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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 13, 2012**

**Attendance:**

<b>Tribal Council</b>	Dave Lopeman	Chairman ( <i>absent</i> )
	Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
	Andy Whitener	Treasurer
	Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary
	Ray Peters	1 <sup>st</sup> Council Member
	Jim Peters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Council Member
	Charlene Krise	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council Member ( <i>arrived at 9:21</i> )
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Sharon Haensley	
<b>Tribal Administrator</b>	Don Whitener	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Melissa Puhn	

Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer. Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ray Peters added that he invited Jewel James to speak this afternoon to Council. Jim Peters would like to report on the recent trip to DC. Arnold would like to discuss the Canoe Family Dinner. Ray Peters moved to approve the December 13<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pete Kruger moved to approve the November 8, November 21 and December 6, 2012 Council Minutes. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**December 13: Child Development Center Holiday Dinner**, 7pm LCCR. Jim added the IEI dinner is tonight at the Community Kitchen as well as the TGA dinner.

**December 18: ADR**, Swinomish, 8:30 – 5pm. Jim, Pete and Charlene will attend. This is a process that Tribes have set up to get inter-tribal disputes resolved without going to court; working on a system to deal with tribal issues, inter-tribally.

**December 19: Signing Ceremony with Dept. of Corrections**, 2pm MLRC. Sharon mentioned the DOC is excited about this and they wanted to know if they can invite the Seattle Times to cover this event. Arnold felt that as long as they don't overwhelm the MLRC and doesn't take away from the ceremony it should be fine. Council suggested contacting the Journal and Olympian if the Seattle Times is invited. Jim would like to strategize and work with DOC on a statement for the press. Council decided that the press can be invited, but talking points will be provided, and the press will be directed to Ray.

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Sharon also mentioned that presently there are three Squaxin inmates in the system. She asked if it would be appropriate to invite their families to attend. Council said yes. Don added that this will be a headlight for other tribes; he would like to see this ceremony elevated. Squaxin has a reputation of being a leader and this is an occasion to show that leadership.

**December 21: All Staff Christmas Party, 10am, LCCR.**

**December 24-January 1, 2013: Tribal Offices Closed**

**January 9, 2013: WIGA Meeting, Swinomish.** Ray and Andy will attend.

**January 19, 2013: Winter General Body Meeting, 9am in the Community Kitchen.** Ray suggested having Deb Meisner report on the canoe journey. Other discussion topics could include the Department of Corrections MOA, the Natural Resources Building, Drug Task Force. Charlene suggested maybe an update on the demographics of how many tribal members, elders, graduates, higher education. Share the increase in graduates and those in higher education.

**January 28-31, 2013: ATNI Winter Session, Great Wolf Lodge.** Arnold will attend. All of Council may attend for specific meetings.

**March 4-7: NCAI Winter Session, Washington DC.** Arnold, Ray and Jim will attend.

**March 10-13: Independent Community Bankers Conference, Las Vegas,** Ray will attend as a Board Member of Thurston First Bank.

### TRIBAL LIAISON UPDATE

Ray shared that he recently met with Ralph Munroe regarding his property. After extensive discussion with Council, it was decided that Ray will let Ralph know that Council is not in a position to make a purchase at this time.

Ray shared that there is an ad-hoc committee put together regarding the Mason County Fairgrounds. Ray gave an overview of why he is on the Fairgrounds Board and what they have been discussing.

### TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Chuck Bloomfield was here with a concern regarding a project he completed for the Skookum Tobacco warehouse. Council will get back to him.

**Drug Task Force update:** Kathy Block and Glen Parker were present to update on DTF. Kathy stated that after Canoe Journey, the DTF has gotten some momentum. They will publish an article in the Klah-Che-Min each month providing community information and activities. The group developed a poster that will be displayed in each building. They also have a traveling kiosk for meetings, which will be staffed by Behavioral Health and the Treatment Center.

