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**Squaxin Island Tribal Council
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2005**

Attendance: **Dave Lopeman Chairman**
 Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman
 Vince Henry, Sr. Secretary
 Patti Puhn, Treasurer
 Paula Krise, 1st Council Member
 2nd Council Member (Vacant)
 Charlene Krise, 3rd Council Member

Executive Director Ray Peters
Deputy Executive Director David Whitener Sr.
Recording Secretary J. Ruby Fuller
Legal Kevin Lyon

MINUTES

Patti Puhn offered the opening prayer. Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Andy Whitener moved to approve the Special Phone Poll Minutes of February 17, 2005 and April 14, 2005 and the Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2005 as amended. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

The **Second Council Work Session /Visioning Session** in Coeur D'Alene will be held **April 25 – 29** with the first and last day being travel days.

Paula and Charlene Krise will attend Patty Murray's **Golden Tennis Shoe Awards** on **May 6**, in Seattle.

2005 Tribal Self Governance Spring Conference will be held **May 2-6** in San Diego. Ray Peters plans to attend.

ATNI will be held in **Tacoma, May 16-18**. Andy Whitener, Ray Peters, Vince Henry, Charlene Krise and Patti Puhn may attend. Ray will be attending the **Tribal Trust Reform and Legislative** meeting on **May 19** at 12:00 noon at the Sheraton Hotel in **Tacoma**.

NTEC 12th Annual National Conference May 3-5 Green Bay (Representatives from Natural Resources will be attending.)

NCAI Conference will be held **June 13-15** in **Green Bay, Wisconsin**.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

Andy added the **WIGA Conference** that he wishes to attend to be held **July 25-27** in **Tacoma**.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Tribal Member Concern: A tribal member voiced concerns about the location planned for construction the new duplexes. Work was put on hold at Patti Puhn's request. The Housing Commission will be touring the site tomorrow.

Workshop for youth: Charlene Krise requested Council consider Native Lens, a two day workshop for youth from the Pacific Northwest, a program started through 911 Media Arts Center that introduces Native youth to media as a vehicle for self expression. The Council decision was to forward the request to the 1% Committee.

Graduation Awards: High school graduation awards will be forwarded to 1%. Patti asked for reconsideration of recognizing those who receive their GED's. Patti will learn the number of students who will be receiving diplomas and GED's. The awards will be given at SquiGwi, on Friday, June 17.

Service Awards: Patti presented Council with examples of Service awards that could be given to persons with certain number of years of service. The cost would be \$11,000 for the first year, then \$2500 per year in subsequent years. Council directed Ray to find the funds.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Fireworks permit applications: Ray reported on the Fireworks permit applications. Wholesalers who wish to have their trailers on Casino property will be subject top a wholesale license fee. There will be a limit of two wholesalers to be located at the fireworks site.

Council Visioning Session: Ray Peters went over the agenda for the Visioning Session in Coeur D'Alene

Land acquisition: Tribal Council is interested in acquiring the Lorine Whitener property.

Donation Request: The donation request for "Cancer 3-day walk" will be forwarded to the 1% committee.

Fundraiser: Council approved Ray Peter's attendance at the breakfast reception for the Honorable Norm Dicks, Congressman and the donation of \$500.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

General Body Meeting: Ray went over the agenda for the May 7 General Body Meeting. The location for the General Body Meeting is the Little Creek Casino Bingo Hall.

PLANNING

Brian Thompson presented the following resolutions for council consideration;

Resolution #05-38 Dave Whitener and Kim Cooper appointed as official delegates to the April 29 special SPIPA meeting

Resolution #05-39 authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Department of Justice under the Family Court Grant Program for up to \$450,000 for developing and establishing the Squaxin Island Tribal Drug Court.

Resolution #05-40 authorizes the submission of a Housing Preservation grant application to USDA for up to \$69,000 for preserving and protecting homes on the reservation

Resolution # 05-41 requests the United States accept title to the real property known as Port Blakely # 51a and #51b in trust for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

Andy made a motion to approve **Resolutions #05-38, 05-39, #05-40 and #05-41**. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against. Patti asked to put on hold the next resolution Bryan presented that approves changes to the eligibility, admissions and occupancy policy of the Housing and Utilities Commission. Council's direction was for Natural Resources to work with Housing on that resolution.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Drought Report: Jeff Dickison reported that we are not having as severe weather conditions as last year. He reported on the Olympia Precipitation Decadal Trend Analysis.

WRIA 15 Planning Process: Council instructed him to draft another letter to the Kitsap County Commissioners and to reach out to Mason and Thurston Counties regarding WRIA 14.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO UPDATE

(No report was given)

Visitors: The Shelton High School Class of 1951 paid a visit to the Council.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Incident: Two community members came to the Council meeting regarding an incident involving adolescents found with controlled substances in a vehicle. Squaxin Tribal Police Chief, Robbin Rhoades was present and reported on the incident.

Dog attack: Patti reported that last night there had been a dog that had killed another smaller dog. It was brought up that Housing has a regulation against having Pit Bulls and Rotwiellers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #05-42: Patti moved to approve **Resolution #05-42** making Lorine Whitener an honorary member posthumously because of her life long contribution to the tribal community specifically that she be recognized as an Indian within the meaning of 25 U.S.C. Chapter 17 Section 1452 (b). Paula seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor, 0 against with 1 abstention.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following resolutions for enrollment:

Resolution #05-43 Talon Andrew Peterson – full benefits

Resolution #05-44 Jacqueline Clare Smith – five year wait

Resolution #05-45 Jean Deanna Henry –five year wait

Resolution #05-46 Mataya Gliding Eagle Stroud – five year wait

Resolution #05-47 Jolene S. Cowan – five year wait

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

Public Health and Welfare Code: Tribal Council agreed to set aside a separate time to discuss this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.