



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 03-69

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 the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; **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, to eliminate system deficiencies and to develop capacity to support community and economic growth, the Tribe is consolidating and enhancing its drinking water system with water source development, water transmission main, pump station, and additional water storage improvements, a project estimated to cost \$1,965,000 and be constructed by February 2005; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is advised of the availability of FY04 loan/grant funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service for similar purposes; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Indian Health Service (IHS), Project No. PO-03-J58, detailing the drinking water enhancement project in partnerships with USDA, Little Creek Casino, and Squaxin Island Tribe's Departments of Community Development, Planning (project lead), Cultural Resources, Finance, Legal, and Natural Resources; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that IHS will contribute \$111,500 cash from previous projects PO-95-706/713/860, \$40,000 cash from the current project PO-03-J68, and \$161,000 in-kind engineering from the current project PO-03-J68; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that the Little Creek Casino will contribute \$6,900 in-kind engineering and the Tribe will seek the \$1,495,600 balance of funding from USDA Rural Utilities Service in the form of a loan and/or grant; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that USDA requires applicants seeking Rural Utilities Service loans and grants, 1) to assure public participation in their planning process, 2) to seek review of plans by community members, and 3) to obtain feedback through methods which are familiar to the community; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is committed to a planning process which is community driven, and has held numerous public meetings in which drinking water system enhancement project development was discussed and approved; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that the USDA loan/grant funding will be administered by IHS in accordance with the USDA-IHS Memorandum of Understanding; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that, in accordance with the USDA-IHS Memorandum of Understanding, IHS will be responsible for environmental review and compliance for the project; **and**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby assure the USDA that substantial community input has been obtained regarding the development of drinking water system enhancements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve IHS Project No. PO-03-J68, Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) regarding the Tribe's drinking water system enhancement project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as per PER, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the submittal of a USDA Rural Utilities Service application requesting \$1,495,600 in loan/grant funds for the drinking water system enhancements project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as per PER, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby recognize the Little Creek Casino's \$6,900 in-kind engineering contribution as a funding match for the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, the Tribal Executive Director, or the Tribal Deputy Executive Director during an absence of the Executive Director to be the Tribe's representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization for this project; and that these authorities shall be for the duration of the funded project.

CERTIFICATION

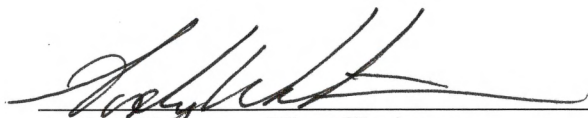
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 30th day of September 2003, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 

Vince Henry Sr., Secretary



Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman