

Squaxin Island Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

December 21, 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 <i>(arrived at 10:45 a.m.)</i>
Executive Director	Ray Peters	
Deputy Executive Director	David Whitener, Sr.	
Recording Secretary	J. Ruby Fuller	

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Vince Henry offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES/AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Tribal Liaison Report to be given during the **Chairman's Update**. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 in favor and 0 against.

By consensus the minutes of December 8, 2005 were tabled until the next regular meeting.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

The all staff **Christmas Party** will be held in the LCCR Showroom beginning at 10:00 a.m. **December 22**. Ray Peters thanked Council for sponsoring the Christmas brunch.

A Native Leadership Forum will be held **January 9-11, 2006** in Honolulu. Pete Kruger and Ray Peters plan to attend.

Jim Peters plans to attend the **WIGC Gaming Conference** in Palm Springs, **January 10-11, 2006**.

ATNI Winter Conference will be held **February 13-16** in Portland, OR. Ray Peters plans to attend.

The **ATNI Economic Summit** will be held **March 28-30** at the Wildhorse Casino Resort in Pendleton. Jim Peters, Pete Kruger, Charlene Krise and Ray Peters plan to attend.

Jim Peters and Ray Peters plan to attend the **NCAI Executive Conference, February 27– March 1** in Washington, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Tribal Liaison: Janeta Johnson has resigned as the Tribal Liaison. By consensus Council decided not to fill the position at this time.

General Body Meeting Agenda: There will be an open microphone for tribal members to ask questions and voice concerns. All directors are required to attend and to be prepared to answer questions. Doug Boon will be prepared to present an update on the Casino's construction projects.

Incentives for high school seniors: Jim Peters reported that the meeting between Council and the high school students went very well. Council asked the seniors to think about what kind of incentive gift they would like to have for graduating high school. Council would like to meet with them again to discuss their ideas.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Firewood for elders: Council discussed the possibility of providing firewood for the elders. Ray will look into what the cost would be to buy firewood for that purpose.

Property Acquisition Update: Ray Peters gave a brief property acquisition update. He reported that they are moving forward with on-island acquisition.

Fire station: Ray reported that he and representatives from Fire District 4 personnel are looking at a more fundamental agreement. There is a memorandum of agreement whereby the Tribe will provide for employment for two FTE's and the space will be provided for 25 years. This is a more practical agreement. The property is currently in fee status.

Debt Service: Ray proposed paying the balance owed on the Ward property and the balance owed for the Northwest Indian Treatment Center. He also proposed to request the Arcadia (or Wood) property be placed into trust. Ray stated that there is enough in the tribe's off-island account to pay the balances owed. Council agreed by consensus to pay off these properties.

Jim Peters suggested that in the future Council might want to consider timberland management for purchases of timbered property.

Cemetery update: Ray reported on his discussion with Manke Lumber representative, Harry Rydell. He received a letter proposing to facilitate the planning and design. Manke is also proposing construction assistance in-kind payment as well as financial payment for land and architectural design.

Council directed Ray to write the contract and to research how cemeteries are run. Ray reminded Council that there is a Cemetery Committee already in place and that some of this work has already been accomplished.

Law and Order Committee Report: Ray reported that the first meeting went very well. Kevin Lyon explained what their responsibilities would be. Ray said that the Committee was very appreciative of the stipend they received and asked if Council could offer another stipend for next meeting. Council agreed. Kevin will work on amending the Law and Order Committee Bylaws.

Firewood: Jeff Peters and Dave Whitener put together a list of members age 65 years and over who burn wood for heating their homes. They would like to contract with the vendor to buy this wood as it is dry and seasoned. Council agreed.

VETERANS' COMMITTEE

Glen Parker introduced Ms. Alvedo from the Department of Veterans Affairs. She said she was impressed with the organization of the Veterans' Committee and wanted to assist in any way she could. She presented a check for \$5,000 from the Office of Veterans' Affairs to be used in the construction of the Veterans' Memorial.

PLANNING

Resolutions: Brian Thompson presented two resolutions to Council for consideration.

Resolution #05-119 authorizes the submission of a grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice OJP BJA under the Tribal Courts Assistance Program for up to \$200,000 for the purpose of providing probation services.

Resolution #05-120 authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program for up to \$250,000 over as period of two years for the purpose of controlling and preventing alcohol and drug related crime.

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

Name for road: Brian asked Council to decide between the names *Slocum Court* or *Homamish Court* for the new road where the duplexes are being built. Council decided on

Ho-mamish Court.

Veterans' Committee Fundraiser: The Veterans' Committee would like to sell fireworks during the holidays. Ray will issue a permit which will begin today through New Year's Eve.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

No minutes were taken

LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT UPDATE

Doug presented gifts to council

Doug asked Council for approval to move forward with the remodel of the Island Grill into the Squaxin Island Seafood Bar. By Consensus, Council approved and authorized Doug to execute the contract for the remodel. A sole-source contract will be executed.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Vicki Kruger, Marcella Castro, Jeremie Walls, and Misti Saen-Garcia brought a concern about members other than elders not being allowed to dig clams on Taylor property that was opened for elders only.

Council directed that Natural Resources send out a new regulation for elders only. Whitney is to notify the elders there will be 3 dig days; December 26, 27 and 29 and limit it to no more than 20 diggers.

OTHER

Council presented each of the directors with a Christmas gift.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.