

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2005

Attendance:

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

Jim Peters, Chairman, called meeting to order at 9:10. Patti Puhn offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA

Jim asked for changes and or approval of the agenda. Land acquisition was added to the Executive Director Update. Time will also be made for reports from the Legal Department.

Vince Henry reported he had been contacted by some tribal members concerned about the location of the *Siatco* tree. The location at this time is along Old Olympic Highway in front of and adjacent to the Child Development Center. Ray Peters, Executive Director, let Vince know that a decision has been made to return the tree to Little Creek.

Vince made motion to approve the Agenda with changes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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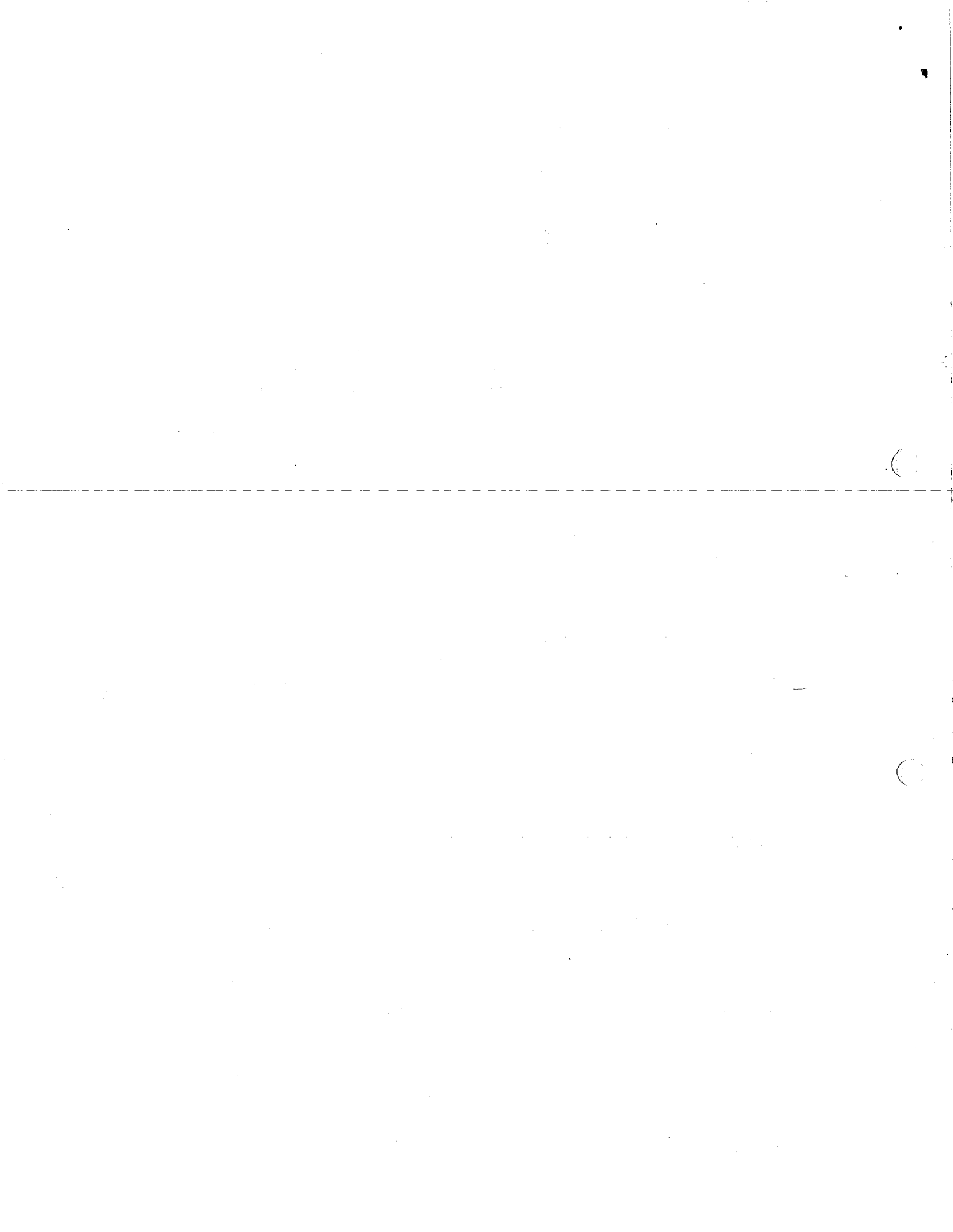
Patti made motion to approve the July 14 and July 28 minutes as amended. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

Ray reported that the 12th **Annual Warren G. Magnuson Award Ceremony and Auction** will be held August 16, in Seattle if any one wants to attend.

