

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

Attendance:

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

Executive Director Ray Peters
Deputy Executive Director Dave Whitener, Sr. (attended afternoon session)
Recording Secretary J. Ruby Fuller
Legal Kevin Lyon, Kelly Croman

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. Will Penn offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES/AGENDA

The Council plans to revisit the proposed Elected Official Resolution. Executive session listed under **Executive Director Update** will be moved to the end of the day.

Retirement Dinner: Patti Puhn asked about setting a date for a Council dinner for Lorna Gouin, Human Resources Director. Lorna will be retiring October 1. After discussion, it was decided that Patti will arrange for a gift from Council and Ruby Fuller will contact the Casino staff to arrange for a dinner.

Agenda: Andy moved to approve the agenda. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 for and 0 against.

Minutes: Pete made a motion to approve the September 8, 2005 minutes as amended. Patti Puhn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

There will be a **Self Governance Tribes, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Interior Fall Conference** held in Washington D. C. which will run from **October 10 -14**. Jim Peters, Ray Peters and Will Penn plan to attend.

The 4th Annual Tribal Gathering, *Moving Forward to Heal Communities* will be held **October 11-12 at Quinault Beach Casino and Lodge**

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

There will be an **Appreciation Luncheon** for Ed Fox at the Spirit Mountain Casino on **Wednesday, October 26, 12:00 noon** for his contributions to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board as the Executive Director. Whitney Jones and Will Penn may attend and take a gift.

NCAI will be held in Tulsa **October 30 – November 4**. Jim Peters, Ray Peters and Vince Henry plan to attend.

Charlene Krise plans to attend the **Potlatch Fund 2005 Annual Gala, November 19**, in Seattle.

The **SPIPA – Native Art Dinner/Auction** is scheduled for **November 5** at the Lucky Eagle Casino in Rochester. Jim Peters plans to attend. Council agreed to sponsor two tables.

ATNI Update: Ray reported on the ATNI Conference in Coeur d'Alene. He said there was discussion about Senator McCain's bill on trust reform. Ray also said that the war in Iraq and the flood in New Orleans will probably have an effect on the appropriations and possibly result in a recession.

Jim added that at the session he attended on education there was discussion regarding the Washington State Schools testing system. He said that many believed it was culturally biased against Native Americans and that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is considering having students being able to be retested and other alternatives or eliminating the testing altogether.

Jim further reported that they had met with National Indian Gaming Commission and that it may be more beneficial to meet with the Gaming Commission on the National rather than the local level.

Centennial Accord: November 9 is the date planned for the Tribal Leaders dinner at the Governor's Mansion. The Centennial accord will be November 10 at Eagles Landing, Chehalis Tribe's newly opened hotel. One of the subjects at the Accord will be methamphetamines.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Personnel Committee appointments were postponed to see if Dave Whitener has contacted anyone else.

Jim reported on a letter he received from a tribal member student requesting additional funding for school. The request is to be forwarded to the 1% committee.

FINANCE

FY06 Budget Approval: Deborah Stoehr, Comptroller presented **Resolution #05-85**, the final budget for Fiscal Year 2006 for Council approval. Andy made a motion to approve **Resolution #05-85**. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried by vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

NCAI Resolution: Ray presented **Resolution #05-86** which funds the membership dues and designates the Tribal Council Chairman, Jim Peters, to be the delegate and Andy Whitener and Vince Henry to be alternates in the NCAI Annual Convention, Mid-year Conference and Executive Council Meetings. These are one year terms. Andy moved to approve **Resolution #05-86**. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Properties Acquisition update: Ray gave an update on properties acquisition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PLANNING

Strategic Plan: Another date will be scheduled for Brian Thompson to present to Council the results of the Strategic Planning Initiative focus groups. Goals and objectives have been developed for; drug free community, jobs and employment, education, cultural and natural resources and health and wellness.

Brian Thompson presented **Resolution #05-87** which authorizes a Tribal advisory board to serve in the implementation of the Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant. Pete made a motion to approve. Andy seconded the motion. **Resolution #05-87** was approved by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

Brian then presented **Resolution #05-88** which adopts the National Incident Management System and **Resolution #05-89** which declares intent to establish guidelines to facilitate an immediate request for assistance in a state of emergency. Andy moved to approve **Resolution #05-88** and **Resolution #05-89** Pete seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

Home Ownership Initiative Report: Brian gave a Home Ownership Initiative Report. He said that a group fire insurance policy is available for the homeowners. He reported that 21 homes have been conveyed, 11 owners have completed subleases, and 8 have been recorded with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Brian indicated there is a need to set a deadline for the completion of the subleases. Brian will draft a letter to the home owners

who have not completed their subleases and submit it to Council for approval. Brian will check on possible confidentiality issues.

PLANNING *(Continued)*

New Housing Units: There are 18 new units. Brian stated that Housing will be issuing 10 leases over the next two days.

Budgeting Class: The Budgeting Class was well received. Additional classes are planned.

Brian presented the **Draft Housing Policy Revisions and New Leases/Leases with Option to Purchase.**

Patti asked to be replaced on the Housing Commission as Council Representative. Will Penn and Pete Kruger agreed to attend the next Housing meeting and then make a decision of who will be the Council Representative.

Brian plans to report monthly to keep Council apprised of Housing issues.

EDUCATION

Barbara Whitener presented a draft Government to Government Agreement to be used in the proposed Language/Culture Teacher Certification program and asked Council to consider approving establishing a certification program. A resolution will be written for Council's consideration.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment: Tammy Ford presented **Resolution #05-90** approving the enrollment of Ethan and Dawn Caasi and Angel M. Henry. Andy moved to approve the resolution. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

Resolution rescinding enrollment: Tammi then presented **Resolution #05-91** rescinding enrollment **Resolution #05-66** approved on July 28, 2005 in error. The person listed on **Resolution #05-66** does not meet the required blood quantum for membership in the Squaxin Island Tribe. Pete made motion to approve **Resolution #05-91**. Will seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

LEGAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kelly Croman presented **Resolution #05-92** approving the amended Memorandum of Agreement between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Washington State Department of

Revenue Concerning Authority to Affix Stamps to Cigarettes for the Purpose of Entry of Such Cigarettes into the State of Washington.

LEGAL *(Continued)*

Kelly then presented **Resolution #05-93** approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Washington State Department of Revenue concerning authority to transport and distribute tobacco products in the State of Washington.

Andy moved to approve **Resolution #05-92 and Resolution #05-93**. Will seconded the motion. **Resolution #05-92 and Resolution #05-93** were approved unanimously.

Kelly presented **Resolution #05-94** which declares that only tribally-operated retailers are permitted to make retail sales of Other Tobacco Products in Indian Country; and that tribally operated retailers must make all OTP sales in consumer quantities.

Will made motion to approve. Pete seconded the motion. **Resolution #05-94** was approved unanimously

Kelly presented **Resolution #05-95** adopting the Room Occupancy Tax Code effective immediately. Andy made the motion to approve. Will seconded. **Resolution #05-95** was approved unanimously. Council agreed that until we fill in the exemption clauses, everybody is charged

Talking Circle discussion: Jim requested that some of the issues brought up at the Talking Circle be acknowledged in the next Klah Che Min newsletter.

Personnel Committee Appointments: The following tribal members were appointed to the Personnel Committee: Lorna Gouin, Vicki Kruger, Mary Whitener and Harry Fletcher.

The meeting adjourned at 3.58 p.m.

