



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

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UGWA DEMOLUH YATENE
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.

SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 1982

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman

Present: Purcell Powless, Norbert Hill, Kathy Hughes, Gordon McLester, Lois Powless, Lloyd Powless, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Loretta Metoxen

Others: Jerry Hi

Model Tribal Court Training

Jerry Hill attended a BIA Presentation on Administration of a model Tribal Court System. The presenter was attorney James Farrar of the National Center for State Courts. The materials were well organized and informative and the instructors were very competent. Jerry sent for copies of the materials for the Business Committee and when the materials come in Jerry would like to have a session with the Business Committee to go over the materials.

Cigarette Ad Hoc Committee - Jerry Hill

On December 20, 1982 Jerry Hill, with other members of the G.L.I.T.C. Ad Hoc Committee, met Mike Ley, Secretary of Revenue and Paul DeMain, Indian Desk in Madison. Neither of the two appointees of Governor-elect, Tony Earl, has formally met with him to discuss the particular matter of the cigarette tax compromise. They were, however, generally encouraging and promised to contact Jim Schlender, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, if Governor Earl, decided for political or other reasons, that he could not support it as drafted.

Bob Miller of G.L.I.T.C., attorneys Jim Hawkins and Kathy Tiereney of Judicare, Harry Stendorf of Winnebago, Jim Schlender of LCO and Jerry Hill were present for the Ad Hoc Committee. After a long and detailed discussion, Secretary Ley indicated that he would fully support the compromise after it has been fully reviewed by Governor Earl's legal staff, and a political evaluation was made.

Gary Metoxen's letter of December 16 1982 to Norbert Hill

Dear Norbert:

I just want to inform you on some of the problems that may happen if the pseudo-Business Committee continues to make decisions without Federal recognition. You surely know that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has clearly indicated that the election of November 20, 1982 is not recognized. If the Bureau of Indian Affairs continues in this position you will jeopardize all federal dollars coming in to the tribe such as:

- a. Education
- b. Dept. of Labor (CETA)
- c. Housing
- d. Indian Health Services
- e. Indirect Cost dollars
- f. and other beneficial dollars

Surely the oath of office must mean something to you. It does not give authority to degrade, denounce, intimidate nor harass elected leaders or other fellow tribal members. We were elected to serve all our brothers and sisters as well as strengthen tribal government. The conspiracy to disrupt tribal government is not part of the oath that we swore to uphold. In fact we swore to uphold the Constitution, under God.

I am sure when the Tribe can get good legal advice on interpretation of our Constitution, By-laws and Ordinances you will clearly see why the actions of the General Tribal Council is illegal. Good legal advice would have prevented these adverse decisions.

Don't put our Tribe or our people in any position to lose the services we are now enjoying. The other four members surely must know that they are jeopardizing the Tribe's resources and sovereignty.

Sincerely,

ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WIS

Gary G. Metoxen, Chairman

Loretta made a motion that the Law office be directed to respond to Gary Metoxen and notify him to return all tribal property and that a report be given to the General Tribal Council on this matter on January 8, 1983. Also that there only be an attorney to attorney response. Norbert seconded. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M. Tony Benson was excused.

Jerry Hill is still working on a Draft Ordinance to standardize the operation of Boards within the Tribe.

ANA Proposal - Carl Rasmussen

The ANA proposal had been given to the Business Committee for review and request to approve. Due to the short time the Tribal Administrator has been aboard he has not had time to review the proposal and requested the Business Committee to table the proposal until he had the time to review it. Kathy made a motion to table the ANA proposal until Wednesday December 29, 1982. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Economic Development - Bruce King

This was a continuation of the meeting with Bruce King on the Economic Development Plan. Bruce listed the following (9) long range goals:

1. To increase the Tribe's economic resources.
2. To diversify the Tribe's economic resources.
3. To stabilize the Tribe's economics.
4. To maintain control over economic resources.
5. To increase employment opportunities for Tribal members.
6. To provide convenient private sector services for Tribal members.
7. To promote the reputation of the Oneida Tribe as a leader in the field of economic development.
8. To educate Tribal community on development activity.
9. To create income for funding Tribal governmental activities.

The Business Committee discussed these goals with Bruce King. Mark made a motion to approve the (9) long range goals listed as presented with the understanding that there may be additions to the goals. Norbert seconded. Motion carried.

10:30 Mark excused

Bingo Building Update - Carl Rasmussen

Carl stated that the architect feels that the construction is still on time and should meet the scheduled due date. One problem was the type of sand used; the contractor said that type of sand they used on some of the block would be strong enough, but a test can be made on the blocks to test the strength of the concrete. The Business Committee agreed that Carl should have the concrete tested. Kathy made a motion that the Business Committee meet with the architect during the first week of January and they are to give a report on the results of the concrete test. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

Christmas Bonus - Tony Utschig

Tony questioned if there was any policy regarding a Christmas bonus. He was told that the Christmas party was looked upon as something of a bonus for all Tribal employees.

10:45 Norbert moved to recess. Lois seconded Motion carried.

1:30 P.M. Meeting reconvened. (8) members present.

Tony Benson excused.

