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Squaxin Island Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2005

Attendance:

Tribal Council	David Lopeman, Chairman Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary Patti Puhn, Treasurer Paula Krise, 1 st Council Member 2 nd Council Member Charlene Krise, 3 rd Council Member
Executive Director	Ray Peters
Deputy Executive Director	David Whitener Sr.
Recording Secretary	J. Ruby Fuller
Legal	Kevin Lyon

Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer. The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Patti Puhn moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2005 with corrections. Paula Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Patti Puhn made a motion to assist two community members with the cost of attending the Wellness and Women's Conference in the amount of \$500 each. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

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. Dave Lopeman, Andy Whitener, and Ray Peters plan to attend.

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TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

The **Second Council Work Session (*Visioning Session*)** will be held at Coeur D'Alene Resort in Idaho **April 25 - 29**. 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**.

12th Annual ATNI Transportation Symposium, April 25 – 28, Little Creek Casino Hotel, Dave Whitener, Mike Poier and Brian Thompson will be attending.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Gift: The Samish Tribal Council on behalf of the Samish Indian Nation gave a gift of a carving and a letter thanking the Squaxin Island Tribe for the hospitality shown them when touring tribal housing and business developments.

NWIFC Letter: A letter from Billy Frank in response to this Tribe's letter regarding the NWIFC Executive Director selection process was read by council. There will be a strategic planning session in May 24 and 25 at Little Creek Casino Hotel.

Donation: A \$500 donation was approved for a Veteran's Memorial in South Dakota for all tribal veterans.

Firewood: Andy Whitener and Dave Lopeman looked at wood owned by Green Diamond Resources that is available to be cut for firewood and found there is not enough wood there to cut for the elders. Dave Lopeman will look into getting a cutting permit that may allow individual tribal members to cut wood. Dave stated that if he does get a permit that on the first day of fire season all wood cutting will be shut down.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Request from Office of the Governor: The Governor's Office is looking for assistance in the selection process of a new Executive Director for the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. Council appointed Ray as representative for the Search Committee.

There was a request for permission to use the Tribe's logo. The request was referred to the Education Department (Youth Council) and the Elders' Committee.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

Council approved a "letter of support" to be signed by the chairman to Patty Murray regarding a grant application.

Dave Whitener gave an update on the SPIPA Board Meeting yesterday at which time they discussed the letter from the Skokomish Tribe. SPIPA plans to have another meeting later in April or early in May.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Adoption request: As is required by the adoption code, ICW Case Worker, Yolanda Harvey gave an update to Council about an open adoption request between two tribal members asking for approval from Tribal Council. The Child Protective Team agreed that it was a good plan. The adoptive mother spoke to Council as well and assured them that all parties were in agreement. Andy made motion to approve the adoption. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0.

Resolution # 05-28-DSHS State Grant Consolidated Request: Whitney Jones gave an update on the DSHS Consolidated Grant request. She indicated that they will be developing a comprehensive budget and that the funds will come through SPIPA. Whitney said three tribes are doing this already.

Andy made motion to approve **Resolution # 05-28** authorizing the Squaxin Tribal Consolidated Services Plan and Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tribe and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, with the final contract to be reviewed by the Legal Department. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

Basic Health Plan: Whitney reported that they have moved forward with Basic Health Plan insurance. The first person is signed up.

Appreciation Dinner: Whitney stated she anticipates in May having an appreciation dinner for foster parents. She said there are approximately 35 foster homes.

Whitney reported that she will be bringing a proposal about charges and co pays for non native users of clinic facilities to the next Council meeting.

PLANNING

Brian Thompson brought the following resolutions to council for consideration:

Resolution #05-29 approving changes to the rent collections policy of the housing and utilities ordinance.

Resolution #05-30 approves a SPIPA grant application which will be shared by tribes.

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PLANNING *(Continued)*

Resolution #05-31 supports the capital campaign of Turning Pointe, a non-profit agency providing confidential services to victims of domestic violence and their families in Mason County.

Patti Puhn moved to approve the resolutions. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

Dave Lopeman asked Brian to report back to Council from time to time

NATURAL RESOURCES

Hunting Regulations: Pete Kruger, Hunting Policy Representative, presented the 2005-2006 Hunting Regulations with no changes. Andy moved to approve the Regulations. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 for and 0 against. Charlene was out of the room.

Ceremonial permit: Council approved a tribal member's request for a ceremonial goat permit.

There will be a drawing for the people who have returned their hunting tags the first of April.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

A letter from a tribal member regarding housing was discussed.

A former tribal member is interested in selling the home on the reservation. Ray will check on this.

Council approved a request from a tribal member on a one – time basis only for funds to move into an RV park. The payment will be made directly to the park.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO HOTEL/UPDATE

Doug Boon gave a financial report for the months of January and February, 2005. The marketing representative for LCCH presented some materials to be used for sales promotions.

Doug presented **Resolution 05-32** approving the Tribe's membership in NIGA. Andy made a motion to approve. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against. Dave Lopeman is named as the delegate with Andy Whitener and Doug Boon as alternates.

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LITTLE CREEK CASINO HOTEL/UPDATE *(Continued)*

Terminal allocation plan: The terminal allocation plan lease is due. Doug recommends that the lease be renewed until May, 2006. He said that a considerable sum goes directly to the tribe. Council approved the renewal of the lease.

TGA

Mike O'Donnell, TGA Director, reported that he notified staff at LCCH that there would be random searches and that staff will be searched for probable cause.

Council reiterated that Tribal assets to be disposed will be first offered to other departments within the tribal government. Promotional items will go thru the appropriate process.

Food Code and Program Standards: Joe Castellucio, TGA Agent in charge of Health Inspections and Sharon Smith, FDA Food Specialist gave a presentation of the benefits for adoption of the Model Food Code.

Mike O'Donnell reported that the Tulalip Tribe and three counties here in Washington have adopted the 2001 Model Food Code.

Andy made a motion to approve the Standard Food Code. Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following resolutions for Enrollment for Council approval.

Resolution #05 -33 – 5 year wait: approves the application for enrollment of Raven Haag Roush-Lizotte

Resolution #05-34: approves the application for membership in the Squaxin Island Tribe of Eileen Renee George.

Resolution #05-35: approves the applications for membership in the Squaxin Island Tribe of Anthony Raymond James, Emma Lee Georgena James, and Kayla Marie Johnson.

Resolution #05-36: approves the application for membership in the Squaxin Island Tribe of Christopher E. Brown.

Andy made the motion to approve the resolutions. Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Revised Forest Management plan: Jeff Dickison informed to the Council of a revised Forest Management Plan initiating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process of environmental review. Jeff will be bringing the plan back to Council for adoption.

Habitat Improvement Project: Jeff reported on the habitat improvement project on Skookum Creek. Tribe received funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reestablish channel function and reverse the incision of the channel and benefit fish habitat.

Jeff said that Natural Resources staff have begun planning and would like to know from Council their wishes as to the nature and scope of this project. He said there are two approaches to this project. One would be to try to approximate a final form of the stream channel immediately by excavating portions of the stream bank. This would be an aggressive approach. A less aggressive approach would be to complete just enough work to establish or accelerate the natural processes that over the next 50-100 years will cause the stream channel to evolve into a final form.

Either of these approaches requires coordination with economic development activities planned by the tribe. Council recommended the more aggressive approach to the project.

Drought watch: Jeff stated that he has been working with other departments to refine a Drought Watch Resolution and will have it at a later date

Natural Resources Building: The pre design study for new Natural Resources building is underway. Work has been done on site selection and there are two primary location recommendations. One location is on the Simpson property on Kla Che Min. The other is adjacent to the Intertribal Professional Building site.

VETERANS MEMORIAL UPDATE

Glen Parker gave an update on the Veterans' Memorial. He stated that they want a natural native setting and that they are following the guidance of the Planning Department. Council approved of how the Committee is proceeding. Glen asked for Council approval of a Functional Statement

Charlene made motion to approve the Functional Statement. Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5 in favor and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.