

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 29, 2007**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

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

**Chairman** (*absent 9:30 am- 3:00 p.m.*)  
**Vice Chairman**  
**Secretary** (*absent*)  
**Treasurer**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Council Member**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member** (*left at 4:07 p.m.*)

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

**Ray Peters**  
**Whitney Jones**  
**Kevin Lyon** (*absent*)  
**Melissa Puhn**

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jim Peters stated that he will need to excuse himself at 9:30 a.m. to attend a meeting with the Governor regarding the culvert case. He will be back in the afternoon. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the November 29<sup>th</sup> Council agenda, with additions. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and (0) against.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Action taken: Arnold Cooper moved to accept the resignation of Bob Whitener, Jr. from the Island Enterprises Board. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and (0) against.

**LITTLE CREEK CASINO**

Pete Kruger moved to approve the 2% merit increase to be added to the previous 3% approved increase, totaling 5%; and to approve the Christmas bonus as proposed by Cameron Goodwin for all Little Creek Casino Resort employees. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor, zero (0) against and one (1) excused from voting.

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

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Mark Allen updated Council on a claim.

Mark provided an update on the Shaker Church. The transaction documents are ready and Legal will move forward as directed.

Mark handed out a draft sexual harassment policy. He has reviewed the policies of the tribal government, casino and all enterprises. Mark found some potential amendments and created a draft policy that would be campus wide for tribal government and tribal entities. Mark will prepare a final policy and resolution for Councils consideration at the next Council meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pete Kruger moved to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup> Council minutes. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

**December 4: Per Capita** checks will be handed out in Administration Building

**December 18: Squaxin Island Gaming Commission Christmas Party**, Skookum A & B

**December 21: All Staff Christmas Brunch**, 9:30 am, Little Creek Hotel

**January 12, 2008: Winter General Body Meeting**, 9:00 a.m. SIT Gym

**January 22-25, 2008: ATNI Winter Conference**, Yakima Convention Center. Pete, Charlene, Will.

**April 27-May 1: 2008 Self Governance**, Las Vegas. Arnold, Russell, Will, Ray,

Ray reported on the recent trip to NCAI in Denver. Joe Garcia was re-elected at president, Ron Allen was elected as secretary, Jefferson Keel re-elected for vice chair. They also made a side trip to visit the SkyVenture that was proposed by Kapowsin Airsports. Met with the owner and will provide a DVD at the next Council meeting.

### ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Vicki Kruger, Paula Henry, Stephanie Nichols and Tammy Ford were present to discuss the newly formed enrollment committee. Vicki inquired about the employee policy stating the allowed eight hours that can be spent serving on a committee per quarter. She asked Council if they would consider an exception for this committee, allowing tribal employees to spend the time necessary for this particular committee. Ray will prepare a memo for the supervisors of the committee members, and make sure that all committee members will be allowed to participate in all meetings.

### ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE *(continued)*

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Vicki also inquired about a stipend for the committee. Council approved the non-employees to receive a stipend in accordance to the stipend policy.

Vicky reported that the committee would like to do a presentation at the May General Body Meeting, showing the future of enrollment in a PowerPoint Presentation. The Enrollment Committee would like to hire James Mills, instructor from the Quinault Enrollment Conference, to assist the committee in creating an ordinance and by-laws. Council wanted to be sure that the Squaxin Legal department drafted the ordinance, and the instructor provided advisory assistance only. Arnold would like to see bids from different instructors; he felt the instructor at Suquamish did a good job. Council was not sure if this General Body Meeting would be feasible, due to the amount of time the presentation would take.

Council stated that the five year wait is not the role of the enrollment committee.

### **EMPLOYEE INSURANCE FY08 CHANGES**

Deb Stoehr, Patti Puhn and Whitney Jones presented the FY08 changes. Deb briefed on the changes. Council directed Ray to see about group rate insurance if all entities grouped together. Charlene Krise moved to approve the alternative two medical coverage. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) in favor, and one (1) opposed.

Deb provided information regarding Tribal Council social security. The decision regarding reimbursement will be decided at the next Council meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The quarterly lunch with the Mason County Commissioners will be rescheduled.

**Housing Commission appointment:** Council agreed by consensus to appoint Janita Johnson to the Housing Commission vacancy.

