

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2006**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

<b>Jim Peters</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Andy Whitener</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Vince Henry, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b> ( <i>absent</i> )
<b>Russell Harper</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Will Penn</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b> ( <i>absent</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**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kevin Lyon**

**Recording Secretary**

**Melissa Puhn, sitting in for J. Ruby Fuller**

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., and offered the opening prayer.

Ramona Mosier and Paula Henry are seeking assistance in finding Tribal Member Alan Mosier. Mike Evans reported on a search conducted by Mason County Sheriff's Department. The Council was updated on the filing of the missing person report. Fliers will be posted throughout the community and distributed to all Washington State Tribes. Jim suggested that Ramona and Paula continue to work with Mike Evans. Mike will keep in touch with the Sheriffs' Office.

**AGENDA AND MNUTES**

Charlene moved to approve the October 12<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Andy Whitener made a motion to approve the September 28<sup>th</sup> Council minutes with amendments. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 for and 0 against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**The Shelton School District In-service Training hosted by TLC, will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Little Creek Events Center.**

**The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Meeting, will be held at the Little Creek Casino Hotel, October 15 – 18.**

**Mason County's Full Scale Emergency Exercise, is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Indian Women in Action, November 9-10, Scottsdale, AZ, Charlene Krise**

Charlene Krise is planning to attend the **Indian Women in Action Conference, November 9-10<sup>th</sup>** in Scottsdale, AZ.

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

**The 2006 Potlatch Gala** is being held on **November 18<sup>th</sup>** 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, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Mount Pleasant MI; November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Albuquerque NM; November 8<sup>th</sup>, Hollywood FL.** Jim Peters, Ray Peters and Kevin Lyon may be attending the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation in Albuquerque. Charlene Krise is also interested in attending a consultation. Ray may also attend the October 26<sup>th</sup> consultation in Mount Pleasant. A time and space will need to be reserved for these consultations.

### CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

**Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee** Jim was contacted by Congressman Norm Dicks, and was invited to a luncheon benefiting the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, October 24<sup>th</sup> in Seattle. Jim will be attending the luncheon. Andy Whitener suggested a donation of \$1000. Council agreed by Consensus.

**Firewood** Andy reported Natural Resources have two employees out cutting firewood for elders. Andy requested a list of elders who received firewood last year.

**NCAI** Jim gave a brief report on the NCAI Meeting. He attended education sessions which spoke of the "No Child Left Behind Act," and how all Tribes are struggling to keep their youth in school. Jim also attended forest service sessions, including cultural resources and hunting management. Glen Parker thanked Council for allowing him to attend NCAI. He attended all of the veterans meetings, and his wife Anne attended the Elders meetings, beings they were coincided. Glen reported with the information he received regarding Veterans Benefits, he would like to volunteer as the temporary Veterans Representative for the Tribe (Interim TVR). He will go through the process of enrolling with the VA, so that he can help other Tribal Veterans enroll as well. Glen was impressed with the quality of service they provide; health care, medication, pharmacy services, dental, nursing home care, education, life insurance, etc. Charlene moved to approve Glen Parker as the volunteer Interim TVR for the Squaxin Island Tribe, to have his travels reimbursed, and a stipend provided by Council. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. There is Tribal Veterans Conference coming up in Couer D'Alene, ID, Glen would like to attend. Travel arrangements will be made for him.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

The SPIPA Art Auction & Dinner is November 4<sup>th</sup>, at The Lucky Eagle Casino. Council will purchase two tables for the event, and donate five gallons of oysters.

The Talking Circle is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Political Donations** Ray Peters provided a list of donation requests he has received. Senator Inouye in support of DANPAC \$1000; Senator Claudia Kauffman \$300; Justice Susan Owens \$300; Representative Hans Dunshee \$300; and Patricia Lantz \$300. Charlene moved to approve these

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donations. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried. *(Council previously donated to Claudia Kauffman and Hans Dunshee this year, therefore the donation was not made at this time)*

**No on Initiative 933** Kevin Lyon briefed Council on the facts behind I-933. I-933 involves environmental laws on private lands. Andy moved to donate \$2,500 to “No on I-933.” Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

**Arrowhead Soldier and Family Fund** Cal Peters spoke with Ray seeking support for the Arrowhead Soldier and Family Fund. Ray brought this information to Council, and the request was forwarded to 1%.

Ray briefed Council on the bridge that crosses Skookum Creek to the golf course. There was discussion regarding the height requirement for the bridge. Jim suggested that Mike Poier discuss this with Natural Resources.

Ray provided an update on the Skookum Creek bridge replacement on Old Olympic Highway. Construction is scheduled to open the bridge the first week of December.

**SPITHA Building Update** Dave Bell has contacted Ray; SPITHA purchased property in Elma. Two weeks ago, they were looking to vacate the building in about 60 days. Law Enforcement will occupy the building. The outbuilding will be occupied by the Emergency Operations Center. A budget is in place for renovating the building.

### PLANNING

Lynn Scroggins presented **Resolution 06-91** which approves the independent contract agreement between Squaxin Island Tribe and Medicine Creek Consulting for the repair and restoration of pavement on Skalapin Lane, Qua-Ta-Sat Court and Klah-Che-Min Drive. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution 06-91. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Lynn presented **Resolution 06-92** which supports the submittal of a grant proposal up to \$250,000 over four years for planning, bus/van acquisition, shelter construction, and/or related maintenance and operation to enhance Squaxin Transit Services. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution 06-92. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### LEGAL

An Executive Session was convened to discuss pending litigation.

Following Executive Session the Council considered and approved the Shellfish Settlement Agreement. Council considered whether to adopt the Settlement Agreement, authorize the Chairman and Kevin Lyon to execute the Agreement and related documents, and authorize the Chairman and Kevin Lyon to do all things necessary to ratify the Settlement Agreement. The Council also

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considered whether to authorize the Chairman to negotiate and implement a sharing agreement amongst the settling tribes.

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A Resolution was presented approving the Agreement, authorizing the Chair and Tribal Attorney to execute and ratify the Agreement, and authorizing the Chair to negotiate and implement a sharing agreement amongst the settling tribes. Discussion ensued regarding the settlement terms, the benefits and costs of settlement, the risks of litigation, the extent to which the settlement would infringe or limit the exercise of the treaty right, and the importance of shellfish to the tribal community. The motion passed by the unanimous vote of Council.

Kevin suggested and Council agreed that he would revise the Resolution, without affecting the authorizations and approvals given, to reflect the Council's discussion and return a restated resolution for its approval.

Kevin presented **Resolution 06-94** extending the contract for Judge Anita Neal to preside as the Family Court judge. Council adopted the Resolution by consensus.

### EDUCATION

Kim Cooper, Walt Archer, and Lynn Olson presented Council with their training to be held for Shelton School Staff, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Kim handed out a draft agenda for the training. The Education Department is looking forward to tomorrow's event, every certificated teacher and administrator (estimated about 350-400) will attend. The School District and Education Department would like to have a controlled press release for The Shelton Journal and The Olympian. Approval will be needed by Ray prior to release. Council feels comfortable with a press release after the event.

### ENROLLMENT

The Council was presented with the pros and cons of an enrollment committee. Council is still reviewing the enrollment committee. Jim suggested an article be submit to the Klah-Che-Min regarding the process of enrollment, serving as a reminder and inform people of that process.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Nancy Rose is seeking assistance regarding her elder check. Ed Fox was present, explaining to Council the situation. Ed will assist Nancy, and will put together a fact sheet for Tribal Elders regarding Medicaid.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.