The **Washington Tribal Economic Summit** is slated for **August 21 – 24** at the Quinault Beach Resort. Pete Kruger and Jim Peters plan to attend. Charlene Krise said she may also attend.

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



TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

The meeting with the **Shelton School District Board of Directors** on **September 15**, at **Olympic Middle School** will be rescheduled. Kim Copper and Walt Archer will also be attending.

The date for the next **Talking Circle** is **September 16** at **5 p.m.** in Council Chambers.

The **MLRC Art Auction** will be held at the **Little Creek Casino Resort Hotel** on **September 17** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** Ray Peters and Ron Whitener will be the auctioneers.

The **ATNI 52nd Annual Conference** is scheduled for **September 19-23** at the **Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel**. Jim Peters, Ray Peters, Will Penn and Pete Kruger plan to attend. Also Doug Boon, General Manager of LCCR plans to attend.

On **September 23**, a **Potlatch of Appreciation and Celebration** is planned at the Squaxin Island Gymnasium.

Evergreen State College **Longhouse Education and Cultural Center 10-year Anniversary Potlatch** will be held on **September 24**. The opening ceremony is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by a potlatch.

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

The **NCAI Conference** is scheduled for **October 30 – November 4** in Tulsa, OK Jim, Andy and Ray will attend.

Potlatch Fund 2005 Annual Gala will be **November 19, 2005** in Seattle.

Dave Whitener asked if there were any plans for a 10-year anniversary event for the Casino.

Andy Whitener added that a **WIGA** meeting is scheduled in Yakima on **September 7**. He and Ray plan to attend.

Andy said he would like to attend the **NIGA Conference** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, **November 14 and 15**.

Ray Peters plans to take annual leave August 29 through September 2 and September 6, with Council approval.

Ray will check on the date for the Centennial Accord. He believes it is November 10 and will again be held at LCCR



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

First American Education Project: Ray spoke with Russ Lehman, Managing Director of the First American Education Project. Council discussed that in the beginning Russ Lehman's work was more project oriented and that now his focus is more global.

Tribal member request for assistance: (*Charlene Krise brought this to Council.*) Tribal Member, Marvin Campbell wrote letter to Council requesting assistance with daycare expenses. Because of his commitment to the US Navy, he resides out-of-state and does not qualify for assistance available to members who reside here. Ray will explore other possible ongoing programs that may exist to assist with daycare expenses. Andy suggested a \$500 donation and look for other programs as well. Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500.

Jim suggested that when Council members are traveling out-of-state, they make contact with tribal members who live in the area of their travel.

National Network of Grantmaking Requests (NNG): The NNG is requesting a sponsorship of \$5000 for the opening ceremonies for the upcoming NNG Conference at Semiahmoo in October. Charlene indicated that through the MLRC's connection with Seventh Generation Fund (SGF) they have received in excess of \$60,000. She also said that the Squaxin Island Tribe has become known as a philanthropic entity. Council agreed by consensus to donate \$2000 out of FY06 budget.

Events Coordinator: Ray reported that creating the position of an Events Coordinator is on his list of things to do.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Leave Policy Resolution: Leave policy will be brought back to Council for review at the first meeting in September.

Backpacks for students: By consensus, Council approved paying for 250 backpacks at \$15 each for students.

Political Donation: Jim and Ray will attend an event honoring Senator Maria Cantwell on August 13. Council approved a donation in the amount of \$200 for this event.

Court Training: Ray reminded Council of Court Training session dates this month. Charlene asked that those sessions be videotaped.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Mike Henderson asked for a five year medical release from diving. Pete made motion to approve Mike's request. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6 in favor and 0 against. Mike asked when this would take effect and was told it was effective immediately. Andy said he would make the call to Natural Resources.



TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST *(Continued)*

It was discussed that after five years he will be out of the fishery and someone else will be allowed to enter.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL UPDATE

Glen Parker gave an update on plans for the Veteran's Memorial. He said they plan to use material from 7 inlets and perhaps from the archaeological dig site at Mud Bay. Glen expressed concern with possible vandalism and said they need security cameras. Mike O'Donnell, TGA Director will ask for donation of cameras. The committee would like to have bronze paddles with a veteran's name on each paddle. The number of veterans is at 71. The cost estimate for the paddles is \$750 per paddle.

Glen said they will not be able to meet the target completion date of Veterans Day and asked if it would be possible for Mike Poier and/or Dan to be the lead in the construction.

Rhonda is attempting to procure the Tumwater petroglyph. The playground equipment needs to be moved and flag poles ordered. Ray reported that the flags have been ordered.

FINANCE

Draft FY06 Budget: Deb Stoehr brought the draft FY06 budget to Council.

Occupancy Tax: Brian Thompson will put together a Tourism Director job description. This position would be paid by the Occupancy Tax.

