

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 28, 2005

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters,	Chairman
Andy Whitener,	Vice Chair
Vince Henry, Sr.,	Secretary
Patti Puhn,	Treasurer
Will Penn,	1st Council Member
Pete Kruger, Sr.,	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>Absent</i>)

Jim called meeting to order at 9 14 a.m. Pete offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Jim asked Council for any change to the agenda. The approval of the minutes was postponed until later in the day. Will Penn would like a briefing on per capita payments at the end of the day. Vince moved to approve the agenda. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

The Annual All-Staff Picnic will be held at Ralph and Karen Munro's on **July 29**.

The First Salmon Ceremony will take place at the Arcadia Boat Ramp at noon on **August 6**. Work will begin about 9:00 a.m. to set up for the ceremony.

Also on **August 6**, the **Capitol Land Trust Summer Gala** will be held at Ralph and Karen Munro's beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Pete Kruger plans to attend the **Washington Tribal Economic Summit** on **August 21-24** at the Quinault Beach Resort. Jim may also attend.

The **Global Gaming Expo** will be held **September 12-15** in Las Vegas. Pete Kruger, Vince Henry, Andy Whitener and Ray Peters plan to attend.

Ray and Jim will be attending the **ATNI Annual Conference, September 19-23** at the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort. Doug Boon, LCCH General Manager plans to attend along with Pete Kruger and Will Penn.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

On **September 23**, a **Celebration** that will include a traditional dinner and dancing will be held in the **Squaxin Island Tribal Gymnasium**. This event will be a substitute for the Potlatch. The Cultural Exchange Budget will be used.

The **Self Governance Tribes, Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Interior Fall Conference** will be held in Washington D. C., **October 10-14**. Ray and Will plan to attend.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

First American Education Project: Jim Peters reported that Russ Lehman, Managing Director of the First American Education Project is asking for contribution of \$10,000. There was discussion that the First American Education Project has in the past been effective in combating Anti-Indian political issues. The 1% committee made a donation in February.

Ray is to contact Russ Lehman to ascertain what issues he is now focusing on, who is on the Board of Directors and what are the benefits of membership. Ray will report back to Council.

WIGA: Jim Peters reported on the WIGA Conference and about the letter that was received from NIGC. Jim expressed concern regarding the government to government relationship (or lack of) between NIGC and the Tribe. Jim requested that he be notified by Doug Boon whenever he is dealing with NIGC staff.

Canoe Journey: The Canoe Family will rest today at Suquamish on their way to Lower Elwah. Jim plans to travel to Suquamish tomorrow morning to spend some time with them. Will Penn plans to visit when they reach Lower Elwah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Meeting with County Commissioners: Ray Peters reminded Council that the meeting scheduled with the Mason County Commissioners is 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 1 at Alderbrook.

Warren G. Magnuson Award Ceremony: The 12th Annual Warren G. Magnuson Award Ceremony and Auction will be held August 16, at Beneroya Hall, Seattle.

Property Acquisition: Ray reported on the status of property acquisition. Pete Kruger requested that someone make contact with the owner of property he considered significant. Dave Whitener agreed to make that contact.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

Housing Manager Intern: Ray updated Council on the Housing Manager position. Council agreed that a Housing Manager Intern position was needed and directed Ray to create the position. Patti will develop a job description.

WCC Pow Wow: Council received a letter from Tribal Sons (*Indian Club*), Washington Corrections Center requesting drummers and dancers and tribal member attendance at their Pow Wow on September 11. This request will be forwarded to Charlene at the Museum.

Debt Service Report: Ray gave a report on the Long Term Debt as of June 30, 2005. Kevin Lyon will bring to Council a **Code Revision** for Casino Distribution regarding suspending the on-island acquisition until funds have been spent down.

Meeting with DSHS Secretary: There will be a meeting with the DSHS Secretary, September 6 from 3:00 until 5 00 p.m. Those attending will be Jim, Ray, June O'Brien and Whitney Jones

Talking Circle: A Talking Circle is scheduled for September 16 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MLRC Auction: The Museum Library Research Center Art Auction will be held on September 17 at the Hotel at Little Creek.

Leave Policy: Leave Policy was postponed.

LEGAL

Kelly Croman presented **Resolution #05-64** which approves the letter of **Legal Representation** dated July 22, 2005 from Perkins Coie LLP and approving the waiver of conflict of interest as set out in the **Letter of Simultaneous Representation of the Squaxin Island Tribe and Puget Sound Energy, Inc.** dated July 22, 2005. *(This serves to replace Jay Manning.)* Andy made a motion to approve **Resolution #05-64**. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken

New Service Provider: Whitney Jones reported that Health and Human Services has found an advanced registered nurse practitioner who they will be hiring for possibly 4 days a week. He has been working at Warm Springs. He is available to start next week. He has experience with Indian Health Service's Electronic Health Records.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE (Continued)

Whitney also reported that Pam Peters who is a Registered Nurse at the Clinic is working to become a nurse practitioner.

Priority One Status: Whitney informed Council that as of July 6, the Clinic moved into *Priority One Status* for purchase orders, which means they can't give out purchase orders except for cases involving the threat of loss of life or limb and that this seems to be happening earlier every year.

Work Space: Whitney reported that Contract Health Services will be moved into the present conference room area. Whitney would like to have the space which will be available when SPIPA moves from their present location.

Dental: Whitney said the number of no-shows for dental appointments each year is approximately 200. She reported on the Orthodontia program, that they are working on a **Memorandum of Understanding** and they will be transporting the children to Chemewa for the orthodontia work. Whitney said she has a list of those eligible for this work but that Dr. McCullough will do the final screening. \$12,000 has been allocated by the budget commission.

Whitney also reported that they have begun the Caseworker-in-training program and they are working on having an Elders Community Health Representative for the Elders Program.

Extended hours at the Clinic will begin again after school starts. HHS staff has asked Skokomish and Chehalis Tribal personnel if they would like to use our pharmacy. Whitney asked if Council would consider sending a letter inviting them to use the pharmacy. Jim instructed Whitney to draft a letter and submit it to Ray.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford brought the following resolutions for Council to consider for enrollment:

Full benefits

Resolution #05-65 Alexander Henry-Castelane;
Resolution #05-66 Tristian I.K.O. Villanueva;

5 year wait

Resolution #05-67 Celester R. Gaidrich;
Resolution #05-68 Celia Laureen Rosander;
Resolution #05-69 Christina Charleen Smith.

ENROLLMENT *(Continued)*

Andy made motion to approve **Resolutions #05-65, 05-66, 05-67, 05-68 and 05-69.**
Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

Tammy brought to Council's attention **Resolution #05-16**, relinquishment of enrollment by Lettie Ann Machado-Oliva, approved on February 10, 2005. Ms. Machado-Oliva within a matter of days changed her mind about relinquishing her membership but the matter was not brought back to Council. Andy moved to rescind **Resolution #05-16.**
Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

LCCH –Career Path Development

Russell Harper reported on the Career Path Development Program. Council agreed to the concept of the Career Path Development Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken

Message from Canoe Family: Terry Capoeman telephoned – asked to give message to Council. “Thanks for the support the Canoe Family has received. Everything is going well” and to Andy, “we are waiting for our care package.”

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Christina Lopeman brought to the Council a personnel concern.

Vince reported he has been contacted by Tribal members about getting into “treatment”.

The Minutes were postponed until next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.