receives documentation on how the merit increases will be distributed. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Cameron briefed on the fiscal year 2008 Annual Budget. Previously presented and approved by the Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB), and now seeking Council approval. Charlene Krise moved to

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approve the FY2008 budget, with a review on the 5% increase. Pete Kruger seconded. The motion carried four for and zero against.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup> Council minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim reported that Taylor United is seeking a donation of \$500 for a fundraiser. Council agreed by consensus to donate after the start of the new fiscal year.

### TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

**September 25-27: Safe Communities Conference**, Little Creek Casino

**September 27-28: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NW Regional Enrollment Conference**, Suquamish. Arnold, Pete, and Charlene will attend.

**October 5-7: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Basket Weavers Association**, Lapwai, ID, Charlene Krise, Paula Henry, Josh Mason, Dave Krise, June Krise, Donna Penn, Debbi Obi, Connie Napoleon, Becki Napoleon, Jenn Ogno, Barb Henry, Ramona Mosier, Margaret Henry, Vicky York, Charlene Cooper, Linda Evans and Lorraine VanBrunt. Council agreed to send the two tribal members on the waiting list; Jolene Grover and Sue Henry (*Donna Penn, Ramona Mosier and Sue Henry did not attend.*)

**October 10: WIGA Meeting**, Kalispel Northern Quest Casino, Spokane. Russell Harper and Kevin Lyon will attend.

**October 23-29: National Indian Education Association**, Honolulu, HI. Will Penn plans to attend, along with the Education Commission.

**November 5-8: Wellness & Spirituality XV Conference**, Tucson, AZ

**November 6-7: Reasonable Alternatives to Blood Quantum Requirements**, Quinault Beach Resort. Arnold, Charlene, Pete, Enrollment Committee. Kevin will schedule training for the committee prior to this conference.

**November 6-8: Native Wellness Conference**, Coeur D'Alene, ID, Will plans to attend.

**November 11-16: National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)**, Denver, CO. Arnold, Vince, Pete, Charlene, Ray and Glen will attend.

**November 13-15: G2E Global Gaming Expo**, Las Vegas, NV. Ray and Russell will attend.

**November 17: Potlatch Fund Annual Gala**, Grand Hyatt Seattle, Charlene and Will plan to attend.

### CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

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**Olympic Peninsula Tribal Tourism Affiliation (OPPTA):** Charlene Krise included the minutes from the last OPPTA meeting for Councils reading.

**Council Salary:** This was tabled until the next meeting.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

**Buffalo Hunt:** Pete Kruger was approached about a buffalo hunt for \$2,500 plus processing. Jim would like to see the actual costs (price per pound for processing) prior to Council approval.

**Shaker Church:** Ray provided an update of the renovation of the Shaker Church. At the request of the Legal Department, the church should be put into trust status prior to any renovation. Kevin Lyon reported on the process of legal review for trust status. The Shaker Church Bishop will meet with Council at the October 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to further discuss.

Ray provided a property acquisition update. Council agreed by consensus for Ray to get the documents in order and prepare the purchase sale agreement for the Clary property. A resolution will be prepared and presented by Kevin. Pete Kruger moved to approve Ray to move forward with this acquisition. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

### ELDERS

Colleen Woodard came to thank Council for their support of the Inter Tribal Elders Dinner. She felt that it was successful and received good feedback. Council asked Colleen if the Elders would consider hosting this event every other year; which would allow more time for fundraising and gift making. The elders meeting is next Thursday and Colleen will bring this option to them.

### EDUCATION

Whitney Jones on behalf of the Education Department presented **Resolution #07-74**, supporting the collaboration with the Tribal Leaders Congress of Education, the Washington State School Directors Association and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit a joint budget for the implementation of HB 1495 and apply for the funds procured through Requests for Proposals: Indigenous Learning Pilot Program RFP# SSIE-01. Whitney shared the budget for implementing the HB 1495. Charlene Krise moved to approve resolution #07-74. Russell Harper seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Whitney presented the Second Inter-Governmental Agreement for Tribes Assisting Native Families (TANF) between South Puget Inter-Planning Association (SPIPA) and Department of Social Health Services (DSHS). Charlene Krise moved to authorize the TANF Inter-Tribal Agreement and for Jim to sign the agreement. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### EDUCATION *(continued)*

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Whitney presented **Resolution #07-75** which supports the participation of the Squaxin Island Tribe in the SPIPA Family and Violence Prevention and Services Grant. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution #07-75. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried for in favor and zero against.

### LEGAL

Kevin Lyon handed out the signed Appendix Colville documents.

Kevin is continuously working with the Department of Licensing on the motor fuel tax.

Kevin handed out the Inter-Governmental Agreement between Swinomish and the Washington Department of Licensing.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.