

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2020**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Arnold Cooper	Chairman
	Charlene Krise	Vice Chair
	Vicki Kruger	Treasurer
	Jeremie Walls	Secretary
	Bev Hawks	1st Council Member
	David Whitener, Jr.	2nd Council Member
	Vince Henry, Sr.	3rd Council Member
Tribal Administrator	Marvin Campbell	
Liaison	Ray Peters	
Little Creek Casino	Mike Peters, Ramon Nunez	
Island Enterprises	Dave Johns	
Recorded by	Jeremie Walls	

Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer. Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order.

An update was provided from WIGA stating that 98% of tribes are closing their casinos for two weeks and will re-evaluate after that time. Council would like to close Little Creek as soon as possible.

Mike Peters shared that Little Creek currently has 75 rooms occupied. He added that the process of shutting down is a multi-day process due to laundry and food services. He estimated it will take three days for a full closure. He asked what the measures would be, to allow it to re-open.

Arnold suggested closing the casino gaming floor, and keeping the hotel and golf course open for now. Charlene added that during this closure, it would be a good time to refresh the establishment. She also thought the casino might be able to provide drive-up food. Jeremie agreed.

Marvin added that under the Emergency Operations Plan, since Squaxin declared a disaster, all entities fall under Council during this time.

Ramon was asked about re-opening costs, he has not had the chance to calculate that. He stressed the importance of frugality during this closure.

After much discussion, Jeremie moved to close the gaming floor and the Casino restaurants in the main resort for two weeks, and to re-evaluate again in two weeks. He also added to evaluate the hotel as needed during that time. Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray stressed the importance of a smooth start up strategy with the workforce.

Ray will work on a press release to share with Mason and Thurston County jurisdictions and news sources.

Dave Johns shared that he will provide an IEI update at the workshop tomorrow.

Marvin shared that if the tribe defers rent for housing, it will cost about \$30,000. He added that TANF is available to help families. Behavior Health will be offering video counseling.

Marvin is working on food delivery to the reservation. There are six elk in the freezer and Janita is stocking up on canned goods. Meals will be provided to the community.

He feels that the point will come where the reservation needs to be closed to non-residents in order to minimize the exposure.

He asked Council about waiving the rent for the month of April.

Vicki moved to defer rent and utilities effective today through the end of April, and to re-evaluate after May 1. Bev seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ray added that the Tribal Gaming Commission would be meeting asap to discuss the casino closure.

Council agreed by consensus to extend the Casino closure to additional venues if necessary.

Ray provided an investment update.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00a.m.