Terminal Lease Allocation: The terminal lease allocation was discussed. Charlene Krise moved to set aside \$100,000 as seed money for the Natural Resources Dept/Cultural Resources Dept building and \$50,000 for the Veteran's Memorial to be paid out of the terminal lease allocation revenue. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 for and 0 against.

FY06 Budget: Andy moved to approve the draft FY06 budget. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against. Council will meet on September 29 for final approval of the FY06 Budget instead of September 22.

PLANNING

Nia Wellman, Planner, presented **Resolution #05-70** authorizing the South Puget intertribal Planning Agency to prepare, submit, negotiate, execute and administer with the Department of Health and Human Services a grant proposal and agreement for FY05-07 Child Care Community Development Block grant. Patti made motion to approve **Resolution # 05-70**. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 for and 0 against.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

Property acquisition update: Ray gave an update on property acquisition.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO HOTEL /LCOB UPDATE

Construction: Doug Boon, General Manager of LCCR reported that construction expanding the gaming floor at Casino is progressing. Ray has assigned Mike Poier to assist. What is now the Tobacco Factory will become the Event Center. Doug said they are looking at options for the Event Center. The direction from council is to get the Tobacco Factory built per Andy.

There was discussion about requesting more involvement with John Korsmo of Korsmo Construction. Doug would like to order the steel within the next three weeks. Andy said he wants the building done right. Patti concurred. Jim said that if the facility where the event is held is nice, people will pay to attend.

ATNI Conference: Doug said that to attend the ATNI Conference September 19- 23 that it may be easier to fly to Spokane than to drive.

Centennial Accord: The Governor's Office of Indian Affairs wants to have The Centennial Accord at LCCR.

December 15 is the date set to give the car away that was purchased by the LCCR.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

A Tribal member requested assistance in obtaining a Class 3 gaming license. The Council went into

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TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Gloria Hill asked Council for a donation of goeduck, clams or oysters for a dinner on October 11 the evening before the Domestic Violence Summit. Gloria was told that she needs to coordinate with Tom Blueback from Law Enforcement for obtaining goeduck. Gloria also requested that fees be waived for using the gym. She may be required to pay a deposit which would be refunded after using the gym. Pete will give the opening remarks the summit on October 12 at the LCCR. Andy Whitener said that Natural Resources could donate 2 bags of clams and suggested she check with Island Enterprises regarding oysters.

LEGAL

Budget ordinance amendment regarding Land acquisition accounts: Based on questions from Council, Kevin Lyon, tribal attorney advised that the proposed resolution be crafted to provide Council the flexibility to apportion the 15% distribution between the



LEGAL *(Continued)*

on-island and off-island acquisition sub-accounts. Kevin further explained that the proposed resolution did not affect and was not intended to affect or authorize re-apportionment of the monies currently held in the sub-accounts; that is, this authorization did not include transferring monies from one sub-account to another. Rather, this authorization related to new distribution into the land acquisition account and apportioning the new money in ways other than 50:50 to the two accounts. Kevin further explained that with any subsequent distribution the monies would first go to the on-island sub account as necessary to replenish the account to \$500,000. Thereafter, the money would be allocated as determined by Tribal Council. Several examples were discussed. If the on-island sub-account was already at \$500,000 it would not be necessary to apportion any money to the on-island account. If all the distribution was directed to the on-island account and it still did not have \$500,000 no money could be allocated to the off-island sub-account. If the on-island sub-account was replenished to \$500,000, the rest of the distribution could be apportioned as the Council chooses. This proposed modification requires an amendment to the Budget Ordinance because the budget required that 50% each be apportioned to the on-island and off-island sub accounts. No modification of the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) is necessary because there has been no adjustment in the 15% allocated to land acquisition. So long as 15% is distributed to land acquisition, there is no need to amend the Revenue Allocation Plan.

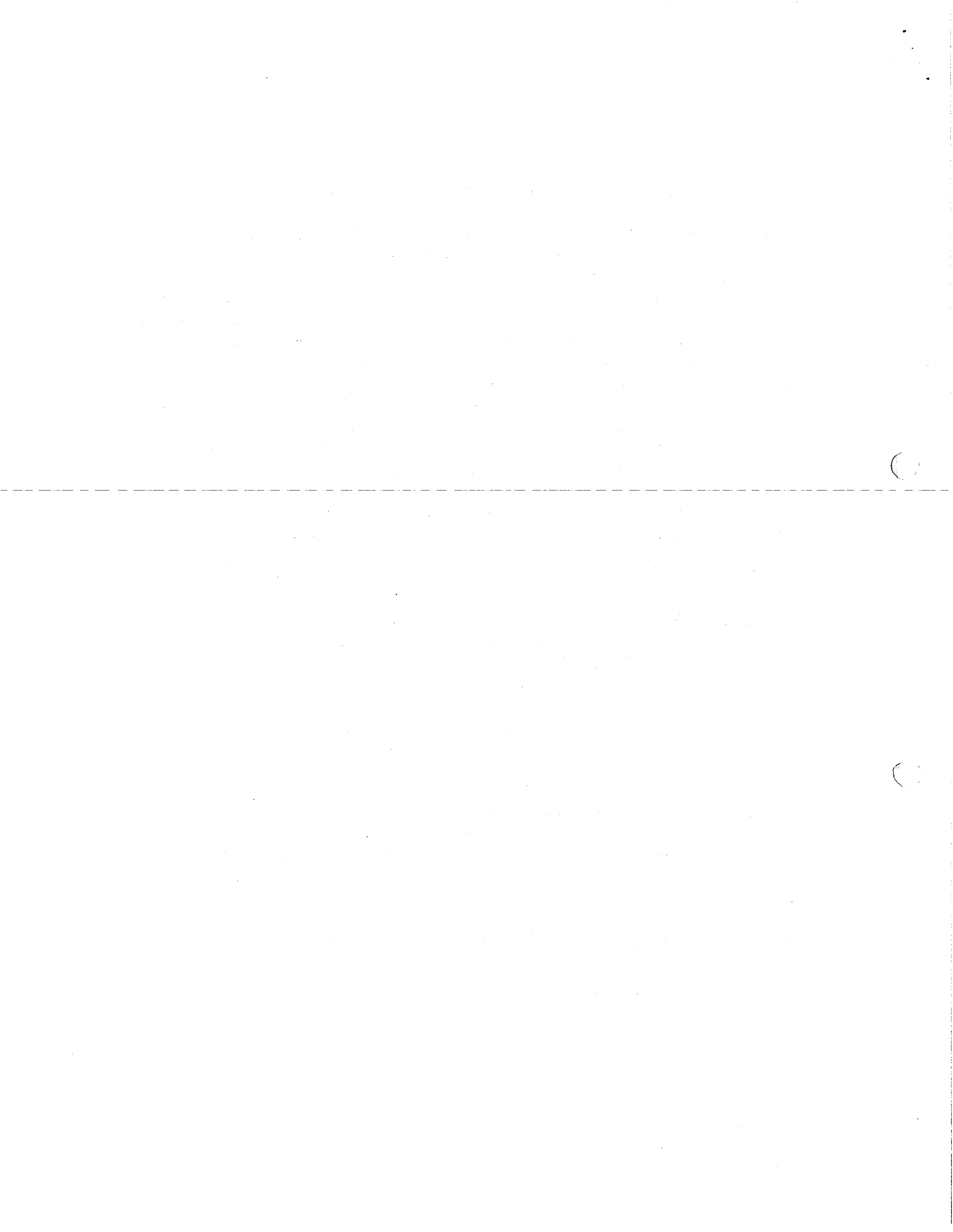
Kevin presented **Resolution #05-71** wherein Council adopts an amendment to the Chapter 2.36 Budget Ordinance authorizing the Tribal Council to reapportion the 15% to be distributed to the land acquisition account in Fiscal Year 2007 and thereafter between the on-island and off-island sub-accounts as it may determine.

Andy made motion to approve **Resolution #05-71**. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against. Vince Henry was absent.

IGRA Trust: Kevin Lyon presented **Resolution #05-72A** for Council's approval of the Squaxin Island Tribe's IGRA Minors' Trust. The Trust is created for the purpose of holding and investing the contributions of tribal gaming revenues under the **Indian Gaming Regulatory Act** and governs the provisions under which minors receive per capita. Pete made motion to approve **Resolution #05-72A**. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4 in favor and 0 against.

There was request for the canoe family to be on next council agenda.

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NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Jeff Dickison presented a draft Memorandum of Agreement with LOTT. Jim Peters agreed to attend one of Lott's meetings. After discussion, Andy made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as amended. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against. Jeff will contact Lott and then let Jim know when to meet with them

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Curfew Code: Mike Evans was present to discuss the curfew. He said it is difficult to enforce but it is something they are addressing. He said they are considering having the officers use bicycles. The Tribal member who requested time on Council's agenda was unable to attend.

LEGAL *(Continued)*

Mark Allen gave an update on the Clear Bay Lawsuit. The State has come up with a proposed settlement agreement. The case is scheduled for trial in May 2006.

OTHER

Leave Policy: The Full Time Elected Official Leave Policy will be brought up at Council's first meeting in September.

Jim said he wanted to thank Natural Resources for the great job they did at the First Salmon Ceremony.

TGA will donate the \$8000 for the DVR and cameras needed by the Veteran's Memorial.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

