

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
February 10, 2005

Attendance:

Tribal Council	David Lopeman, Chairman Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary Patti Puhn, Treasurer Paula Henry, 1 <sup>st</sup> Council Member Roy Perez, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Council Member ( <i>Absent</i> ) Charlene Krise, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Council Member
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Executive Director	Ray Peters
Deputy Executive Director	Donald E. Whitener ( <i>Absent</i> )
Recording Secretary	J. Ruby Fuller
Legal	Kevin Lyon ( <i>present in the afternoon session</i> )

Paula Henry offered the opening prayer. Andy Whitener called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

### **MINUTES/AGENDA**

Vince Henry made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2005. Paula Henry seconded motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICES – BRUCE MILLER**

Lametta LeClair extended an invitation to Council to attend memorial services for Skokomish Tribal Member, Bruce Miller on Friday and Saturday. The focus on Saturday will be remembrance. The services will run from noon until 6:00 p.m.

Charlene Krise asked Council to make a decision regarding assistance based on the close family ties. Andy Whitener suggested and the rest of Council concurred that they donate the amount that matches what the Tribe gives for a tribal member (\$2,000.00). Ray Peters will have Chief Robbin Rhoades coordinate with the Skokomish Tribal Police.

### **TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

Ray Peters and Vince Henry will be attending the **NCAI Executive Council Winter Session 2005** in Washington, D. C. **February 28 – March 2**. Ray said he plans to meet with our congressional delegation.

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

Patti Puhn, Paula (*Henry*) Krise and Charlene Krise plan to attend the **Wellness and Women's XII Conference** in San Diego, **April 3-7**. They will be renting a vehicle to visit other tribes.

Andy Whitener and Ray Peters will attend the **2005 Tribal Self-Governance Conference** in San Diego **May 2-6**.

Representatives from the Natural Resources Department will be attending the **NTEC 12th Annual Conference** in Green Bay, **May 3-5**.

Ray went over the Council Work Session agenda. The **Work Session** will be **March 13-17** at **Quinault Resort**, Ocean Shores

Charlene Krise, Patti Puhn, Doug Boon and Russell Harper will be visiting the **Leech Lake Band of Chippewa** in Minnesota **February 20-23**, to learn more about their Career Development Program.

**NATO** will be held in Las Vegas **March 29-31**. Andy Whitener and Dave Lopeman plan to attend.

Andy would also like to attend **NIGA** on **April 10-13** in San Diego

The **Second Work Session** which will include the Casino, Island Enterprises and the Museum is tentatively scheduled for **April 26-28** at Coeur d'Alene Resort.

## **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

**Per Capita:** The Per Capita cut off date for eligible enrolled tribal members is December 31, 2004 for the distribution date of April 14<sup>th</sup> 2005.

Kevin Lyon is working on changes to the Revenue Allocation Plan which must be approved by the Department of the Interior.

**Resignation:** The Tribal Council accepted Roy Perez's letter of February 7, 2005, resigning from his position as Council Member #2.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

**Casino Distribution CD Ladder:** Deb Stoehr presented Council with copies of the CD Ladder which proposed how casino distribution money could be invested.

Ray Peters and Deborah Stoehr are working on the development of a new investment policy. The Chairman and Treasurer signed a letter which authorizes Deb and Ray to invest Tribal funds. Deb will forward this letter to the necessary banking institutions.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

**UPN 11:** KSTW will be doing a series of Native American Educational Vignettes. They would like to do a 40 minute presentation. They will be invited to meet with Council.

**Tobacco Factory:** Andy gave an update on the tobacco factory. The first set of the machines are coming in today and the last set will be shipped by the end of the month. They will take about 20 days to set up. Manufacturing should begin by mid March or the first of April.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Orthodontia Program:** Whitney Jones reported on the orthodontia program. She said that she is anticipating an opening for a child who needs a procedure.

**Co pay:** Whitney indicated that charging co-pay for services provided is something still under consideration. Whitney will bring more information to the Work Session.

**15 Passenger Vans:** Our 15 passenger vans cannot be used. Our insurance company will not cover these vans because of the rollover risks.

## NWITC

June O'Brien presented the updated Employee Handbook. She indicated that the changes are not substantial but brings the policies into alignment with CARF and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

June reported they are ready to move into the outpatient expansion. She said that they (*Treatment Center*) would be applying for some funds that would replace equipment from Indian Health Service.

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

Rhonda Foster presented **Resolution #05-12** supporting the joint application from Washington State's Department of Natural Resources and our Cultural Resources Department for a Historic Preservation grant. Andy moved to approve Resolution #05-12. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

**Next Cemetery Meeting:** The next cemetery meeting will not be scheduled until they find out about drainage according to Rhonda. She said they will send out a short questionnaire. Rhonda said they met with Manke last week regarding the Slocum Cemetery.

*Council Direction: R. Fuller was directed to draft a letter to Vicki Kruger thanking her for 10 years of service. Council also approved giving her a basket.)*

## LITTLE CREEK CASINO/HOTEL UPDATE

Doug Boon gave a report on the gaming revenues and expenses of the casino and hotel. Preliminary figures indicate that January revenues will be under budget.

**LCCH Personnel Policies:** Peg Johnson provided the Tribal Council with an employment status report. After discussion, Patti moved to approve the LCCH Personnel Policies. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Doug Boon announced that on Saturday, February 12, the new Creekside Buffet will be free of charge to tribal members. This is to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated buffet which replaces Creekside Café.

## ENROLLMENT

**I.D. Cards:** Tammy Ford exhibited examples of identification cards for tribal members and for tribal employees.

**Enrollment Denial:** Tammy presented the following resolutions for Council approval denying enrollment in the Squaxin Island Tribe:

**Resolution #05-13 Heather M. McGhee and Jayni E. McGhee**

**Resolution #05-14 Kodiak Twiddy, Katrina Twiddy and Carlene Twiddy**

**Resolution #05-15 Danielle Motz, Kyle Motz, David Motz**

Andy made motion to approve the **Resolution #05-13, Resolution #05-14 and Resolution #05-15** denying enrollment. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

## **ENROLLMENT** *(Continued)*

**Enrollment Relinquishment:** Tammy presented **Resolution #05-16** Lettie Ann (Edwards) Machado - Olivia relinquishing membership in the Squaxin Island Tribe. Andy made a motion to approve **Resolution #05-16**. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

**Enrollment – 5 year wait:** The next resolutions were for enrollment with limited benefits.

**Resolution #05-17 Justine Vandervort**

**Resolution #05-18 Draven Brown**

**Resolution #05-19 Marilyn McFadden**

**Resolution #05-20 Justine Mowitch, Nikita Mowitch, Adam Mowitch**

Charlene moved to approve **Resolutions #05-17, 18, 19, and 20**. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4 in favor and 0 against.

**Enrollment – Full Benefits:** Tammy presented the following resolutions for enrollment with full tribal member benefits.

**Resolution #05-21 Monique Pinon,**

**Resolution #05-22 Dorian Williams**

**Resolution #05-23 Benjamin Naranjo-Johns**

**Resolution #05-24 Malachi R.J. Johns**

Charlene moved to approve the resolutions. Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

## **ISLAND ENTERPRISES, INC.**

**Cigarette Manufacturing:** Bob Whitener reported that the machines are on the way and in March we should be making our own cigarettes.

Bob Whitener reported on concerns he has with the State's "Master Settlement Agreement."

Bob reported they have applied for an import license and that they need to find out the packaging rules. He also reported that the price of cigarettes is going up.

**Other ideas:** Bob mentioned that it may be beneficial if we could create a tax free zone. Other ideas are to expand the store, put in a fruit stand and redevelop the HUB, perhaps put in a Car wash and oil change shop that worked with valet. Andy said to keep the design and atmosphere the same. Dave Lopeman and Bryan Johnson checked out cigars in the Dominican Republic.

April 1 and April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the grand opening for Skookum Creek Tobacco Company and Bob plans a celebration dinner.

Bob will check on the Stop sign by KTP.

## **LEGAL**

Bev Hawks/Krise property scheduled to close resolution approving the purchase and sales agreement. Kevin presented **Resolution #05-25** approving the purchase and sales agreement of the Bev Hawk/Krise property. Charlene made a motion to approve the resolution and Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4 in favor and 0 against.

Kevin was asked to write a letter regarding the non selection of Bill Smith to the NWIFC. The letter will offer assistance to give some meaning to Indian preference.

Ron Whitener represented the Commission in this matter. Council agreed that if there is litigation Ron should not continue to represent the Commission.

Revenue Allocation Plan: Kevin will work on the Revenue Allocation Plan and have it for the next Council meeting. The plan is to be completed and approved by the Department of Interior for the additional distribution of \$1,000,000.

**TANF:** In response to a question at a previous meeting Kevin told the Council that Treaty income is included in considering TANF eligibility.

Council directed that written information needs to go with the per-capita check regarding taxes that may be owed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Action Items:** Doug Boon and Ray Peters are to receive pay increases based on annual performance evaluations.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.