

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE S'KLALLAM TRIBE OF INDIANS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Docket No. 134
)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER ALLOWING ATTORNEY EXPENSES

HAVING CONSIDERED the application for attorney expenses filed April 18, 1977, by E. L. Crawford, formerly an attorney of record for the plaintiff, the response from the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior; and the entire record relating to expenses in this docket, the Commission finds and orders as follows:

1. Award. On November 5, 1976, the Commission entered a final award in favor of the plaintiff in the amount of \$385,820. Funds to satisfy the award were appropriated by the Act of May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 61.

2. Attorney Contracts. The case was prosecuted under Contract Symbol 14-20-0500 No. 2715, entered into March 2, 1967, between the plaintiff and Attorney E. L. Crawford. On March 14, 1967, the contract was approved by Portland Area Director Dale M. Baldwin for a five year period. The contract expired on its own terms March 13, 1972. It provided that the applicant would be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in the prosecution of this claim as provided in section 15 of the Indian Claims Commission Act.

3. Application for Expenses. Attorney E. L. Crawford requests that we fix the amount of \$792.93 as reimbursable expenses in this docket. The requested expenses were incurred in the prosecution of this claim during the period of time the applicant was attorney of record for the plaintiff.

4. Notice to Parties. Notice of the filing of this application, with copies of the petition attached, were mailed by the Clerk of the Commission on April 19, 1977, to the Chairman of the S'Klallam Tribe, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice.

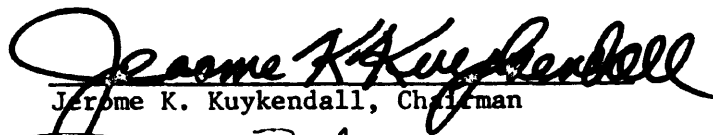
5. Response. No response has been received from the tribe. The Department of Justice filed a response September 30, 1977, wherein it took no position on the reimbursement of expenses. The department enclosed a copy of a letter dated September 22, 1977, from the Department of the Interior with copies of a memorandum dated September 13, 1977, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs both of which show no objection to the expenses claimed except for one item of \$6.00 which should have been shown as six hours.

6. Determination of Reimbursable Expenses. The Commission, after an examination of the petition, schedules, and supporting vouchers and documents constituting the application to fix expenses, determined that the applicant is entitled to reimbursable expenses in the amount alleged, less the item of \$6.00 referred to above. This item is dated May 13, 1968, and appears at the bottom of page 5 of applicants resume of time spent and money advanced. Shown there is travel from Oregon to Washington, D. C., charged one-half to the Chinook Tribe and one-half to the S'Klallam Tribe.

7. Conclusion. For the reasons stated above, the Commission concludes that expenses in the sum of \$786.93, meet the requirements of the Commission, and are therefore reasonable and proper for reimbursement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that reimbursable expenses for E. L. Crawford be and the same are fixed in the sum of \$786.93 and that this sum shall be disbursed to E. L. Crawford from the funds appropriated to pay the final award, as reimbursement in full for expenses incurred in prosecuting claims in this case.

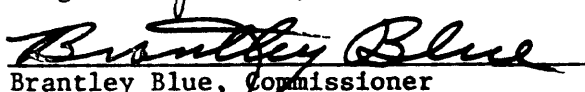
Dated at Washington, D. C., this 15th day of February 1978.


Jerome K. Kuykendall, Chairman


John T. Vance, Commissioner


Richard W. Yarborough, Commissioner


Margaret H. Pierce, Commissioner


Brantley Blue, Commissioner