

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
October 26, 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 <i>(absent)</i>
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

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 9:12 a.m. The opening prayer was offered by Vince Henry.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Vince Henry moved to approve October 26, 2006 Council agenda. Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Andy Whitener moved to approve October 12th Council Meeting minutes as amended, and October 16th phone poll minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

The **All Staff Meeting** will be held this **Friday, October 27th**, 10:00 am in the Gym.

The Lummi Indian Tribe is hosting the **Coast Salish Gathering V** on **October 26–27**.

The **Global Gaming Expo** will be **November 14-16** in Las Vegas NV. Jim Peters, Andy Whitener and Russell Harper will be attending.

The **Veterans Symposium** by ATNI will be held in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, **November 8-9**. Glen Parker will be attending, also asking for permission of other Squaxin Island Veterans to attend. Charlene Krise moved to approve Council provide lodging, mileage and per diem to all Veterans and family members going.

2006 Potlatch Gala is scheduled for **November 18** in Seattle, WA. Charlene Krise, Will Penn, Russell Harper and Ray Peters plan on attending. Charlene was contacted by Lawrence Leake of the Potlatch Fund, inviting the MLRC summer youth to attend.

Office of Indian Gaming Management, IGRA Consultation Session, November 2nd, Albuquerque NM; Ray Peters will attend. Kevin is preparing a briefing for Ray.

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Ray shared letters and cards of appreciation from the Shelton School District Staff, for the in-service training put on by the Education Department.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

A meeting with Senator Patty Murray at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will be held October 30th. Jim is unable to attend. Ray will attend.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Charlene Krise and Ruth Whitener would like to invite Council to a movie pre-screening, which will be held at the Museum on November 13th.

Liaison for Little Creek Casino Resort Ray reported the Little Creek Casino Policy calls for a Tribal Liaison position. Ray is requesting Glen Parker be the appointed Liaison to the Grievance Committee, for only the one grievance hearing coming up. This will not be a permanent position. Council agreed by consensus.

TRIBAL GAMING

Mike O'Donnell reported on the decision regarding the NIGC's request to enforce class III gaming. Mike handed out the appellate court document. Mike is seeking direction from Council, regarding what he should do if NIGC shows up on property to look at class III gaming. Council stated if the NIGC arrives on Casino property, Mike is not to participate in any interviews or staff questioning.

Mike briefed Council regarding the hiring of a new employee to the executive staff at Little Creek Casino. Charlene would like to see the job description. Mike would like to send the new employee's application to the state for class III gaming license, needs Council approval to do so. Mike will wait until he hears from Council. Council wants a clarification from Doug Boon.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the Council with two enrollment applications. **Resolution 06-97** approves the enrollment of Mykah Masoner with full benefits. **Resolution 06-98** approves the enrollment of Jason Kenyon with a five year wait. Charlene Krise moved to approve these two enrollments. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon discussed with Council the contract agreement of Landscape Unlimited. Council conditionally approved Doug Boon to authorize and execute the contract as stated with Landscapes Unlimited.

PLANNING

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Brian Thompson introduced and briefed Council to the new Assistant DCD/Planning Director, Phil Wozniak.

Brian advised Council of a \$500K block HUD grant received. This grant will cover the expenses of replacing defective siding on reservation houses. The process of replacing the siding will begin next summer, as weather permits.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Cameron Goodwin handed out the financial statements for July and August, a preliminary statement for September, and the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Cameron gave a month by month report on the Fiscal Year 2006. Doug Boon provided an update on gaming.

Doug handed out a Casino Operations Organizational chart, seeking Council approval. Russell Harper moved to approve the organization chart. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Council would like to see this organizational chart passed and implemented by mid year 2007.

Council discussed a work session with the LCOB and the Casino. It will be scheduled for November 19 – 20th. *(The date was later changed to November 20 – 21)*

After extensive discussion Council authorized the Little Creek Casino CEO to recruit, select and hire Executive Team members, outside of the normal hiring process, effective immediately. Andy Whitener moved to approve this authorization. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Council went in to Executive Session.
No action was taken.

ELLSWORTH CORUM

Ellsworth Corum an Energy Consultant, presented his business to Council. Ray will refer them to the housing department.

LEGAL *(continued)*

Oneida Agreement Kevin Lyon and Bobby Whitener presented a trade agreement with the Oneida Tribe to sell tobacco merchandise. A copy of the agreement was handed out by Kevin. Bobby provided an explanation of the written agreement. Charlene Krise moved to approve the agreement and have the Chairman sign. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Lyon presented three resolutions; all pertaining to contracted judicial services.

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Resolution 06-99 approves the contract with Leslie Ching, to serve as a judge for Tribal Court.

Resolution 06-100 approves the contract with Thomas Meyer, to serve as a prosecuting attorney.

Resolution 06-101 approves the services of a public defender from the Native American Law Center of the University Of Washington School Of Law. Russell Harper moved to approve these service contracts. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council went in to executive session, no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(continued)*

The Per Capita Distribution will be scheduled for November 30th, in the Administration Building.

The Veterans flags will be on display in Council Chambers when they are not in use.

Ray reported the Deputy Executive Director position is in the process of being filled.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.