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Kathy added that the signs that were posted during Canoe Journey will be posted again. They also will begin a "Safe Streets" Program. This program is based out of Tacoma and a group met with the DTF last week. It's a mobilization effort to unite neighbors against crime that will include community watch, community trainings and leadership skills. The neighbors will meet monthly and will be the "eyes and ears" to assist law enforcement. If a neighborhood has a sense of community with each other, it will become a safer neighborhood. This program has had success in other areas. The DTF has plans of meeting with the community, explaining the program and have those interested sign up. Ray likes the idea of the community taking ownership in this program.

Kathy would like Council support to start publishing arrests in the newspaper, under the DTF section. Publish the meth houses, arrests; implement random stops during the holidays. Kris Peters added that Council has already given him permission to do random stops.

Charlene would like the trails patrolled and being noticed.

Council discussed extensively the community awareness and the Community Action Council.

Kathy added there is a Meth and More Conference Coming up. She would like Council to do a sponsorship of this meeting of \$2000. That comes with 8 registrations. Those eight will be opened up to community members, and then departments would pay for DTF members.

**Random Drug Testing:** Kathy reported that last April, an HR subcommittee was formed to look at the drug testing, medical marijuana, etc. All three entities were present along with Mark Allen. Yesterday the DTF met and discussed the random drug testing with the marijuana law that just passed and what to do about the green card. Unanimously, with Kevin present, they agreed that they would like to put some form of random testing back in to place. Each entity would set up a budget of how much they would spend and do random testing. They might do one/month, or 20/month. Upon council approval of that, a procedure will be drafted. Regarding medical marijuana, it was recommended that all employees of all entities be held under Federal Law.

Kathy would like to publish the press release from the Attorney General Office, in the Klah-Che-Min. Then she will work with the HR departments and come up with a policy regarding medical marijuana.

Kathy would like Council approval to develop a random drug testing policy, and come back to Council to seek consideration on that draft policy. That is the recommendations from the three entities.

Jim reiterated that the recommendation of the three entities is to reinstate the random drug testing, in a different form, at the behest of Council. Arnold asked Kathy to bring back the policy at the next Council Meeting. Council agreed to have Kathy publish the Attorney Generals announcement in the newspaper.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Kathy Block and John Taylor presented **Resolution #12-69** which pertains to pricing during an Emergency. This resolution establishes the Tribal asset prices to be determined and maintained at the

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prices that exist the day prior to the declarations of a State of Emergency in order to prevent any subsequent unauthorized price adjustments. Ray Peters moved to approve the plan. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against (*Andy and Charlene were out of the room*)

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison provided an update on fish consumption. He handed out a letter to the EPA regarding the direction of the rulemaking processes and concerns regarding the unwillingness of the EPA of adopting a higher fish consumption rate. The letter also requests a meeting in January. After discussing the letter, Council approved Arnold to sign the letter in Dave's absence. Andy suggested doing a press release stating that the Tribe is requesting a consultation with the EPA.

Jeff handed out **Resolution #12-70** which authorizes the submission of a funding request for implementation of a Tribal Noxious Weed Program. Ray moved to approve the resolution. Pete seconded the motion. Charlene asked if this grant is received, would there be opportunity to hire tribal members to remove the weeds. Jeff stated that the particular weeds they are targeting require a special license to apply the appropriate herbicides. The motion carried unanimously.

### LEGAL

Council went in to Executive Session.

Coming out of Executive Session, Ray Peters made the motion to approve the resolutions discussed, and are as follows:

**Resolution #12-71** authorizes the renewal of the Franks Landing sublease.

**Resolution #12-73** authorizes technical modifications to a certain loan agreement with Bank of America.

**Resolution #12-74** repeals Resolution #75-15 and #83-33 and adopts a revised Water Code that will more fully assert the Tribe's water rights.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tribal Council approved the donation for the TLC Christmas gifts to the youth as well as funding for the Squaxin Basketball Tournament. Status Quo from years before.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.