

Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to ald them.

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

# ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 16, 2008 Business Committee Conference Room

Present:

Gerald Danforth - Chair

Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair Mercie Danforth - Treasurer Patty Hoeft - Secretary Trish King - Council member
Paul Ninham - Council member
Vince DelaRosa - Council member
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member
Edward Delgado - Council member

#### Excused:

Others Present: Lois Strong, Fred Muscavich, Clifford Doxtator, Charlene E. Cornelius, Barb

Skenandore, Matt Cornelius, Susan White, Scharlene F. Kasee, Thelma Mc Lester, Pearl Mc Lester, Julie Denny, Pete King III, John Kroner, Scott Denny, Nate Wisneski, Dottie Krull, Curtis R. Danforth, Rae Skenadore, Linda Slash, Frieda Clary, Mary Jo Nash, Mindimoye, Pat Cornelius, Debbie Danforth, Cathy Bachhuber, Karen Katch, Deb Ushaka, Tim Ninham, Roy Skenandore

**Opening Prayer:** Forrest Barton

#### Special Recognitions -None

- 1. Call to Order: Gerald Danforth at 9:07 a.m.
- 2. Oath of Office None
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
  - **a.** Additions 1. Executive New Business Locklear Contract #2 2. Executive New Business Minor's Trust Fund #3 3. Executive New Business SEOTS #4.
  - b. Deletions

#### c. Moves

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion

carried unanimously.

# 4. Minutes to be Approved

Apr. 2, 2008 Business Committee Minutes

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Aprr. 2, 2008 minutes, seconded by

Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Mar. 26, 2008 Special Business Committee Minutes

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Mar. 26, 2008 minutes until the next

meeting, seconded Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Tabled Business

Request to approve the Mar. 19, 2008 Business Committee Minutes

Excerpted from the Apr. 2, 2008 OBC meeting: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Mar. 19, 2008 minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Remains on the table

#### 6. Reports

a. Oneida Appeals Commission (Quarterly: Apr/Oct)
 Winifred Thomas - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept Oneida Appeals Commission quarterly

report. Patty Hoeft seconded. Motion withdrawn.

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer back to Oneida Appeals Commission for clarification on the current status of their budget to include a more accurate financial picture of expenditures for the quarter they are reporting as well as the docket status report that was suppose to have been attached with the report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion

carried unanimously.

b. Oneida Gaming Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct) Shirley Hill - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to table the Oneida Gaming Commission

quarterly report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Oneida Police Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
David Webster - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Oneida Police Commission quarterly report to Liaison to follow up, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/Oct)
Dellora Cornelius

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the ONCOA quarterly report, seconded

by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Oneida Tribal School Board (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
Debbie Danforth

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Tribal School quarterly report,

seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Oneida Seven Generations Corp. (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct) Brenda Mendolla-Buckley

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to not approve the Oneida Seven Generations Corp. quarterly report and for them to bring back a follow up report at the April 30, 2008 Regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

g. Ombudsman (Monthly) Matthew Cornelius

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Ombudsman monthly report,

seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 7. Travel Reports

1. Gerald Danforth

RE: Travel Report for NCAI Mtg. March 3

& 4, 2008

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the NCAI meeting Mar. 3 and 4, 2008 travel report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried

unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes

RE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) Mtg. Travel Report

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) meeting travel report, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham Abstain:

Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

3. Kathy Hughes

RE: MAST Impact Week Travel Report

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the MAST Impact Week travel report, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

# 8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: Oneida Housing Task Force Update

Excerpt from Apr. 2, 2008 OBC meeting: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer report to Apr.16, 2008, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept Oneida Housing Task Force Update, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King

RE: Approval of Chairman's Assistant job description

Excerpted from the Apr. 2, 2008 OBC meeting: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer approval of Chairman's Assistant job description to Apr. 30, 2008 Business Committee regular meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the approval of Chairman's Assistant job description seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. New Business

a. Resolutions

 Debbie Thundercloud Frieda Clary Cheryl Stevens RE: Requesting Approval of Vocational Rehabilitation on Service Projects for Amer. Indians/Alaskan Natives w/Disabilities, 2008-2013 Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 4-16-08-A request of Vocational Rehabilitation of Service Projects for American Indians/ Alaskan Natives with Disabilities, 2008-2013, seconded by Vince

DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Frieda Clary Cheryl Stevens FY2008 DHHS/SAMHSA/CIRCLES of

CARE IV: Infrastructure development for children's

mental health systems in American Indian-Alaska

Native communities.

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 4-16-08-B for FY2008 DHHS/SAMHSA/CIRCLES of CARE IV: Infrastructure development for children's mental health systems in American Indian-Alaska Native communities, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Frieda Clary Cheryl Stevens Dept. of Labor/Workforce Investment

Act/Comp. Services Plan/Supplemental Youth Service (Formerly known as Job Trng. Partnership

Act) FY 2008-FY 2010

Action:

Motion by Trish King to adopt Resolution 4-16-08-C request for Dept. of Labor/Workforce Investment Act/Comp. Services Plan/Supplemental Youth Service (Formerly known as Job Training Partnership Act) FY 2008-FY 2010, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Debbie Thundercloud Frieda Clary Cheryl Stevens RE: Requesting Approval of Resolution FY 09 Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt Resolution 4-16-08-D for FY 09 Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: Requesting Approval of the Resolution for the Oneida Nation Farm to be realigned under the Enterprise Division and the Business Development Unit to be realigned under the C.F.O. per the 3-8-08 BC action at 3/8 Planning Committee Mtg.

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer to Thursday Apr.17, 2008 retreat and for the resolution to be brought back Apr.30, 2008 to the regular BC meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth. Oppose: Paul Ninham, Trish King.

