

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 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
	Charlene Krise,	3rd Council Member

Executive Director	Ray Peters
Recording Secretary	J. Ruby Fuller
Legal	Kevin Lyon

Andy Whitener offered the opening prayer. Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Vince Henry brought the concern to Council that construction work on the new SPIPA Building began too early on weekends. He related that the construction noise level at 6:30 Sunday morning was unacceptable. Council decided that an acceptable time to begin construction is 9:00 a.m. on weekends (Saturday and Sunday); 7:30 a.m. on week days (Monday through Friday) and must end no later than 9:00 p.m.

Charlene moved to approve the agenda. Patti Puhn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against.

Oath of Office: Rhonda Foster administered the **Oath of Office** to all Council Members with Dave Whitener, Sr. and Dave Lopeman witnessing. Andy moved approve **Resolution #05-50A, The Oath of Office.** Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against.

Charlene made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2005 with amendments and a change to Item #1 on page 3. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

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

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

The **Skokomish Golf Tournament** is scheduled for **July 9** at Lake Cushman.

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.

The **MLRC Fundraiser** golf tournament will be held on **June 13**.

Andy is a delegate for **WIGA** and plans to attend the conference in Tacoma, **July 25-27**. Jim Peters may also attend.

Squaxin First Salmon Ceremony will be **August 6**.

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

The Global Gaming Expo September 12-15 Las Vegas

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Continued appointment to the Washington State Conservation Commission: Jim is presently the Chairman of this Commission and would like to continue until his term has ended. Council concurred.

Salmon Recovery Board: Jim plans to resign from this Board at the July meeting.

Shoalwater Bay Health and Wellness facility: Jim reported on the visit he made to the Shoalwater Bay's Health and Wellness facility. He said it was a very impressive structure.

PowWow: Dave Lopeman reported on the Pow Wow at Chehalis. There was discussion about reinstating the Pow Wow, the need to hire an event coordinator and to have our own Pow Wow grounds.

Salmon Fest: Ray Peters spoke about the Salmon Fest planned on Casino property. Ray said he will be requesting funds from Council.

Squi Gwi: Patti asked Dave Lopeman to attend **Squi Gwi** on Friday **June 17** to present the certificates to the students selected to receive the three new cars. Before the titles to the cars are released and the keys given, the recipients will be required to show proof of insurance and a valid drivers' license.

Kevin Lyon reported on Recent Case Development regarding Medical marijuana:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Technical Assistance grant: – Whitney gave an update on the technical assistance grant on which she has been working and on staffing-team changes and enhancements. Squaxin is the only Tribe to receive this grant.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following resolutions for enrollment approval:

- Resolution #05-51A** Henderson, Kaytlyn Joi -- Full benefits
- Resolution #05-52A** Witcraft, Margaret Mary -- Five year wait
- Resolution #05-53** Armas, Samantha Shantelle - Five year wait

Andy moved to approve the resolutions. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried; 6 in favor and 0 against.

VETERANS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Tribal Flag: Glen reported that the elders want flag to have the tribe's logo. Pete Kruger made a motion to have a flag designed using the Tribe's logo as the centerpiece of the flag. Will Penn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against. Council directed Ray to follow up on this project.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO HOTEL/ UPDATE

Doug Boon gave a financial update. Council's directed Doug to move ahead with the Property acquisition.

Doug reported that the Little Creek Oversight Board recommended using the Skookum Creek Tobacco building for the event center. Doug said the cage area in the Casino needs to be increased and that he wants to put on a second floor. Council indicated that the first priority is to get the gaming floor expanded.

Pre planning has been done by Shaman Architects. Doug is to bring maps to the Council Training on June 17.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Bob Whitener reported that the last of the cigarette manufacturing machines are in and they should be fully operational in two weeks. There will be a blessing for the final two pieces of equipment tomorrow.

Excise taxes will be going up. This will change Island Enterprises cash position. Bob said they may be looking at a bridge loan.

The bathrooms at the HUB have been shut down. Island Enterprises will continue to maintain the parking. It was discussed and decided that a sign be placed in the area letting people know there are restrooms in the store.

Charlene asked about Salish Seafood's shellfish buying process from tribal members. Bob said they are trying to schedule smaller harvests. Andy said he directed Eric to schedule smaller digs more often. Bob said that they will do their best to buy from tribal members.

Goeduck: They would like to buy seed and want a concise proposal to the Shellfish and the Goeduck Committees.

Bob said that if a persons digs on Squaxin Island, he/she needs to be a tribal member.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

A tribal member brought a concern to council.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Kim Kenyon and companion spoke about SAFE program that he is very interested in developing. They are seeking donations. They were referred the 1% committee.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER UPDATE

Jim Kindle, Director of the Child Development Center reported that as of June 1, 2005, 90 children were enrolled and that 70 are attending on a daily basis. Of the 15 teachers who work there, one-third are tribal members.

Jim said they are still doing some advertising. He told Council that the Board has directed him to be NAEYC accredited. Teachers have to meet criteria. He is planning to have summer youth workers. The Child Development Board proposes that Island Enterprises show salary increases in their financial plan. Tribal Council will direct Island Enterprises.

PLANNING

Lynn Scroggins presented the following resolutions for Council approval:

Resolution #05-54 authorizes the submittal of a contract proposal in the amount of \$35,000 to the Department of Interior for transportation planning. Pete made a motion to approve **Resolution #05-54**. Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried; 5 in favor and 0 against. Andy was out of the room.

Resolution #05-55 authorizes the submission of a \$500,000 grant application to the FY05 Indian Community Development Block Grant program (ICDBG) under the Public Facilities and Improvement Projects funding category to design and construct a \$650,000 Northwest Indian Treatment Center Facility, Counseling and Cultural Center, with the Tribe contributing over 25 percent as a cash match to the project.

Resolution #05-56 approves the NWITC Counseling and Cultural Center's Maintenance and Operation Plan and approves tribal funding of \$14,000 for maintenance repairs, insurance, replacement reserves and annual costs.

Will Penn made motion to approve **Resolutions #05-55 and #05-56** Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried; 6 in favor and 0 against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL

Loan Documents: Kevin Lyon provided council with copies of loan documents to review and approve. After discussion Andy move to approve the loan as presented and to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to execute the documents and approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried; 6 in favor and 0 against.

Fireworks: June 15 is the date for tribal members who have fireworks stands to begin selling. The stands are to be removed by midnight July 10.

Pete Kruger moved to approve Fireworks General Use Permit approving the discharge of legal fireworks on the reservation for the following times: Wednesday, June 15, 2005 through Sunday July 10, 2005 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m., and 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday and the 4th of July.

The motion was seconded by Vince Henry. The motion carried, 5 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Fireworks: Ray reported there will be one food stand in addition to the fireworks stand. He further reported that two wholesale permits have been granted. These wholesalers will be on Casino premises.

Property acquisition: Ray gave an update on property acquisition. Pete moved to approve the purchase of property and directed Doug Boon, LCCH General Manager to pay for the purchase with the terms requested to be negotiated by Ray. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against.

OTHER

Certified Letters have been sent to the owners of the boats on Squaxin Island.

Ray asked Council to think of a date to have the next Talking Circle

The Leave Policy for Elected Officials will be brought up at the next Council meeting.

Ray let Council know he would like to take two weeks annual leave in July.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.