638 Proposal

Strengthening and improving Tribal government by providing a Tribal Court System and a Records Management System. Norbert moved to approve the Proposal and resolution. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-22-82-A

WHEREAS, The Indian Self-Determination Act granted Tribes the right to contract for Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs, and,

WHEREAS, The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a Treaty Tribe whose governing functions are represented by the Oneida Business Committee and recognized by the United States as a sovereign Indian government, and,

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs is authorized, at the request of an Indian Tribe, to render technical and financial assistance, and,

WHEREAS, The Oneida Tribe has determined that a Tribal Court will enhance the governing functions of the Tribe by providing a forum to enforce Oneida Tribal laws, interpret Tribal laws, and to issue appropriate civil decrees and judgements, and,

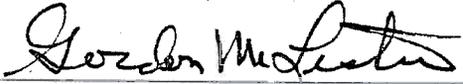
WHEREAS, The Oneida Tribe has determined that a Tribal Records Management System will provide for a logical means of cataloging and storing all essential materials, and,

WHEREAS, The Oneida Tribe is without means to establish or maintain a Tribal Court system and a Records Management System.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the Oneida Business Committee is authorized to negotiate a contract for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Tribal Court and Records Management System.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 8 members, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 22 day of Dec 1982; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary

Notification from BIA Division of Forestry

The Ashland Agency has been notified by the Area Director that the Central Office Division of Forestry will be conducting a review and evaluation of BIA and tribal field procedures and operations pertaining to the timber administrative deduction (10%) program. This review is scheduled to take place between February 15 and April 30, 1983.

They have been asked to consolidate any comments and recommendations regarding specific matters which the Agency and/or Tribes would like addressed during the Minneapolis Area review. This consolidated report must be forwarded to Minneapolis by December 27, 1982; so, if the Tribe has any comments or suggestions, please have them in the office by that date.

To assist the Tribe in their review of the subject, they have enclosed copies of 25 U.S.C.A. 413, 25 CFR Part 163.18, and 53 BIAM Supplement 3, Section 6.6 which pertains to the legal, policy, and procedural aspects of the timber administrative deductions program.

Mark made a motion to have Loretta respond to the BIA and tell them that the Oneida Tribe would administrate any program dealing with Tribal timber. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

Request for support for Inter-Mountain Inter-Tribal School

RESOLUTION # 12-22-82-AA

WHEREAS, The "All Indian Study Commission" during 1973-74, funded by the BIA determined that there was a need for a special high school to provide an innovative and compensatory program for Indian youth who were unsuccessful in other school settings and,

WHEREAS, The program at IIS from 1974 to the present has served that role in an excellent fashion and,

WHEREAS, There has been unanimous approval of the tribes served by IIS and,

WHEREAS, The BIA in opposition to the voices and desires of these tribes have determined to close this school in the spring of 1983 and,

WHEREAS, P.L. 93-638 with statutory provisions for Indian self-determination provides the option for tribal entities to contract BIA educational programs and,

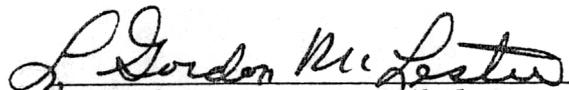
WHEREAS, Tribal leaders representing the majority of the student enrollment at IIS have voted unanimously to pursue a P.L. 93-638 contract and,

WHEREAS, Our Tribe has resolved to continue to support the school:

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; That we hereby do authorize the Intermountain Inter-Tribal school board inc., to secure a P.L. 93-638 contract for the operation of the school for and in behalf of our tribe and the students we enroll at this school.

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L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary

Kathy moved to approve the resolution Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

Lease Agreement for Commodities Van

Norbert made a motion to approve the new lease agreement. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Finance & Appropriation Recommendation - Memo of December 21, 1982

The Finance & Appropriations Committee met at 1:30 P.M. on December 21, 1982 Present was Kathy Hughes, Lloyd Powless, Tony Utschig, Dick Shikoski and Joe Villagomez. They made the following recommendations:

Recommend approval to support the Higher Education Scholarship Program by providing \$50,000 for cash flow. This is necessary because the Bureau did not provide the advance as requested. More paperwork has been processed and the money is expected by February or possibly sooner. Loretta moved to approve. Norbert seconded. Motion carried.

Mark made a motion that Higher Education provide the Business Committee with a report of the people who received a scholarship and what is their grade point average. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

Request approval of the Higher Education budgets to close-out FY '82 and carryover funds to FY '83. Kathy moved to approve. Norbert seconded. Lois opposed. Mark abstained. Motion carried.

Lois requested the record to show the reason she opposed. The budget came to the Business Committee in a very unprofessional manner and the Director is not following the format they have been given to follow. The Tribal Administrator will be informed of the dissatisfaction of the Business Committee in the manner that the budget was presented.

Water Extension Report - Mike Schaepe

The FmHA has requested an engineering report concerning "water extension" before they will act on our Oneida Sewer/Water application (see attached). This will require additional engineering work. Mike spoke with Foth & Van Dyke about expanding the scope of their work. They said they would, and to demonstrate their desire to maintain a continuing good rapport with the Tribe, they have submitted a cost estimate of \$4,000. This is a deal.

Seventy-five percent of the money to pay for this study will come from the Wisconsin Rural Housing Cooperative. The remaining 25% will come from Mike's budget. This will mean an advanced terminal date for Mike's program, but he believes the benefits to the community outweigh this cost. Mark moved to send this to the Finance & Appropriations Committee. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

Personnel - Joe Villagomez

The Business Committee discussed the salaries at the Nursing Home, Tribal School, and RNIP. Each one of these areas are below the pay scale of the Tribe. There was discussion on how much it would take to bring these wages in line with the rest of the Tribe. Lloyd made a motion to have Joe give a report to the Finance & Appropriations Committee on how much it will cost to put them on the pay scale. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

3:00 P.M. Tony Benson arrived.

Employment Recommendation/Physician for Oneida Health Center

Lloyd moved to approve the hiring of Dr. Cindy Wood. Norbert seconded. Motion carried.

3:15 P.M. Gordon moved to recess Mark seconded. Motion carried


Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary