



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



UGWA DEHOLUN 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.

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## SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M

Present: Purcell Powless, Kathy Hughes, Gordon McLester, Lloyd Powless, Lois Powless, Loretta Metoxen.

Excused: Mark Powless, Tony Benson (Vacation)

Others: Jerry Hill, Francis Skenandore

## WISCONSIN TRIBAL COUNCILS CONFERENCE

Lloyd would like to begin coordinating a Wisconsin Tribal Councils Conference. The first step would be to have a representative from each Tribal Council in Wisconsin meet and develop an agenda. This could be done in July here in Oneida. Lloyd feels that the tribe can sponsor this initial planning meeting. This could be done in a one (1) day session. The conference itself could be held within thirty (30) days of that meeting at a central location. This meeting should be 2-3 days. Finance could be negotiated.

Loretta made a motion to set up a planning meeting with delegates of other tribes pursuant to approval of GLITC for grand council meeting. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

## PRE-TRIAL HEARING IN SYRACUSE ON LAND CLAIMS

The hearing was to set up a schedule for the upcoming trial. The court gave twenty (20) more days for additional information to be submitted. The attorney for the Six Nations will be sending information on their position during these twenty days and after that, New York state and the Wisconsin Oneida's will have time to respond. When this information comes into the Law Office, the lawyers will give an update.

10:00 A.M. Mark Powless arrived.

## SEMINARY PURCHASE

The Bishop sent a letter to the Business Committee with a counter offer for the Sacred Heart Center on April 26. The tribe made the following offer:

--Total price of eight hundred thousand (\$800,000.00) dollars for the Sacred Heart Center improvements.

--Down payment of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).

--Balance of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) to be paid in equal installments over five (5) years.

--Joint use of the facility during the five (5) years transition period

--Shared cost of maintenance during the five (5) year transition period

At the Board of Consultors meeting on June 7th, it was voted that they offer the improvements at Sacred Heart Center to the Oneida Tribe for \$1,170,000 cash; that is, they would want to sell the improvements outright without negotiating a land contract. They have limited use of the facility in the future, so items 4 and 5 of the April 26th proposal are unacceptable. In regard to their utilization of a portion of the facilities, they are sure we can negotiate satisfactorily lease provisions with Oneida at the time of sale.

They would appreciate having our reaction to this proposal as soon as possible. If Oneida agrees, they will still need to take two more steps, namely, to call a meeting of the Corporate Board of Sacred Heart Center and also send the proposal to Rome for approval. They are obliged, in discussing the possible sale with Rome, to bring before them both appraisals and the two offers that they made together with our counterproposal. From their experience, they would guess that Rome, having those facts, would be disinclined to give them permission to sell the improvements for the \$800,000 that we propose and under the conditions we outlined in our letter of April 26th, 1983.

Mark made a motion to have the attorneys proceed with litigation and if in the outcome we do not win the case, the tribe would then be prepared to negotiate the present offered price. Gordon seconded.

Two (2) voted yes (Gordon, Mark), three (3) opposed (Kathy, Loretta, Lloyd) one (1) abstained, Lois. Motion failed.

Loretta made a motion to make a counter offer of \$900,000.00 to be made to the Diocese and that the cash amount be discussed and negotiated at the time of the sale and also that a position paper from Oneida be forwarded to the Board of Consultors. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Three (3) voted yes (Kathy, Loretta, Lloyd), one (1) opposed (Mark), two (2) abstained (Gordon, Lois).

EDA PROJECT #06-51-26808

The Law office is attempting to eliminate the \$20,036.00 debt to the federal government.

Francis Skenandore stated that the gist of their letter is paragraph two is of concern to us, that no Agency employee would have the authority to recommend an action prohibited by law. This is a legal conclusion that will be researched out, for if we locate the approval letter, it would still mean that the debt is still owed, despite the Tribe acting on the approval of an EDA official.

Francis will have to review more files and confer with OTDC and review their files on the project, if they permit, along with discussing this in more detail with Ernie Stevens, who headed up the work for OTDC on this project. Fran feels OTDC plays a pivotal role in this matter and must cooperate.

The Agency is getting more insistent on the Tribe paying the debt and also threatening future grants through the Department of Commerce. The effect it may have on future grants is of great concern.

Gordon made a motion to pay the amount owed to EDA and to direct the Law Office to continue to investigate the matter and bring back a report to the Business Committee. Kathy seconded. Mark opposed. Motion carried.

#### FUEL TANKS AT ONEIDA ONE STOP

Mark made a motion to have Francis Skenandore negotiate the best possible solution with Coenen Oil concerning the fuel tanks. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

#### VACANCY OF VICE-CHAIRMAN POSITION

Jerry Hill drafted a resolution for review for the Business Committee. This resolution could be used until a election and installation of a new vice-chairman is held. Kathy made a motion to adopt Resolution #6-27-83-A, which generally states, " that the Oneida Business Committee hereby delegates and appoints L. Gordon McLester to preside over formal meetings of the Oneida Business Committee under the rules and procedures applicable to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members of the Business Committee until such time as a successor may be selected and certified by the Oneida General Tribal Council for the position of Vice-Chairman. This delegated authority shall end no later than 30 days after the caucus on July 9, 1983.

Kathy made a motion to adopt the Resolution #6-27-83-A. Lois seconded. Gordon abstained. Motion carried.

#### MODIFICATION OF THE BUDGET OF CHD TRIBAL COURT

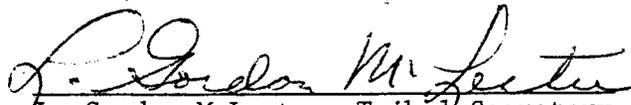
This item was tabled on June 24, until Jerry Hill was present. The CHD Tribal Court Project #65353 is requesting a budget modification of \$2,000.00 in order to create a line item to purchase a typewriter. This would require a \$1,000.00 contribution from the General Fund. Mark made a motion to approve the modification and that the monies come from the head attorney's line item. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

AD HOC CIGARETTE COMMITTEE

The Committee had been dissolved after the legislation on the cigarette agreement had been completed. Now the state and tribes will have to work out a rebate system so another Committee will have to be appointed. Mark made a motion to direct Kathy H. and Jerry Hill to be on the Ad Hoc Committee to develop a rebate system for the tribe. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

11:45 A.M. Gordon made a motion to recess. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary