

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
October 9, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary (<i>leave</i>)
Russell Harper	Treasurer (<i>arrived at 10:30, left at 5:36</i>)
Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>left at 5:36</i>)

Executive Director

Ray Peters (*left at 3:00*)

Deputy Director

Whitney Jones

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dave stated that a tribal member will be here during lunch to discuss a potential property acquisition with Council. Arnold would like to have discussion before they arrive.

Arnold requested an update on the Shaker Church, Kevin stated he will discuss that today.

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the October 9, 2008 Council agenda.

Misti Saenz-Garcia requested an update from the meeting with Island Enterprises yesterday. She also would like to hear from Bob Whitener, Jr. on how Island Enterprises will contribute to increase per capita payments.

Charlene Krise would like to discuss the Tourism budget.

Marcella Castro had a concern regarding a tribal member who had to use their own personal vehicle to travel to Chemawa, and has not been paid mileage. Ray stated he will take care of this.

Charlene Krise seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Misti made one amendment to the Basketweavers discussion. Ray will provide a property update during the meeting today. Misti requested an update on the compliance officer position with Housing; she also had a question regarding Human Resources. Council discussed illegal activity on the water and how patrols could handle it.

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Arnold moved to approve the September 11, 2008 Council minutes. Council discussed the basket conference for next year; Council decided they will sponsor fifteen (15) Squaxin Tribal Members only next year. Charlene would like to establish a monthly basket group meeting at the Museum.

Arnold added to his motion to approve the September 25, September 26, and October 1 phone poll minutes. Marcella seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Misti requested an update on the financial planning meeting with Island Enterprises and the Casino. Ray shared that they will have a presentation at the next Council meeting. Charlene would like to see a contingency plan for emergency back-up. Council decided to meet Monday, October 13th at 9am to see their presentation.

Russell Harper arrived at 10:30 a.m.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Culturally modified tree: Dan Neelands and Rhonda Foster reported on a tree at the Child Development Center they would like to preserve. Dan had two arborists look at the tree and came up with the same analysis on how to secure the tree and maintain safety due to the proximity to the Child Development Center. Cultural Resources does not have the funds to pay for the work that needs to be done to the tree in order to secure it. Council directed Dan and Rhonda to do what is necessary to preserve the tree and money will be allocated to cover costs.

Wellness Center Contract Resolution: Dan presented **Resolution #08-95** which states that Korsmo Construction will act as the designer-builder of the construction of the Wellness Center, and to authorize a limited waiver of sovereign immunity. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve Resolution #08-95. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Dan briefed on the construction schedule and the gym. He, Whitney Jones and Kim Cooper have met to discuss scheduling events around the phases of construction. There will be times when the bathrooms and/or the Mary Johns Room will be closed. The Christmas Basketball Tournament will go uninterrupted. Part of the contract with Korsmo will be to add two sets of double doors to the gym, increasing access and safety. Korsmo will be practicing the tribal preference policy in hiring workers.

SPIPA PRESENTATION

Amadeo Tiam, Executive Director; Terri Flowers, Executive Assistant; Sandy Cole, CFO; Harry Bossi, Human Resources Director; Clint Hackney, TANF Program Manager and Becky Midles, Grant Writer were present to share their presentation with Council. Amadeo handed out the SPIPA annual report and a packet including their budget and an outline of what tribal dollars are through SPIPA.

Council thanked them for what they do and their time.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chief Mike Evans and Officer Chris Peters provided a fishing report. Mike reported they work quite a bit with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, but WDFW does not have officers on the water like Squaxin does. Charlene would like to see all officers receive training on the water and to know the inlets. Misti would like to see patrols assisting fisherman with gas or emergencies.

Chris shared that he is on call 24/7 and will check out anonymous tips. He also has a good relationship with homeowners who have contacted him with suspicious and illegal activity on the water.

Net length was discussed and Mike stated that each officer is equipped with a range finder so they can check length easier and will cite those who have too long of a net. Council discussed a code revision which will allow law enforcement to increase confiscation level since confiscating nets and fish has not been effective. Council discussed confiscating the boat and fisherman license, if illegal gear is used. Natural Resources will hold an emergency Fish Committee meeting to discuss this potential change. This meeting will be open to all fisherman as well. Council agreed by consensus to have Natural Resources start calling fisherman and fish committee members to get an emergency meeting together.

