

# Nisqually Indian Tribe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes October 30, 2007

## Tribal Council

Cynthia Iyall, Chair  
Carmen Kalama, Vice-Chair  
Norine Wells, Secretary  
Leslee Youckton, Treasurer  
Francine Lester, 5<sup>th</sup> Council Member  
Brian McCloud, 6<sup>th</sup> Council Member  
William Wells Jr., 7<sup>th</sup> Council Member

## Guest:

Fabio Apolito	Thor Hoyte	Anthony Sanchez
Eletta Tiam	Jillian McCloud	Angelina Moore

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

## Casino Update

- √Discussion of the signage and the need to compare current and proposed.
- √Expense Review for 7-Day Review.

**M** Carmen K. motioned to approve the pay down on Bank of America Expansion note. Francine L. seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

√Requesting space for accommodating more students for training for Casino employees. Would need one day a week 5-8pm on Tuesday. No start date yet. Suggested filling out facility use form to find accommodations.

## SPIPA's Native Art Auction and Dinner

**C** Consensus to co-sponsor the SPIPA Native Art Auction and Dinner at same level as last year of \$1,500.

## Funeral Expense Policy Form

Discussion of purpose of Cemetery Committee, which does not generally include a funeral expense policy.

- e** Consensus to refer back to TCL, CCL and Accounting. Clarification to be sent to the Cemetery Committee that they are appointed to work on Maintenance, Markers and Expansion of Cemetery, not policy.

#### Enrollment Communication

Discussion of more open communication between enrollment and applicants on application status. Discussion about forwarding Anita Paz's request to Enrollment Committee to give her the procedure.

#### Nisqually Tribal Housing

Norine discussed memo that she distributed from Housing Committee regarding the following concerns: Housing Code Policy, 184 Program, 7 Houses purchased from Yelm, Financial Reports, Down Payment Assistance Program, and Purchase and Sale of Private Homes.

Jolene M. and Cynthia I. will go through packet and try to locate the policies that Tony said he passed out during the 10/04/07 Tribal Council/Housing meeting so that it can be put on Council Agenda for review.

Norine would like list of applicants for the Down-Payment assistance program. Norine requested Joe Cushman's policy and procedure for the Tribe's purchase of private homes. Discussion of NAHASDA money being used for the purchase of the 7 homes from Yelm.

- e** Consensus to direct Joe Cushman to provide policy and procedure for the Tribe's purchase of private homes. Also that no individual tribal council makes promises regarding Housing.

#### NIGC Settlement Extension

Norine would like copy of e-mails that Cynthia handed out at Gaming meeting. She can get from Thor at later time.

- M** Carmen K. motioned to approve Resolution #76 approving the Extension to the NIGC Settlement Agreement. Brian M. seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1.

#### Termination of Southwest Washington Tribal Health Alliance

- M** Carmen K. motioned to approve Resolution #77 approving payment of the \$2,000 for the termination of the Southwest Washington Tribal Health Alliance. Eletta to identify funding source. Thor to bring in Resolution. Brian M. seconded. 6-0-0.

#### Attachment of Funds Held by the Nisqually Indian Tribe

Fabio A. gave background on Garnishment issue. Currently no code in place for creditors to garnish wages of tribal employees for debts owed. Norine noted for record that the Tribe is not harboring debtors. Norine wants letter from Attorney General stating that they will recognize our court orders.

Fabio stated that if we do not put this into place, we are harboring debtors and courts will not recognize our orders as the Tribe is not recognizing others. Carmen suggested getting information from other Tribe's on how they handle this. Fabio will get this information.

- e** Consensus for Fabio A. to get information on Full Public Law 280 and see how it fits into the garnishment issue.

#### Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue for Per Capita Payments

Fabio reviewed letter written from Leslie Cushman regarding Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue for Per Capita payments. Norine would like copy of signed petition that was submitted in July 2007. Payments are okay to be made out of Cigarette Tax, no wording needs to be changed. Leslee stated that the purpose of the original motion was to specifically word that in our compact.

#### Minutes

Norine noted a number of changes.

- e** Consensus to direct Eletta T. to check on the Additional Casino Allocation for 2007.
- M** Brian M. motioned to approve 9/25/07 minutes. Francine L. seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1.
- e** Consensus for Norine W. to get 7/24/7 and 9/4/07 minutes verbatim regarding Nisqually Aquatic Technologies, Inc.

- M** Brian M. motioned to adjourn at 5:55pm. Leslee Y. seconded. 6-0-1.