



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 06-30 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 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, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and the 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 an established commitment to and history of working to obtain funding from various sources, including federal and tribal funding, for on-reservation and off-reservation transportation projects of importance to the Tribe and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Bridge Program (IRRBP) funds for eligible non-BIA IRR bridges in the amount of 80% not to exceed \$1.5 million based on first-come-first-serve basis; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the bridge owner, Mason County, must contribute 20% of the total cost for construction, including construction engineering and project management; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe has been advised that the IRRBP Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for funding of the construction of National Bridge Inventory (NBI) bridge number 08264600000000, owned by Mason County has been approved, contingent on the plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E) approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Administrator in Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the PS&E for Skookum Creek Bridge on Old Olympic Highway, Mason County route number 14010 has been approved by the FHWA Division Administrator in Olympia, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA approval of the PS&E includes acceptance of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process and recognition of existing legal public right-of-way easements in favor of Mason County; and


WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe request the BIA Northwest Regional Office, Division of Transportation, to retain \$20,000 of the approved F8314 program funds for BIA project number P06502 so BIA personnel can assist the Squaxin Island Tribe with construction engineering and quality control/quality assurance; and

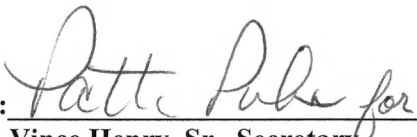
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby request that the Tribe enter into a cost reimbursable construction contract with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, according to P.L. 93-638, Subpart J, a contract to construct the Skookum Creek Bridge, including construction engineering, inspection and testing, and project management; and

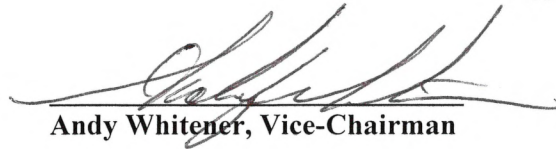
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council further authorizes the Chairman, Vice Chairman, or Executive Director, in the absence of the Chairman to be the Tribe's representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization for this project, to negotiate for advance funding in executing the project, to perform all necessary transactions as permitted by P.L. 93-638 authorized hereunder, including obtaining federal approval and executing any and all documents necessary to accomplish the same, 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 during a phone poll held on this 24th day of April 2006, and was passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


James L. Peters, Chairman

Attested by: 
Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary


Andy Whitener, Vice-Chairman