

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

Attendance:

Tribal Council	David Lopeman, Chairman (arrived at 10:18 a.m.) Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman Vince Henry, Sr. Secretary Patti Puhn, Treasurer Paula Krise 1 st Council Member 2 nd Council Member (Vacant) Charlene Krise, 3 rd Council Member
Executive Director	Ray Peters
Deputy Executive Director	David Whitener Sr.
Recording Secretary	J. Ruby Fuller
Legal	Kevin Lyon

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

AGENDA/MINUTES

Vince Henry made a motion to approve the February 24 and February 10 minutes
Charlene seconded the motion with amendments the motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

The **Council Work Session** is scheduled for **March 13 - 17** at Quinault Beach Resort in Ocean Shores. Room in the agenda will be made for Tribal Gaming. Kevin Lyon offered his time on the agenda to be used by TGA.

Andy Whitener and Dave Lopeman plan to attend the **NATO Conference** in Las Vegas **March 29 - 31**.

The Grand Opening of the **Tobacco Factory** is scheduled for **April 2**.

The **Wellness & Women XII Conference** will be held **April 3 - 7**. Patti Puhn, Charlene Krise and Paula Krise plan to attend.

The **NIGA Conference** will be held **April 10 -13** in San Diego. Andy Whitener, Dave Lopeman and Ray Peters plat to attend.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

The **Second Council Work Session** (*Visioning Session*) will be held at Coeur D' Alene Resort in Idaho. Consultants will be brought in to speak with Council.

Paula and Charlene Krise plan to attend Patti Murray's **Golden Tennis Shoe Awards** in Seattle on **May 6**.

2005 Tribal Self-Governance Spring Conference will be held in San Diego, **May 2 – 6**. Ray Peters and Andy Whitener plan to attend.

The **ATNI Mid-Year Conference** will be held in Tacoma, **May 16-10**.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Committees and Commissions: Council considered those names on a list of Committee and Commission members and candidates for expiring and vacant positions. Vince Henry made a motion to approve the appointments (*See the attached list.*) to Committees and Commissions. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

Dave Lopeman arrived at 10:18 a.m.

Council decided to wait until the Council Work Session to discuss "Those interested in forming a committee on descendants."

TGA: Ray asked Council if they wanted to aside time for **TGA** at the work session. Council decided that **TGA** should be scheduled. Kevin Lyon offered for **Mike O'Donnell**, TGA Director to be able to use the time that was scheduled for Legal.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Goeduck Regulations: Julie Owen presented the **Goeduck Regulations for 2005 -2006**. The current season ending March 31 is complete. The next season starts April 1. She indicated that there are many edits but no substantive changes. Charlene made a motion to approve the **2005-2006 Goeduck Regulations** as it reads. Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against

WRIA 15 (*Water Rights Inventory Area*) – Kitsap Peninsula area: Jeff Dickison reported on WRIA 15 in the Kitsap Peninsula area He stated that they are in the final stages of developing their plan and want to set up another meeting. Jeff went on to say there are several issues the Tribe would not negotiate and that the Tribe has senior water rights and that we (*the tribe*) need a harvestable number of fish and we want them to do the studies. He said they don't want to change and that it is unknown at this time if something can be salvaged.

NATURAL RESOURCES *(Continued)*

WRIA 14 has contacted the tribe, Jeff reported. This area is from Totten Inlet to Eld Inlet to North Bay. They seem to be learning. They are beginning to draw up a plan. They have not tapped all available water yet.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUESTS

Request for legal assistance: A Tribal Member requested assistance in receiving visitation rights for the member's children. The children are presently under the guardianship of the State of Washington. There is a need for an attorney to represent the member. Council agreed that the case should be brought back to Squaxin. Kevin indicated that Judge Neal has agreed to assist.

Charlene moved to approve assisting in the above matter. Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 for and 0 against.

Basket: A tribal member brought a basket she had made to the meeting and asked Council to consider purchasing it. She named the basket **Honoring the elk**. Charlene made a motion to purchase the basket. Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4 in favor and 0 against with 1 abstention.

LEGAL

Intervention in Clear Bay: Kevin reported that the State is arguing that Clear Bay is part of the Tobin conspiracy. He said that at some time there will be discussion between the State and three tribes involved and how things will be divided. Council authorized Kevin to move forward and pursue getting the boat.

Draft Probation and Parole Code: Kevin passed around a draft probation and parole code for review and change.

Enrollment: The enrollment resolution approved at the March 10 meeting was signed.

Public Disclosure Request: Kevin reported that he had made a public disclosure request for the recording of the Fire District 4 meeting at which time displeasure was expressed and accusations made by the Fire District. Kevin indicated he will continue with the discussions until there is resolution, they walk away or we can't bridge the differences.