Motion carried.

#### b. Requests

1. Trish King

RE: Approval of Stand Alone Policy for Business Committee Political Appointments

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer Stand Alone Policy for Business Committee political appointments to LOC for more work and come back to the Apr. 30, 2008 BC meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King

RE: Approval of OBC Assistants' Standard Employment Contract

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer OBC Assistant Standard Employment Contract to LOC for more work and come back to the Apr. 30, 2008 BC meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth. Oppose: Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

3. Trish King

RE: Approval of Standard Operating Procedures for Hiring of Business Committee Political Appointments

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer Standard Operating Procedures for hiring of Business Committee political appointments back to LOC for more work and come back to the Apr.30, 2008 BC meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Patty Hoeft, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Oppose: Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado. Abstain: Trish King. Motion carried.

Trish King: For the record, I abstained on that particular one, although it relates to the other two documents, the LOC doesn't approve Standard Operating Procedures. That's the responsibility of the Business Committee.

4. Trish King

RE: Assign Proxy(s) to attend the Annual Bay Bancorporation Shareholder's Meeting May 2, 2008

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer to the next Business Committee meeting to assign proxy(s) for the May 2, 2008 annual Bay Bancorporation Shareholder's meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft

RE: Request to approve the resignation of Maureen A. Metoxen from the Oneida Pow Wow Committee and post one vacancy Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the resignation of Maureen A. Metoxen from the Oneida Pow Wow Committee and post one vacancy, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Patty Hoeft

RE: Request to repost the following: one (1) vacancy for the Oneida Nation School Board parent position, one (1) vacancy for the Oneida Land Claims Commission and four (4) vacancies on the Arts Board.

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the request to repost the following: one vacancy for the Oneida Nation School Board parent position, one vacancy for the Oneida Land Claims Commission and four vacancies on the Arts Board, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Trish King requesting the General Manager to have an Arts Board report for the May 14, 2008 BC meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### c. Travel Requests

1. Chief of Staff
Dellora Cornelius
ONCOA

RE: Procedural exception for travel to National Title VI Training and Technical Assistance Forum Apr. 28 - May 1, 2008

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve procedural exception for travel to National Title VI Training and Technical Assistance Forum Apr. 28 to May 1, 2008 and also for Melinda J. Danforth to attend, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes

RE: MAST/HHS Midwest Tribal Consultation Session May 6-8, 2008 Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve MAST/HHS Midwest Tribal Consultation Session May 6 to 8, 2008 Mount Pleasant, MI, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

- 10. Finance Committee -None
- 11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)- None
- 12. Treasurer's Report-None

# 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning- None

# 14 Executive Staff Meeting- None

# 15. Legislative Affairs Update

State Senate Democratic Committee Update

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the State Senate Democratic Committee Update as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

# 2. Municipal & County Report

a. Hobart's Water & Sewer Advisory Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer Hobart's Water & Sewer Advisory
Committee minutes back to General Manager's office for follow up, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Brown County Deputization Back Up Information

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Brown County Deputization Back Up Information report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 16. Executive Session

Acton: Motion by Kathy Hughes to recess at 12:15 p.m. and return at 1:30 p.m., seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to go into Executive Session at 1:37 p.m., seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to back into regular session at 3:57 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### a. Tabled Business-None

#### b. Old Business

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Chief of Staff Transition Plan

Excerpted from the April 2, 2008 OBC meeting: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept General Manager's update of the Chief of Staff's transition plan with

recommendations to come back to the Business Committee Apr.16, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Chief of Staff transition plan as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes

RE: Three Fires Project - Update

**Excerpted from the Feb. 6, 2008 OBC meeting:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to ask for another update report on Three Fires on the April 2, 2008 Business Committee agenda, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Three Fires project report update as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### c. New Business

1. Debbie Thundercloud Michele King

RE: Request Approval of the McLane Contract to supply cigarettes & other convenience store goods to the Oneida Retail Stores. The contract includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, required by BC approval

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the McLane contract to supply cigarettes and other convenience store goods to Oneida retail stores and that contract includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity requiring BC approval, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince Delgado, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Bill Gollnick

RE: Request Additional Funding for Locklear Contract

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to authorize additional funding for the Locklear Contract in the amount of \$4,658.83, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trust Department Susan White

RE: Madison Grey Fund Services LLC/JP Morgan Chase Account Terms

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Madison Grey Fund Services LLC/JP Morgan Chase Account terms, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. SEOTS RE: SBC Global Services Contract

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the SBC Global Services contract, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### d. Legislative Affairs Update-None

# e. Attorney Brief

1. Attorney Francine Skenandore Travel Report for NIGA

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel information from Attorney Francine Skenandore regarding NIGA, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

# 2. Oneida vs. Hobart Report

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the report about Oneida vs. Hobart, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

# 3. HUD policy about per capita

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the General Manager to acquire additional information regarding the April 8, 2008 conference call between Tribal officials and various HUD officials, including Kevin Fitzgibbons, and officials from the HUD office in Denver regarding HUD's advice on how the Tribe would state that per capita payments will not be counted as adjusted income pursuant to section 41G of the Native American Housing Self Determination Act Law, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Attorney James Bittorf Contract

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Attorney James Bittorf contract, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

# 5. Attorney Andrew Pyatskowit Contract

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Attorney Andrew Pyatskowit contract, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Petitions

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the verbal update about the petitions as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

- f. Audit Committee-None
- g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority-None

# Recess/Adjourn

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn at 4:05 p.m., seconded by Melinda J.

Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on April 30, 2008.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**