

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2006

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman
Andy Whitener	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Will Penn	1st Council Member (<i>absent</i>)
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	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 9:07 a.m. The opening prayer was offered by Charlene Krise.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Russell Harper moved to approve the September 28th Council agenda. Charlene Krise seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Vince Henry moved to approve the September 14th Council minutes, and the September 19th phone poll minutes. Pete seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

Jim Peters, Andy Whitener, Russell Harper, Ray Peters, and Glen Parker will attend the **NCAI Annual Meeting; October 1-6** in Sacramento CA. Ray will authorize the use of two rental cars for Russell Harper and Andy Whitener.

Charlene Krise will attend the **5th Annual Tribal Gathering, October 4-5** at the Port Madison Indian Reservation in Poulsbo WA.

Shelton School District In-service Training hosted by The Learning Center is **October 13th**, 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 9-10th** in Scottsdale, AZ.

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

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The 2006 Potlatch Gala is being held on **November 18th** in **Seattle, WA**. Charlene Krise, Ray Peters and Will Penn are planning to attend. Ray encouraged Council Members to attend.

Office of Indian Gaming Management, IGRA Consultation Sessions will be held on **October 26th, Mount Pleasant MI; November 2nd, Albuquerque NM; November 8th, Hollywood FL**. Ray Peters and Kevin Lyon will attend one of the three consultations.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Duwamish Longhouse Project: Charlene Krise briefly explained that the Duwamish Tribe is in the process of building a longhouse in downtown Seattle. This request for funding will be put on hold for now.

Veterans Report: Glen Parker provided Council with a report from the last Veterans Meeting. The Veterans discussed a need for flag poles, and would like to have a color guard present at the All-Tribes Elders Dinner October 24th. Colleen Woodard, Elders Coordinator has sent out dinner announcement to all tribes, also inviting them to post their tribal flags at dinner. Lynn Scroggins has received a quote from a company for flag poles, including an American Flag, Washington State Flag, and a POW MIA Flag. The quote is approximately \$3,780, and the Veterans are seeking funds to support this. Council agreed to pay this amount from the 1% fund.

Housing: Brian Thompson and Liz Kuntz were present to answer questions regarding a housing issue previously brought up to Council's attention. Brian drafted an outline to present to the Housing Commission regarding special housing cases. Brian discussed some possible variances in the Housing Policy to accommodate situations that may come up.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Doug Boon and Cameron Goodwin presented the Little Creek Casino's fiscal year 2007 budget. Pete Kruger moved to approve the fiscal year 2007 Little Creek Casino budget. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Cameron handed out the financial statements for the months of May and June. Doug provided an update on hotel occupancy and the events center, and also presented the Salish Cliffs Golf Course logo for Council approval. Russell Harper moved to approve the Salish Cliffs Golf Course logo. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Charlene Krise discussed a Tribal Members proposal regarding the use of discarded construction materials. She was directed to have the tribal member talk with Korsmo Construction.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

The Staff Appreciation Dinner is tonight, September 28th, at the Little Creek Events Center at 6:00.

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SPIPA Art Auction & Dinner is November 4th at the Lucky Eagle Casino.

Lunch with the Mason County Commissioners will be Tuesday, October 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Talking Circle is scheduled for October 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Fire District #4 Update Ray provided a brief update on the fire station. The fire department has requested the number of calls annually that are made to the Casino property. Cameron will work with TGA to obtain that information.

LCOB Update Ray provided an update from LCOB. Doug discussed event seating. Ray will also get an attendance list of who is planning on sitting in the Council box seats.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Bob Whitener, Jr. told Council that his and Andy Whitener's appointments will expire this year with the Island Enterprises Board, also Andy's appointment on the Skookum Creek Board. Bob asked Council to reappoint Andy and himself. Charlene Krise moved to re-appoint Bob Whitener, Jr. and Andy Whitener. Vince Henry seconded the reappointment of these two board members. Andy excused himself from voting. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Vince inquired about firewood being available to tribal members. Jim Peters and Andy Whitener have been working with Natural Resources to gather and cut firewood for the elders. Once the elders have adequate firewood, then tribal members will be allowed to cut their own. Andy stated that the second week of October his staff would be available to cut firewood for the Elders. Charlene thought a notice should be sent out seeking volunteers from the community.

TRIBAL GAMING

Mike O'Donnell and Desi Smith presented changes being made by the National Indian Gaming Association. This was discussed with the State at a quarterly meeting the day before, and Jim has concerns with these changes.

Mike handed out a bid from Southwest Surveillance for camera coverage for the inside and exterior addition to the hotel, excluding the addition to the Starlight Lounge and the additional machines. Mike is requesting Councils approval of the bid today. Pete Kruger moved to approve this bid. Vince Henry seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

TRIBAL GAMING *(Continued)*

Mike reported he will be in Arizona next week for a Gaming Commissioner Meeting, and will report back to Council upon his return.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Whitney Jones reminded the Council that OysterFest is next weekend, October 7th and 8th. Being the Elders largest fundraiser of the year anyone willing to volunteer is welcome. The Health Fair, October 19th is being held in the Administration Building. Squaxin Island Tribe will be hosting the Tribal Leaders Health Summit at the Little Creek Casino Resort, November 9th and 10th. Whitney updated Council on a DASA Grant requirement for background checks on all HHS Staff, also on possible new pharmacy procedures for Tribal employees. The Clinic will be hiring a part time dentist.

LEGAL

Mark Allen presented a public notice for the County, regarding Squaxin Island. Council approved for Ray Peters to sign the notice.

Kevin Lyon discussed the Shellfish Settlement Agreement. Pete Kruger moved to authorize the Chairman to complete negotiations and to sign the Agreement. Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray Peters presented **Resolution 06-90** which approves the Permanent Trust and Investment Policy, authorizing the Executive Director to be the representative of the Tribe for managing the trust. Charlene Krise moved to approve resolution 06-90. Pete Kruger seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Council went in to Executive Session

ENROLLMENT

Tammy presented the following enrollment resolutions, **Resolution 06-88** which authorizes the enrollment of River Marie Korndorfer, Olivia Lauren-Phu Korndorfer, Tania Asia Korndorfer, Nathaniel Blaine Bisson, and Joseph Anthony Ray Bisson all with full benefits; and **Resolution 06-89** which authorizes the enrollment of Nohea S.K. Robinson-Black with full benefits. Russell Harper moved to approve these enrollments. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.