

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2005**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Jim Peters,	Chairman
	Andy Whitener,	Vice Chairman
	Vince Henry, Sr.,	Secretary
	Patti Puhn,	Treasurer
	Will Penn,	1st Council Member
	Pete Kruger,	2nd Council Member (absent)
	Charlene Krise,	3rd Council Member

Deputy Executive Director	Dave Whitener, Sr.
Recording Secretary	J. Ruby Fuller
Legal	Kevin Lyon

Will Penn offered the opening prayer. Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Patti Puhn moved to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2005 as amended. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

Jim Peters plans to attend the **Wellness Celebration** at Shoalwater Bay on **May 27**. Whitney Jones also plans to attend.

Charlene Krise plans to attend the **Maria Cantwell fundraising breakfast** on **May 31** in Tacoma.

The **NCAI Mid Year Conference** will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin **June 12- 15**. Vince H., Ray P., Jim P., Pete K. plan to attend.

Will Penn plans to attend the **Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center Grand Opening** on **June 11**. Charlene and Jim may also attend.

There will be a **Salmon Ceremony and Tulalip Tribe Parade** on June 18. Jim may attend.

Pete Kruger and perhaps Patti Puhn may attend the **Washington Tribal Economic Summit** scheduled for **August 21-24** at Quinault Beach Resort.

June 8 is the date for the first **Public Budget Meeting** 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

WIGA will be meeting **July 25-27** in Tacoma. Andy would like to attend. Jim may also attend.

Dave Whitener and Lynn Scroggins will attend a **Transportation Conference** in Spokane, **June 6 -8**.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Council Training: Council Training has been rescheduled to June 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hotel upstairs.

Boats on Squaxin Island: Jim Peters reported that he had spoken with Steve Sigo and that Steve indicated he needed a couple of months to accomplish the removal of the boat. Dave Whitener said they first requested the removal about 18 months ago and that Steve had said he could move Herb's boat as well as his own but that it would cost about \$5,000. The Chairman asked Dave to call Steve about removing his boat from the Island.

Donation requests: Jim received a donation request from Dave Somers, running for Snohomish County Council. Jim decided to wait on this request.

Housing: The construction of the duplexes were placed on hold because of concerns regarding the location raised by tribal members. The Housing Commissioners toured the construction site. The Commissioners were polled. Patti Puhn listened to each Commissioner.

Mike Poier gave the Council an update and history of the plan for construction of the duplexes.

Patti Puhn made a motion to keep the location for the duplexes the same. Vince Henry seconded the motion. There was discussion. Charlene said to be sure to send a letter to the complainant. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against to continue as planned. Dave Whitener will write the letter.

NWIFC Meeting: Jim will be attending the Northwest Indian Fish Commission meeting on June 6.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Issues to Address with SPIPA: Dave reported that he and Kim Cooper represented Council at a SPIPA Summit Meeting which was an attempt to beef up communication between SPIPA and the tribes. Kim Cooper is the delegate Dave Whitener is the alternate.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

Jim Peters will work with Dave to draft another letter to the Tribal Chairpersons to schedule and host a meeting to include Council and Board Representatives.

LEGAL

Kelly Croman presented **Resolution #05-50** adopting the amended Fuel Sales and Tax Code and repealing the **Resolution #03-75**. Andy moved and Charlene seconded the motion to approve **Resolution #05-50**. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Council delayed making a decision on the Resolution regarding leave to serve as a full time elected official.

Oath of office: Rhonda Foster gave a historical report on the *Oath of Office* for newly elected officers. Rhonda will administer the *Oath of Office* next meeting when all Council Members are present.

Loan documents summarizing terms: Kevin Lyon distributed loan documents from Bank of America summarizing terms and conditions.

Letter requesting interpretation: Kevin will be drafting a letter for the Chairman's signature asking for interpretation regarding bank secrecy act issues.

Compact Amendment: Kevin plans to send a letter tomorrow to the State of Washington regarding a Compact amendment to most favored nations' clause. They will then have 60 days to respond.

Litigation: Council was briefed on the State's proposal as an alternative to intervention. Council provided direction regarding settlement terms.

Kevin thanked Council on behalf of the Tribal Court for being allowed to use Council Chambers saying the Tribal Court is very pleased to be using council chambers.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO/HOTEL UPDATE

Doug Boon reported that LCCH revenue and expenses are running very close to budget projections. He also reported that the web page should be online by the end of this month. Doug also indicated that decisions need to be made regarding the golf course project. Doug Boon, Toni Hagmann, Russell Harper and Peg Johnson were present.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO/HOTEL UPDATE (*Continued*)

Career Path Initiative: Russell Harper reported on the Squaxin Career Path Program, a project to develop employee potential. He will bring in a budget at a future meeting.

PLANNING

Resolution #05-51 supporting the submittal of a pre-application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Impact Initiative program for the purchase of medical and dental equipment was presented for approval. Andy made a motion to approve. Patti seconded the motion. **Resolution #05-51** passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against. Will Penn was absent.

Resolution #05-52 authorizes the submission of a DOJ grant application to the COPS TRGP grant program and commits to matching fund requirements and commits to fund two new officers' salaries for one full funding cycle. Charlene made a motion to approve the resolution. Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against. Will Penn was not present in Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.