

Claims attorney contract No. I-1-IND 42646, between the Squaxin Island Tribe and attorneys Frederick W. Post and Malcolm McLeod expired April 27, 1965.

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council has informed the general membership of the Tribe that it believes the Squaxin Island claims case, docket no. 206, has not been conducted satisfactorily by the attorneys, particularly by Mr. McLeod. However, Mr. Post has reported that the requested findings of fact and brief were filed May 5, 1964, and the case is now ready to be decided by the Indian Claims Commission on the question of liability for the area of land taken from the Tribe by the United States. Mr. Post has indicated he wishes to be the responsible attorney until the case is concluded.

At this stage of the case the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does not believe it would be to the advantage of the Tribe to try to secure another attorney, but believes it can best be conducted by Mr. Post alone, and has recommended to the General Council that a contract be entered into with Mr. Post for this purpose.

Therefore, the General Council has decided to accept the recommendation of the Tribal Council and has resolved to request that a claims attorney contract similar to the one which has just expired be entered into with Mr. Post as sole attorney, the contract to run for a period of two years, with the privilege of being renewed for additional two year periods if necessary, upon approval by Resolution of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council and written request by the attorney; it being understood, however, that the new contract will contain a provision to protect any ^{financial} interest Mr. McLeod may have in the case.

So it further resolved that the present Squaxin Island Tribal Council be authorized to negotiate the specific terms of the contract, and that the Chairman and Secretary of the Council be given the authority to sign the contract on behalf of the Tribe.