

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
November 9, 2006**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

**Jim Peters**  
**Andy Whitener**  
**Vince Henry, Sr.**  
**Russell Harper**  
**Will Penn**  
**Pete Kruger**  
**Charlene Krise**

**Chairman** (*arrived at 9:15*)  
**Vice Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer** (*absent*)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Council Member** (*arrived at 11:00*)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member**

**Executive Director**  
**Legal Counsel**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Ray Peters**  
**Kevin Lyon**  
**Melissa Puhn, sitting in for J. Ruby Fuller**

Andy Whitener called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.  
The opening prayer was offered by Pete Kruger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vince Henry moved to approve the October 20, 2006 phone poll minutes, and October 26, 2006 Council Minutes as amended. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Council discussed the recall of the Fire District #4 Commissioner. The fire department is now seeking a new district commissioner, and will welcome any suggestion made by the Council. Ray will contact Russell Harper to see if he would be interested in serving as a commissioner.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**Office of Indian Gaming Management, IGRA Consultation Session** was held on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, in **Albuquerque NM**. Ray Peters attended and reported on the Consultation Session.

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

**2006 Potlatch Gala, November 18**, in Seattle, WA. Charlene Krise and Will Penn plan on attending.

**Council work session with the LCCR & LCOB, November 20-21** at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino.

**Cultural Tourism Development in Indian Country, December 5- 7**, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Charlene Krise plans on attending.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS** (*Continued*)

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**All Staff Christmas Party, December 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Grand Ballroom at the Little Creek Hotel.

Ray reported the Council will be receiving periodic updates on promotions at the Little Creek Casino Hotel and Events Center. Reports will be in Council notebooks each meeting.

### CHAIRMANS UPDATE

**Youth Christmas and Basketball Tournament:** Mark Snyder presented the budget for the Youth Christmas Party, December 16<sup>th</sup>; and the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Squaxin Island Tribe Basketball Tournament. The Christmas party will include a community dinner and Santa. Ta Ha Buts Learning Center is asking for support. Council agreed by consensus to donate \$10,000; and split the amount three ways with the Casino and Island Enterprises. Any additional expenses will be covered by the Learning Center.

Jim shared a concern with Mark regarding the Haunted House this year. He heard complaints regarding the language of people standing in line. A line monitor will be needed for the next year's Haunted House. Mark will talk with Kim Cooper regarding this issue.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

**Emergency TANF Meeting:** Sandy Cole with the SPIPA TANF Program and Ray Peters presented the status of the TANF Program. Ray reported the Squaxin Island Tribe is entering its third year with the TANF Program, and he discussed the carry-over dollars that have been created with the negotiations of TANF. Ray briefed Council with options available on how to divide the carry-over with the other TANF Tribes. Sandy handed out a budget report, and an outline of the four options available. Charlene moved to approve option number four; being the most desirable option of the TANF Tribes, will split the carry-over in half, and divide 50% to individual tribes by case load, and the other 50% be divided equally among the tribes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray reported upon entering the next three year negotiation with the TANF Program, the Council will need two more representatives. Vince Henry moved to appoint Ray Peters and Lorna Gouin as delegates, with Patti Puhn an alternate for Ray. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray reminded Council the All Staff Christmas Brunch is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>. Tribal Offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday beginning December 22<sup>nd</sup>, returning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

Jim Peters suggested Council send out congratulation letters to the newly elected officials the Tribe supported this year, and condolence letters to others who the tribe supported but were not elected.

### GAMING COMPACT NEGOTIATIONS

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Kelly Croman, Doug Boon, Paul Gleckl, & Cameron Goodwin were present. Doug introduced the new Chief Resort Operating Officer, Paul Gleckl to Council.

Council went in to executive session.

Council directed Legal to continue with negotiations. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be the point of contact representing the Council in negotiations in the gaming compact.

The Little Creek Casino CEO, Chairman and Vice Chairman will discuss finance options with Bank of America.

### ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Bryan Johnson, representing the Skookum Creek Tobacco Company requested Council to reappoint Vince Henry and Cameron Goodwin to the Skookum Creek Tobacco Company Board for a three year term, ending in 2009. Pete Kruger moved to approve both appointments. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

**Janita Johnson** on behalf of the Squaxin Youth, is organizing a talent show for the community. This will serve as a fundraiser for the youth, and the Squaxin baton twirlers. She requested Council to participate in judging the event. Jim invited her to return to Council for financial assistance once a budget is in place for the event.

Janita reported eight of the Squaxin baton twirlers are raising money to attend Twirl Mania at Disney World in Orlando, FL. They have received financial support from the 1% Committee, and are seeking additional support from other entities. Council invited her back for financial assistance once an estimate is in place regarding the cost of the trip.

### TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

**Lack of Tribal Employment opportunities:** Chuck Bloomfield came to Council sharing his concerns regarding the lack of employment opportunities offered to him for the Casino construction. He recently bought an excavator, and was promised excavation and logging work on the Casino property. Andy suggested Council discuss this with Doug Boon and the construction crew.

Council went in to Executive Session.

Council would like to have the Human Resources Director, Patti Puhn explain the summer youth employment process, at the next Council meeting.

### TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS *(Continued)*

Charlene Krise moved to approve a donation for car repairs, to assist a tribal member, not to exceed \$550. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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### **LEGAL**

Kevin provided an update on the Colbert Case.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20.