

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
December 14, 2006**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

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

**Deputy Director**

**Don Whitener**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kevin Lyon**

**Recording Secretary**

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

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.  
Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

Charlene Krise moved to approve the agenda with minor additions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Andy Whitener moved to approve the November 9, 2006 minutes as amended, and December 13, 2006 minutes. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**The All Staff Christmas Brunch** is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., **December 21**, at Little Creek Hotel Ballroom.

**The 2007 Tribal Leaders Forum** will be held **January 8-9**, in San Diego, CA. Ray Peters and Jim Peters plan on attending. Charlene Krise asked that Sally Brownfield, Patti Puhn or Lorna Gouin attend on behalf of Council. Council approved to sending one of these three to the training. Jim Peters plans to attend. Ray will decide at a later date if he will attend. *(Ray, Charlene, Lorna, Patti and Sally did not attend)*

**NCAI Executive Council Session** is scheduled for **February 26-28**, in Washington DC.

**Council and Elders Meeting: January 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00 p.m. is the date agreed upon for Council and Elders to meet.

**TRAVEL REPORTS *(Continued)***

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Ray stated that he will need to travel to Washington DC in January regarding funds for the Lynch Road connection. Mason County has agreed to put forth monies, and has inquired as to tribal contribution. Council will make its decision the first meeting in January.

**Self-Governance Conference** will be held **May 6-10**, in Garden Grove, CA. Ray plans to attend.

### CHAIRMANS UPDATE

**Talking Circle:** Jim Peters stated that he thought the talking circle went well, and that he would like Council to respond to each concern addressed; through an article in the Klah-Che-Min.

**Canoe Family:** Pete Kruger moved to approve an annual donation of \$5,000 for the Canoe Family, to go towards fundraising for hosting the 2012 Canoe Journey. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

**Winter General Body Meeting:** The winter General Body Meeting will be Saturday, January 27, 9:00 am, in the gym. Council would like to have a chowder cook off with fry bread.

**Donation request:** The request for funds from Gonzaga University for their Unity and Spirit Powwow in March will be forwarded to the 1% Committee.

**Council/LCOB Meeting:** Council and LCOB will meet January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The role of LCOB and Construction polices and procedures will be discussed at the meeting.

**Gift for retiring Mason County Sherriff:** Steve Whybark, Mason County Sherriff will be retiring the end of the year. Council has invited him to the Staff Christmas Party, and will present him with a Pendleton blanket to show their appreciation for his work and dedication to the tribe.

**Little Creek Casino Policies & Procedures Manual changes:** Ray submitted changes for Peg Johnson, to be made to the LCCR Policies & Procedure Manual. Charlene Krise moved to approve the changes. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 in favor and 0 against. Pete Kruger was out of the room.

**Little Creek Casino Resort Chief Executive Officer:** The closing date for the position of LCCR CEO is Sunday, December 17. Council agreed to form a panel to review applications for consideration. Charlene Krise moved to approve Peg Johnson, Glen Parker, Kevin Lyon, Bob Whitener, Jr., and Patti Puhn as the review board. The board will screen and review applications for Council consideration. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(Continued)*

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**One Percent:** Ray updated Council on Seven Inlets Education Endowment Fund created by the One Percent Committee. This fund has accumulated an amount that can be invested while building the documents for the endowment fund. The fund will be used for scholarships for tribal and community members. The One Percent Committee will be the endowment board and overseeing the account. Council requested for Ray to proceed forward with the Seven Inlets Endowment Fund, investing funds in conjunction with the tribal investment policy. The board will then decide the threshold to start awarding scholarships. Council will review before giving approval.

**Bank of America Update:** Executive Session. Council directed Ray to continue to look in to tax free bonds. Council also directed Ray and Kevin to set up a structure for the Shellfish Trust account.

**Council gifts:** Council agreed to provide Christmas gifts to each Director.

### LEGAL

**Resolution #06-102:** Kevin handed out Resolution 06-102, which pertains to the domestic relations code. Andy Whitener moved to approve Resolution 06-102. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against. Charlene Krise was out of the room.

**SIT Court Code:** Kevin discussed the Court Procedures Act, and handed out the SIT Court Code for Councils approval. Andy Whitener moved to approve the Court Code. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against. Charlene Krise was out of the room.

**Tort Claims:** Kevin discussed tort claims with Council and handed out an ordinance for their review. The ordinance will outline how claims are to be treated. Kevin will return to the next meeting to discuss this further, and to seek approval of the ordinance.

**Response to hunting issue:** Council approved a response to Skokomish Chairwoman Denise LaClaire regarding a hunting issue on Skokomish land. Council agreed to have Jim sign the letter.

### ISLAND ENTERPRISES

**Addition to Corporate Code:** Bob Whitener, Jr. handed out the Limited Liability Company Ordinance for review, seeking approval at a later date. This would cover Geoduck boat owners, and tribal members who wish to start a business under IEI. Bobby will be back at the first meeting in January for approval.

**Drug Policy:** Executive Session.

Action taken: Russell Harper moved to approve amendment to Island Enterprises drug policy. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRIBAL GAMING

Mike O'Donnell and Jackie Pleasants were present.  
Council went in to Executive Session

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### NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison presented the Miller Land Trust Case.  
Council went in to Executive Session.

Action taken: Council agreed by consensus to directed Jeff Dickison and Kevin Lyon to move forward with appeal on the Miller Land Case.

**Shellfish:** Julie Owens and Erik Sparkman presented the 2007-2011 Bivalve Management Plan for state tidelands. Erik briefed Council on the plan, will be in effect for five years, updates made annually if needed. Vince Henry moved to approve the Bivalve Management Plan. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### TRIBAL GAMING *(Continued)*

Council went in to Executive Session.

### PLANNING

**Resolution # 06-103:** Lynn Scroggins and Phil Wozniak presented Resolution 06-103. The resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for purpose of enhancing the Tribe's Court by upgrading technology to effectively operate and manage the Tribe's Court. Russell Harper moved to approve Resolution 06-103. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution #06-104:** Lynn and Phil presented Resolution 06-104. The resolution approves the submittal of a biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program application to fund Squaxin Transit. Charlene Krise moved to approve Resolution 06-104. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ray requested a meeting with Brian regarding this application prior to submission.

**Skookum Creek Bridge update:** Lynn stated the bridge opening ceremony will be delayed until Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00. The bridge will open Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

**Janita Johnson:** Janita gave an update on the youth talent show. Janita feels she is competing with the annual basketball tournament; therefore postponing the talent show until this summer.

### THE LEARNING CENTER

Kim Cooper is seeking direction regarding funding for families in need of graduation supplies. Kim requested assistance with funding a cap, gown and invitations for a family in need. Charlene Krise

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moved to donate funds for cap, gown and invitations to this family. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Charlene Krise left at 3:50 p.m.

Kim Cooper and Sally Brownfield were present to voice a concern regarding a work related injury. Kevin Lyon will assist Sally.

Kim and Sally presented the babysitting class graduates with certificates of completion, and took pictures with Council.

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.