Council agreed to purchase a button blanket from Paula Henry for \$500.

Ray stated that there will be a going away party for Mike Poier, who has accepted a position with Pierce County.

### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

Jeff Dickison and John Konovsky presented the Port of Shelton Water Issue. Squaxin has developed an agreement with the County regarding the new maintenance facility. Squaxin Natural Resource is considering filing a petition with the Department of Ecology to restrict further exempt wells in the Johns Creek basin. Council will authorize the submission and encouraged NR to be aggressive on this issue.

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### LEGAL

Stephanie Nichols reported the petroglyph will be moved to the Veterans Memorial. Waivers are being signed by the family and insurance will be obtained for the piece. She is currently working on the loan agreement with the state, which is the last step to move the petroglyph here. Stephanie provided the loan agreement to Council and proposed a wording change. Council agreed to the change. Snell Crane will be providing a slight in-kind donation of moving the petroglyph. Charlene stated that she would like to be involved with the placement in the memorial.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action taken: Russell Harper moved to approve the recommendation of the ICW Team for case # SQICI 9708151. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TOURISM

Leslie Johnson discussed the Tourism Budget. She went through the annual budget for fiscal year 2008. Russell Harper moved to approve the FY08 base budget and the allocation moving towards one percent and additional hotel and occupancy tax, and to increase the base budget by \$30K; motion includes the approval of the budget for Sa He Wamish Days and SalmonFest. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Council would like to get a new copy of the budget.

Leslie inquired about the SaHeWamish Days budget. Ray stated that Council has allocated this amount initially; this will need to be presented at the Tourism Board meeting. Leslie will create a more refined budget and get it approved by the Tourism Board. Council would like to increase the prize money and Charlene suggested an entry fee.

Charlene stated that the tribe belongs to the Olympic Peninsula Tourism Association (OPTA) who has recently received a grant. Charlene is seeking a donation to provide matching funds. Council directed this request to the One Percent Committee.

### EDUCATION

Mark Snyder and Kim Cooper provided a proposal for the youth Christmas gifts and the youth basketball tournament. The gifts will be handed out at the annual Christmas Party, December 21 in the gym. The basketball tournament will be December 27-29. Russell Harper moved to approve an \$11K donation to help fund these events. Pete Kruger seconded the motion.

### PLANNING

Nia Wellman presented **Resolution #07-86** which authorizes SPIPA to prepare, submit, negotiate, execute and administer a grant proposal, agreement and any amendments thereto, with the Administration on Aging for the Grants for Native Americans and Native American Caregiver Support program, Title VI Parts A and C for the grant period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2011. Will

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### PLANNING *(continued)*

Penn moved to approve Resolution #07-86. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against. Russell Harper was out of the room.

### PUGET SOUND RESTORATION FUND

Rick Peters, Betsy Peabody and Brian Allen from PSRF were present to introduce themselves. They have been working in the south sound for ten years, restoring the native oyster population. PSRF is a non profit organization. Brian shared the current projects they are working on in the area and extended an invitation to the tribe to utilize their services.

### TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Gloria Krise was present to share her concern regarding the traffic around the bus stop on Olympic Highway at the Child Development Center. She stated that at times vehicles do not stop for the bus and she is concerned about the children's safety. She has spoken with the Shelton School Superintendent, the bus garage manager and both city and county law enforcement. Squaxin police have been patrolling frequently as available. Gloria has been volunteering to cross the students on and off the bus. She would like to see the Child Development Staff crossing the kids. Council asked Ray to contact the Shelton School Superintendent regarding a possible "School Bus Stop" sign. Whitney will bring this up at the Child Development Board.

Charlene left at 4:07 p.m.

Don L. Whitener was present to update that he and Ray have been working on a feasibility study. Mark West was instructed to be in contact with Don during this study, and Don wanted to be sure that the Casino will be included. Don has a meeting planned with the Casino during the week of December 10; Council is welcome to join if available.

Ray Peters presented **Resolution #07-87** pertaining to the jurisdiction over and the taxation of motor vehicle and special fuels; the resolution authorizes the Chairman to sign and enter the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Washington State Department of Licensing. Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #07-87. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim briefed on the tribal leaders meeting with the Governor he attended today, regarding the culvert case.

There being no further business, the November 29<sup>th</sup> Council meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.