Mike reported the annual Law Enforcement and Education haunted house will be November 1st.

They have been trying to clamp down on ATV patrol, Law Enforcement has no tolerance, Chris will be visiting those who own an ATV.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Manke Barge: Andy Whitener and Jeff Dickison reported that Manke requested to place a permanent mooring buoy in Peale Passage. This will provide moorage for their gravel barges until tide conditions allow them to be moved up Hammersley Inlet to the gravel loading facility in Shelton. Environmentally, Natural Resources does not oppose as long as the barge does not get too close to interfere with beach seining. Ray and Dave Lopeman will talk with Manke on Monday.

Fishing Regulations: Andy stated that there is nothing in the fishing code describing beach seining and how it is done. It has been understood that mechanical devices cannot be used, but that verbiage is not in the current code. The code should outline definitions and methods of fishing. Revision of the code will need to go to the fish committee for consideration and will need to be presented to council with a recommendation.

Andy Whitener, Erik Sparkman and Dave Johns discussed the Dahman property with Council, and how it could be used. Ray will look in to a USDA loan and a feasibility plan for the property.

ENROLLMENT

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Tammy Ford presented **Resolution #08-96** which enrolls Tyrone and Lena Krise both on the five year wait. The enrollment committee met and approved these enrollments. Misti Saenz-Garcia moved to approve the enrollments. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor, zero (0) against and one (1) abstained.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Council went in to Executive Session for ICW updates.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon provided an update on the NIGC audit.

Council went in to executive session.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Chuck and Kelly Dahman came to Council regarding their property. Dave Lopeman stated that Council is interested in their land and Ray Peters has been directed to find funding. Kevin stated that Council has discussed extensively and is keen on purchasing although the property price has not been agreed upon yet.

Ray left at 3:00 p.m.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Jaime Cruz came to Council requesting financial assistance for her to attend the National Youth Police Leadership Council. Law Enforcement will be paying for her hotel since she will be sharing a room with a Law Enforcement employee. Misti is in full support of her attending, but would like to see this funded by One Percent. Misti moved to have a phone poll done with the One Percent Committee. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

LEGAL (continued)

Kevin handed out a draft letter he prepared for the Canadian Consulate in response to the poor treatment of a tribal member by the Canadian border patrol.

Kevin presented a request from Gary Brown, he would like a partial lift on his exclusion to allow him access to specific areas of the reservation. Council would like to leave his exclusion status quo and further discuss when a full Council is present.

Kevin reported on a Human Resources issue at the casino, which has been resolved. Will Penn as the Tribal Liaison will assist casino employees file complaints and concerns.

Kevin shared a letter from a beach owner, this will be forwarded to Mike Evans.

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Kevin provided an update on the Shaker Church. He stated that the BIA will not process a fee to trust application without a recorded land survey. The wait list for this survey and 2-3 years. The alternative is to have a BLM survey which costs up to \$7,000. Council directed Kevin to move forward with looking in to a survey and the costs and report back to Council. He will also contact the Shaker Bishop to let him know that this process might take a couple of years.

Marcella wanted to be sure that the Shaker members are aware that Squaxin is not “taking over” their church. Kevin assured that the Shaker leaders approached Squaxin for assistance.

Bob Whitener, Jr. presented the sign ordinance at the last meeting. Kevin made two modifications to the ordinance: one being a design review committee and the other is how the profits will be split, which will be 50% to Elders, 25% to government and 25% to Island Enterprises. Russell Harper moved to approve **Resolution #08-97** which approved the sign ordinance. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Charlene and Russell left at 5:36 p.m.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

October 8: Reception for Norm Dicks, Seattle. Ray attended.

October 14-17: Trip with IEI to North Carolina, Misti and Marcella will attend.

October 14: Vocational Rehabilitation Awareness Dinner, 6-9 pm at Little Creek Casino Events Center. Tickets are required and can be picked up from June Krise.

October 19-24: NCAI Phoenix, AZ. Dave, Arnold, Misti, Charlene and Ray will attend (*Charlene did not attend*).

October 29-30: Tribal Leaders Federal Strategy Caucus, Little Creek Casino

November 5: Snoqualmie Casino Gala, Snoqualmie WA.

November 5-6: Department of Interior Consultation, Lakeland CA. Ray and Kevin will attend.

November 18-19: Tribal Self-Governance Strategy Session, Phoenix, AZ. Marcella will attend.

November 18-21: Trip to Santa Monica with IEI. Dave, Arnold, Russell, Misti and Charlene will attend.

November 17-20: G2E in Las Vegas, Russell and Ray will attend.

December 2-3: 6th Annual NW Gaming Law Summit, Seattle WA. Kevin will attend.

January 17-21, 2009: Presidential Inauguration, Washington DC. Dave, Russell, Misti, Marcella, Charlene, Ray and Bobby will attend.

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The second Council meeting in September will be rescheduled for October 30th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Donation requests: Council agreed by consensus to donate \$1000 to Governor Christine Gregoire.

Council agreed by consensus to purchase a table for the Annual Potlatch Fund Gala, November 15th, for \$3,750. Eight tickets will be available.

Request for vendor permits: Kevin stated there is a business permit ordinance. Whitney will refer the individual inquiring to Island Enterprises to get their permit.

Housing update: Misti had concerns of why Housing is not getting any funding for additional houses. Council would like to add Housing on the next Council agenda to discuss their concerns. Dave would like to have Brian Thompson and Liz Kuntz present.

Misti asked about Human Resources not being flexible with interview schedules. She stated that three tribal members were interviewed, all three had to change their schedules to accommodate the interview time and none of the three were hired. Whitney will look in to the situation.

Marcella asked about a full time tribal employee who does not have medical benefits. Whitney stated that if this employee is on contract no benefits are paid, if it is truly a full time permanent employee they will have benefits. She will look in to this.

Whitney updated on the status of the Housing Enforcement Officer position.

Housing waiting list: Council would like to review the waiting list and find a potential renter for the property that was just purchased on Whitener Road. This will be temporary until the tribe decides what to do with the property. This will be further discussed when a full Council is present. Misti wants to know why housing has not built more houses on the vacant land that the tribe owns. Misti also wants to know who made the Budget Training mandatory for getting a house.

Candidate recommendation list: Kevin prepared a list of who the tribe supports for this coming election. This will be sent out in the bulk mail.

Food Bank update: Whitney shared the numbers of who visited the food bank each month. Marcella asked about the \$1,500 for food vouchers that was donated from One Percent. A budget modification has been done through SPIPA.

Misti would like to see HHS staff hand out the Christmas Wish Lists this year in a timely manner. She would like to see funding from One Percent for this also. She doesn't want to see any kids not sponsored this year. She also wants to know the plans for the youth Christmas party such as who is putting it on and she would like to see One Percent utilized to sponsor the Christmas gifts this year. She wants better gifts and not clothing, something different. Whitney stated that it is tough to guess what kids want for gifts.

Marcella asked if the amount the youth receive from their per capita could be increased.

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Council briefly discussed the minimum age limit for hunters. Whitney stated that the state does not have a minimum, although they encourage the age limit to be twelve. Council would like to have the Hunting Committee discuss a possible minimum age limit for hunters.

Ray provided a property update via telephone.

Council discussed the salary for the Tribal Liaison position. They would like to see the salaries paid to the past Liaisons.

Tourism Budget: Whitney presented the Tourism FY08 Base Budget and Proposed FY09 Budget. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the Budget. Marcella Castro seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Whitney reported she has been working with the elders and elders committee. She provided a report on their behalf. Colleen will need to advertise the vacancies on the elders committee and they will vote for positions at their next meeting.

Marcella brought up a housing concern regarding a housing composition list.

Dave stated that a tribal member approached him regarding trading property. Council decided not to trade.

Whitney handed out a model of Family Group Decision Making which is used by another tribe. Misti would like an update at the next meeting regarding healthcare dollars.

There being no further business, the October 9, 2008 Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.