

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 13, 2011**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

**Dave Lopeman**

**Chairman**

**Arnold Cooper**

**Vice Chairman**

**Andy Whitener**

**Treasurer** (*absent*)

**Pete Kruger, Sr.**

**Secretary**

**Misti Saenz-Garcia**

**1<sup>st</sup> Council Member** (*arrived at 9:20*)

**Marcella Castro**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member** (*absent*)

**Charlene Krise**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member** (*arrived at 9:30*)

**Legal Counsel**

**Kevin Lyon** (*arrived at 1:54*)

**Tribal Administrator**

**Don Whitener**

**Recording Secretary**

**Melissa Puhn**

Pete Kruger offered the prayer. The meeting was not called to order due to a lack of quorum.

Mason County Sherriff Casey Salisbury was present. He thanked Council and the tribe for the support over the last four years. He is looking forward to the next four years. He shared how the tribe and the County enforcement agencies has a very unique relationship, possibly the most unique in the nation. More often than not, Mason County and Squaxin Tribal enforcement work together. Members of the Squaxin Police are also part of the County SWAT Team.

Casey invited Council to attend the monthly enforcement agency breakfasts. Officers from all over the state meet the last Friday of each month at the Casino. These gatherings are important and have been very successful. The attendance is between 70-150 officers. Each month a guest speaker does a presentation, including the governor. This month the breakfast will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am. The speaker this month will be a Secret Service Agent who specializes in electronic crimes.

Casey also shared that he and Chief Mike Evans are two of the most respected Chiefs in the state. Usually tribal and county jurisdictions do not work together well. He added that most do not work together, because their leaders do not work together. This year at the Annual Police Chiefs Meeting, the Tribal General Authority Bill was passed. This bill allows tribal officers to enforce state law. That bill would have never made it without Mike Evans direct efforts. Casey is please to have Mike as an officer in the community.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**Jan 30-Feb 4: ATNI Winter Conference**, Mill Casino OR. Andy, Marcella, Pete, Charlene and Ray will attend.

**Feb 27-Mar 3: NCAI Winter Session**, WA DC. Arnold and Ray will attend.

**April 3-6: NIGA**, Phoenix AZ, Andy will attend.

**May 2-6: Annual Tribal Self Governance Conference**, Palm Springs CA. Ray and Pete will attend.

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:22 am.

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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the January 13 Council Agenda. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the December 9, 2010 Council Minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action.

### TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

**Pharmacy:** Don Whitener shared that he, Bonnie and Kathy will be meeting with IHS.

As requested, Don shared a summary of the cafeteria budget. When the cafeteria was initially brought in, the preliminary budget was less than what the actual cost has been. Charlene asked Don to work with IEI in obtaining surplus equipment and lighting. Arnold would like to see how this building is being paid for. Ray stated that the industrial kitchen has been a need for a while; so this was a fortunate opportunity to have a kitchen like this one donated. A building like this could not be built for what it will cost the tribe. Arnold asked if IEI and the Casino can help fund it as well. Ray stated that the tribal government is set up in a way that the IEI and Casino funds come up and goes in to tribal revenue.

Don stated that IEI will make a presentation on their ideas of how to operate the kitchen.

Jeff Dickison presented **Resolution #11-01** that supports the establishment of the Alliance for a Healthy South Sound and will participate as an active member. This resolution also appoints Andy Whitener to be the representative. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the resolution. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Don shared that a company called True Ballot has solicited their electronic election services. They conduct the elections for the Lummi Tribe. They will be here on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to do a mock election demonstration at 10:00 a.m. in Council chambers. He invited Council to sit in on the demonstration. The elections committee will attend as well. Charlene asked Glen to be there also.

Don mentioned that he was recently in the CRD office and noticed that they have many pictures/slides of various projects. He thought it would be interesting for CRD to share about 10 minutes each Council Meeting. Charlene agreed, and would like to include other departments as well.

### TRIBAL LIAISON REPORT

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Ray handed out a notice of solicitation for tribal art for the club house. The solicitation is for carving wraps for the two peeler poles at the entrance as well as a piece above the entrance. Dave suggested instead of awarding one artist, somehow incorporate many artists to work together; that way the advanced artists could teach those who are still learning. Ray suggested a stipend for those teaching. Arnold suggested that there are a lot of areas that could use tribal art, such as the cemetery. Council likes the flier and approved it to go out.

Ray shared that he will be attending the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Trade Show with Andy and the new Superintendent. That will be held in Orlando in February.

Ray handed out a draft letter of support for ADAGE. The letter was drafted and sent from the Mason County Economic Development. The EDC was asking of Tribal Council would accept and sign the letter of support. Council decided that they will not take a stand on this issue.

Ray shared that he recently met with the neighbors at Arcadia Point. He was able to clarify a few concerns that the neighbors had. He shared with them the tribe's plan of the boat ramp renovation. Ray suggested that when contractors are working out there, that they refer any of the questions asked of them, to either Don or himself. That would help field some of the rumors. Don shared that even though the meeting went well, the neighbors seemed to have reluctance on the relationship. Ray shared that the neighbors are prepared to fight the tribe on the fee-to-trust property transfer. The neighbors would like nothing to change about the property, and want to the tribe to conform to the counties zoning laws. With trust status, the tribe will not have to conform to the counties laws. Ray seemed to not have any concerns though. Dave would like to host a lunch at the Collier house for the neighborhood. He wants to let the neighbors know that the tribe would like to have a good relationship.

