

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE



RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe desires to convey title to real property, known as "Quarter Point" more specifically described as Mason County Parcel Nos. 31914-10-80830, 31914-24-90032, and 31914-40-80840, and further described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto (the "Property") to the United States of America in trust for the benefit of the Tribe pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 465 and 25 C.F.R. Part 151;

WHEREAS, the Property is centrally located between the Tribe's original Island reservation and present day inland administration and housing centers and will provide critical access for aquaculture and the treaty harvest of shellfish in keeping with the culture and lifeways of the Squaxin people; and

WHEREAS, Preliminary Title Insurance Commitments issued by Mason County Title Company (Nos. 126942 & 126935) contain Special Exceptions that must be addressed before the Department of the Interior can accept the Property in trust; and

WHEREAS, Special Exception No. 3 as identified in Mason County Title Preliminary Title Insurance Commitment No. 126942 notes that the deed provides the State of Washington with a reservation of mineral and resource rights and such rights include a right of ingress and egress for removing products; and

WHEREAS, Special Exception No. 8 as identified in Mason County Title Preliminary Title Insurance Commitment No. 126935 notes the existence of a road maintenance agreement that requires contributions towards the cost of road repairs, maintenance and fees.

WHEREAS, the Tribe has determined that the road maintenance agreement confers mutual benefits and obligations upon those property owners sharing use of the road, and that attempting to remove the obligation would not be beneficial to the Tribe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe affirms its awareness and acknowledgement of the reservation of mineral rights and affirms that such rights will not impact its proposed use of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe authorizes and directs its Chairman Kristopher Peters or its Tribal Administrator Marvin Campbell to execute an indemnity agreement with respect to the road maintenance agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 20th day of January, 2022, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Kristopher K. Peters

Kristopher K. Peters (Jan 20, 2022 11:59 PST)

Kris Peters, Chairman

Attested by: Patrick Braese (Jan 20, 2022 13:02 PST)

Patrick Braese, Secretary

Charlone Krise (Jan 20, 2022 12:24 PST)

Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman

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