

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

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE Because of the help of this Onelda 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 MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

June 6, 2007
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: Barb Skenandore, Laura Manthe, Wilbert Rentmeister, Mindimoye, Kerry Brunette, Fred Muscavitch, Barb Dickson, M. Overman, Dottie Krull, Judy Cornelis, Jeanette Ninham, Brenda Skenandore, Julie Denny, Winnifred Thomas, Janice McLester, Anita Barber, Kitty Melchert, Lynn Franzmeier, Leyne Orosco, Pearl McLester, Thelma McLester, T. Hill, V. Matson, C. Metoxen.

**Opening Prayer:** 

Kyle White

## **Special Recognitions:**

- 1. Call to Order by Gerald Danforth @ 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Oath of Office Administered by Patty Hoeft
  Oath of Office for Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises, LLC, Board:
  Bruce Danforth Present
  Larry Barton Not Present
  Wilbert "Butch" Rentmeister Present

# 3. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Additions
- b. Deletions
- c. Moves

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the agenda, seconded by Mercie Danforth.

Motion carried unanimously.

# 4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular minutes of May 23, 2007

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the May 23, 2007 minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Ed Delgado, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Vince DelaRosa, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion

carried.

Special minutes of May 30, 2007

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the special meeting minutes of May 30, 2007,

seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. Tabled Business

Environmental Resource Board Quarterly Report

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to take the Environmental Resource Board Quarterly report from the table, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Environmental Resource Board Quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

# 6. Reports

Oneida Personnel Commission (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Brenda Skenandore - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

Submitted

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to table the Personnel Commission quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

### 7. Travel Reports

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Tribal Leaders Mtg. May 18, 2007 Stevens

Point, WI

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Tribal Leaders meeting travel report and approve the Vice Chair's attendance at the next Tribal Leaders meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: State/Tribal Consultation with Department of

Workforce Development

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the State Tribal Consultation with the Department of Workforce Development travel report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: Twelfth Annual Exemplary Institute

Conference

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Twelfth Annual Exemplary Institute Conference travel report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Trish King

RE: National Native American Economic Policy

Summit, May 15-17, 2007 Phoenix, AZ

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the National Native American Economic Policy Summit travel report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Patty Hoeft

RE: Post a vacant position for School Board member

Excerpt from May 23, 2007: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the posting for the School Board vacancy to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to direct the Secretary to work with the school board to post for the vacancy and work through the screening selection appointment process, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jerry Danforth (Ed Delgado)

RE: Status report regarding resolution 12-20-06-J

LOC

RE: Statement of Effect for resolution regarding 12-

20-06-J

Excerpt from May 23, 2007: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting with a status report from the Chairman's office and LOC

regarding resolution 12-20-06-J, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from May 23, 2007: Motion by Ed Delgado for the resolution regarding resolution 12-20-06-J be submitted to the LOC for a Statement of Effect and be brought back to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer Councilman's Ed Delgado draft resolution to the Chair's office for consideration for calling a GTC meeting under the authority of his office as delegated in the Oneida Tribal Constitution, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Paul Ninham, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the main motion that Councilman Delgado's draft resolution ask GTC to overturn the Business Committee Resolution 12-20-06-J at the July 2, 2007 GTC agenda, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Paul Ninham, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Ed Delgado. Opposed: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

For the record:

I supported the main motion, Councilwoman Trish King and I opposed the seconded motion and amendment for the main purpose of the due diligence in regards to the Chairman and the Chief Judicial Officer has not been revived in written format or in any formal type of presentation to the Oneida Business Committee as a whole, not saying I don't support your verbal update. But this would require a paper trail and we do not have one. I am also concern that putting it on the July General Tribal Council agenda does not allow for the due diligence to be done.

Councilwoman Melinda J. Danforth and I approve the main motion and I oppose the second motion because of the same reason that Trish did because I believe the due process or that the process that is allowed for in the MOA between the Business Committee and the Appeals Commission should be complete. And I would also like to have this issue as a single issue on at the General Tribal Council meeting instead of being combined with the numerous issues that will be taking up at a Semi-Annual meeting. I believe this issue will be very time consuming and very debatable and will take more time than the Semi-Annual meeting.

Councilman Ed Delgado, support both motions and would like to say; that when we have serious issue between our governmental bodies, especially elected governmental bodies we should never be afraid to take those issues to General Tribal Council and let General Tribal Council decide because I think it is one of

the functions of our constitution and it is rare.

3. Mercie Danforth

RE: Records Management Project

Excerpt from May 23, 2007: Motion by Ed Delgado to refer the Secretary's request to the Treasurer's office for funding possibilities of \$90,000 for the FY07 fiscal year for the Records Management project and bring back her findings, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the identified amount of \$90,000. from the Special Funding budget for the Records Management Project, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. General Manager

RE: Approval for Oneida Tribe to join the North American Industrial Hemp Council as a government agency at a cost of \$500.00 to be funded through OCIFS

Excerpt from May 9, 2007: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the North American Hemp Council request to the General Manager to consult with Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems Coordinator and bring back, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the General Manager's recommendation to participate in the Native American Hemp Council, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. New Business

- a. Resolutions None
- b. Requests

1. Patty Hoeft

RE: July 4, 2007 Business Committee Meeting:

Cancel or Postpone

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to reschedule the July 4, 2007 Business Committee meeting to Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Paul Ninham, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Kathy Hughes Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Fred Muscavitch