Ray shared that he spoke with Tully Kruger regarding installing solar panels on the houses. Ray shared that the tribe is researching that option.

Glen Parker wanted to give Council a heads up that he is not soliciting it, but he is receiving calls inquiring about the Casino. Ray suggested that Glen direct those callers to the Casino Liaison.

Charlene asked about tribal members who request to be on the Council agenda. Ray stated that he is fielding those requests and getting their questions answered without coming to Council. If he cannot assist them, then they are put on the agenda.

Charlene mentioned that the 2012 Canoe Journey needs a theme and a logo. She would like to see a tribal member come up with a theme, and solicit artists for a logo.

### **JUVENILE JUSTICE PROJECT UPDATE**

Ron Whitener was present to provide an update on the Juvenile Justice Project. He handed out the final grant report, and is sharing the progress of their project. Charlene would like to be able to use this information on future grants if applicable. Ron is working on matching the tribe with staff at the University of Washington to administer these types of grants.

### **TOURISM**

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Ruth Whitener presented the Pow Wow Budget, for Leslie Johnson. Leslie called in and was available via telephone. She is asking for approval for the 2011 Pow Wow budget of \$117,000. Council asked for a more in depth explanation; including in-kind donations from the Casino and Island Enterprises. Charlene recommended pushing the budget back a week so Leslie can prepare a more detailed budget. Council would like to rethink the expense for the teachers (Jay and Valerie). The Pow Wow is February 18-20<sup>th</sup> at the Casino. Arnold would like to direct Leslie to refine the budget with some assistant, and then present it at the next Council meeting. He would like to compare the proposed budget with what was done last time (two years ago), and include donations from the Casino and IEI. Don shared that he will work with her.

Council also will direct the Casino to sponsor the event as well. Council suggested room comps as being part of the contribution. Ray and Don will assist in revising the budget. Don would like to meet with LCC and IEI about sponsoring and helping substantially.

### **FINANCE**

Deb Stoehr handed out a spreadsheet showing the total increase of the Casino distribution to the tribe and included the high expenditures that may be coming up. She verified it was the Councils intent to allocate 50% of the additional monthly casino distribution to per capita and the remaining 50% for programs, projects and land acquisition. Arnold would like Deb periodically to update on the budget. Council will keep her in the loop about large expenditures that are following the new revenue allocation plan.

### **ISLAND ENTERPRISES**

Bob Whitener, Kevin Lyon, Dave Johns and Whitney Jones presented. Kevin shared that he has worked with Bobby on the creation of a franchise. Their focus has been to create an opportunity for tribal fishers and shell fishers to market/retail their product. Through Salish Seafoods, they would create a franchise that would open up multiple Salish Seafood Bars, with the same look, feel and recipes. There would be a native presence, similar to the Seafood Bar at the casino. The plan would be to create a second store downtown Olympia as a test. Dave shared that this was discussed at the IEI Board. Kevin stated that the tribes only involvement would be as little as licensing the name and “feel” of the restaurant and providing a place to market fish and shellfish. They have been working with investors who seemed very interested in making this work. Kevin shared that he was directed to look in to this and he feels that it could be a good opportunity. The idea is a franchised bar & grill type of restaurant with a retail store.

### **LEGAL**

Kevin provided earlier this week, an email status report from his department.

Kevin and Council discussed shellfish monitors, digs, etc. Kevin will put together a proposal and costs analysis to add more monitors. Council discussed the buyer’s code. Kevin recommended approving the code at the next Council meeting, and then can always change the code as necessary.

Kevin noted that when Legal spoke about the Revenue Allocation Plan; the allocation to the budget discussion was tabled. Kevin discussed with Deb that there will be an audit and discussed expanding

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the scope of work for the auditors: Ribail Stauffer & Assoc. The revenue allocation plan was approved.

Kevin stated that Legal would like to do a two hour discussion with Council regarding the Nisqually Reach. He would like to provide a full briefing, and then arrange a breakfast meeting with Nisqually to discuss the fishery and agreements. Kevin will work on scheduling this meeting.

Kevin presented **Resolution #11-02** which states that all signature authority previously vested in the Executive Director shall now be vested in the Tribal Administrator, except for the Tribe's IGRA Minor Trust, Permanent Trust and South Puget Sound Shellfish Settlement Trust Fund which authority shall be vested in Ray Peters. Arnold Cooper moved to approve resolution #11-02. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion was carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Pete was out of the room*).

Kevin provided a letter for Moss Adams that he was asking approval for Dave to sign. Council approved the Chairman to sign the engagement letter. Council also approved Dave to sign the second engagement letter.

Kevin stated that the contract was terminated with Golf Works. Their subcontractor PHC Construction has agreed to continue to work on time and on budget. Council agreed for Dave to sign the PHC Contract.

Kevin handed out the 2011 Council Resource Notebook.

### PLANNING

Margaret Foley presented **Resolution #11-03** which appoints Ray Peters as the tribal delegate and Margaret Foley as the tribes alternate to work with WSDOT to develop consultation and communication protocols. Arnold moved to approve these appointments. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Misti was out of the room*).

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Tully Kruger shared his thoughts about solar power. He stated that there was an opportunity for solar street lights for the new apartments but that was not pursued. He shared that the tribe is one of the largest consumers of energy in Mason County and he feels that is wrong since there is so much space for solar panels. He would like the tribe to be more "green" in their practices.

Glen Parker requested an Executive Session to discuss a Casino issue.