

Squaxin Island Tribal Council Meeting Minutes September 30, 2005

Attendance:

Tribal Council: Jim Peters, Chairman,
 Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman (*arrived at 1:18 p.m.*)
 Vince Henry, Sr. Secretary
 Patti Puhn, Treasurer
 Will Penn, 1st Council Member
 Pete Kruger, 2nd Council
 Charlene Krise, 3rd Council Member

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

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the Agenda with changes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Jim Kindle, Director, gave an update on the Child Development Center.

Jim presented **Resolution #05-96** for Council approval. **Resolution #05-96** appoints representatives to the Squaxin Island Childcare Board of Directors and the Tribal Chairman as ex-officio member of the Board. Following some discussion, Vince Henry made a motion to approve the resolution. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. Resolution #05-96 was approved by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

Jim then presented the FY2006 budget for the Childcare Development Center. Pete made a motion to approve the 2006 budget. Patti seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT

Doug Boon, Casino General Manager presented the 2006 Casino/Hotel Budget. He reported that the new class two games were almost ready. With not renewing the terminal leases, the machine count will be 638. Six hundred seventy five (675) is the maximum allowed.



LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT *(Continued)*

A meeting will be set up between LCOB, Casino, TGA and Council. TGA is to let Council when training is available.

Also in attendance were Toni Hagmann, Desi Smith, Mike O'Donnell, Whitney Jones and Bob Whitener, Jr.

TRIBAL GAMING AUTHORITY

Mike O'Donnell reported on the capabilities of the new surveillance equipment being purchased.

He also reported on issues with the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Charlene said it would be good to host our own training.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES, INC.

Bob Whitener presented the Island Enterprises, Inc. Annual Operations Plan. He said there is no change in the overall mission and goals. There are some minor changes and references to other business ventures that IEI will investigate. As well as operating existing business enterprises, new enterprises being considered are: retail stores, seafood market, spa, specialty-seafood restaurant, branded gas station, fast-food restaurant, car wash-lube, cold storage, wellness center, and a construction company.

They are also considering partnering with and/or assisting tribal members with business plans. These would not be loans but actual partnerships along the lines of venture capital investments.

Bob reported that the Kamilche Trading Post is doing very well and that there will be improvements to the pumps and continued planning for the expansion of the store to include a better grocery section.

Bob said that Salish Seafood Co. *(formerly Harstine Oyster Co)* is operating at a profit and that we hope to keep it in the black for the next two years and then become much more profitable after that. Production has been increased dramatically and Rod is proving to be a very capable manager.

Bob reported on the Skookum Creek Tobacco Company. SCT has only been operating for four months but has been very successful. Currently production is on plan and with about 25% more sales per month will be in the black. But more importantly having a product manufactured on the reservation has already made the Kamilche Trading Post much more profitable.



ISLAND ENTERPRISES, INC. (Continued)

The Skookum Creek Distribution Company is doing well and handles most of the sales to other tribal stores. This company is hoping to expand into other tribally produced products.

The plan is to get off-reservation stores. Bob said that moving Skookum Creek Tobacco will slow down the cash flow since they will lose production during that time.

Council agreed by consensus to attach a five-year term Island Enterprises loan to the Casino line of credit.

Tribal Council approved the overall Island Enterprises, Inc. Annual Operations Plan with amendments. The revised plan will be presented to Council at its next regular meeting.

Island Enterprises will administer the tourism positions. There will be two positions; a Tourism Director and a Cultural Activities Coordinator.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