RE: Rescind incorrect Fee To Trust Warranty deeds for: Former Russell L. And Cynthia J. Belongia

property for incorrect year, 2006; Former John and Karen Binkowski property for incorrect year, 2006; Former Linsmeyer property for incorrect year 2006 and Former Gordon J. Roffers property for incorrect year 2005

RE: Adopt corrected warranty deeds for: Former Russell L. And Cynthia J. Belongia property for correct year, 2007; Former John and Karen Binkowski property for correct year, 2007; Former Linsmeyer property for correct year 2007 and Former Gordon J. Roffers property for correct year 2007

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to rescind the former Belongia property, Warranty Deed dated February 21, 2006; rescind the former Binkowski property, Warranty Deed dated February 16, 2006; rescind the former Linsmeyer property, Warranty Deed dated February 16, 2006; and rescind the former Roffers property Warranty Deed dated February 16, 2005, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the former Belongia property Warrenty Deed 2007, Former Binkowski property, Warranty Deed 2007, former Linsmeyer property Warranty Deed 2007, and former Roffers property Warranty Deed 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth that the General Manager come back with recommendations in regards to the Business Committee giving authorization for Land Management to do administrative corrections, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

# c. Travel Requests

1. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: New York Homeland Tour, August 12-19,

2007

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the New York Homeland Tour travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth, Merice Danforth, Ed Delgado. Opposed: Kathy Hughes, Trish King. Motion carried.

2. Jeanette Ninham

RE: Procedural exception for 5 Child Protective Board members to attend mock Trial and Appellate Oral Argument training, June 19-20, 2007, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the procedural travel exception for five Child

Protective Board members to attend mock trial and appellate oral argument training, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Thelma Mclester

RE: Procedural exception for group of 6 youths and 2 chaperones to attend Unity Conference July 10, 2007 Oklahoma City

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the procedural exception for the Unity Conference, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

4. Kathy Hughes

RE: DHFS - Wisconsin Minority Health Leadership Council meeting, June 28, 2007, Madison, WI

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the DHFS travel request, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham. Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

5. Kathy Hughes

RE: M.A.S.T. Summer meeting, August 6-8, 2007, Prairie Island Community, Welch, MN

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the M.A.S.T travel request, seconded by Trish King. For: Paul Ninham, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

- 10. Finance Committee None
- 11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

For Consideration

RE: Adoption of Emergency Planning Bylaws

Excerpt from May 23, 2007: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the adoption of the Emergency Planning Bylaws to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the adoption of the Emergency Planning Bylaws, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Treasurer's Report None
- 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning None

# 14. Executive Staff Meeting -None

# 15. Legislative Affairs Update

#### **Old Business:**

911 Signs Info - Recommendation: Request the General Manager to research grant availability for 911 signs to assist the Town of Oneida in protecting the safety and public health of the residents.

Excerpt from May 23, 2007: Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer the 911 Signs Info recommendation to the General Manager to work with Legislative Affairs and bring back a recommendation at the June 6, 2007 Oneida Business Committee meeting on how the Oneida Tribe can help the Town of Oneida with the 911 signs, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the 911 Sign info to the General Manager and the Chief of Staff. That the General Manager look at the grants process and if the grant process doesn't go through, then the Chief of Staff look at incorporating this into the service agreement, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

# Legislative Affairs New Business:

1. Kevin Cornelius

RE: Letter to Senators Herb Kohl, Feingold and Congressman Kagen regarding support to apply for SBA 8 (A) Certification

Action:

Motion by to Ed Delgado to defer the SBA 8(A) letters of support to the Chair and Vice-chair's office and that Legislative Affairs work with these offices for the letters to be sent out, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried.

Back into regular session @ 2:08 p.m.

Excused: Vince DelaRosa

#### 16. Executive Session

- a. Tabled Business
- b. Old Business
- 1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Joint report on Business Development Unit

Neil Cornelius

review of the Gaming Master Plan

Excerpt from March 28, 2007: Motion to Patty Hoeft to defer the joint report on the BDU's review of the Gaming Master Plan for two weeks for the Assistant Chief Financial Officer's review of Phase II, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from May 9, 2007: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the Gaming Master Plan for a month, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to defer review of BDU's Master Plan review for thirty days, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

# c. New Business

1. General Manager Matt Kunstman RE: Residence Inn by Marriott Status report

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Residence Inn by Marriott report and direct the Chair's office to get in contact with the Chair's of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians and San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mike Finn

RE: O'Hare Boulevard Resolution &

construction contract

Action:

Motion by Trish King to adopt resolution 6-06-07-A to approve the O'Hare Boulevard contract and authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign this contract, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### d. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Kevin Cornelius

RE: Hobart Storm Water Utility

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to refer the Hobart Storm Water Utility to the Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel for review and recommendations back in 30 days, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### e. Attorney Brief

1. Jo Anne House

RE: Subrogation Claim - Authorization to

file

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the law office authorization to file a subrogation claim, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jo Anne House

RE: Fee to Trust Process

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the Fee To Trust process back to Legal and Land Management to develop SOP's to address this issue back in 30 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Jo Anne House

RE: Attorney Brief June 6th

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the June 6, 2007 attorney brief, seconded by Trish King, Motion carried unanimously.

### f. Audit Committee

1. Ed Delgado

RE: Approval of Audit Committee minutes of April 5, 2007

Action:

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the April 5, 2007 audit minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado

RE: Approval of Audit Committee minutes of April 23,

2007

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the April 23, 2007 audit minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ed Delgado

RE: Approval of Audit Committee minutes of April 30,

2007

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the April 30, 2007 audit minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1st meeting of the month)

# Recess/Adjourn

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion

carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on <u>June 20, 2007</u>

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

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