



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

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*Approved as  
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Regular Mtg.*



UGWA DEMOLUN 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.

## SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1983

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

Present: Purcell Powless, Kathy Hughes, Gordon McLester, Tony Benson, Lloyd Powless, Lois Powless, Mark Powless.

Excused: Loretta Metoxen

### ONEIDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROJECT - Marlin Mousseau

Marlin was requested to present an implementation plan regarding the food distribution plan to the Business Committee. After review, Tony Benson made a motion to approve the project plan. Mark seconded. Motion carried. (Plan attached)

### EDA PROPOSALS

Two proposals have been submitted by the Tribe, one is for the Water & Sewer Project, and the other is for the Water & Sewer to go to the Motel/Hotel site at the Airport. The Tribe can only submit one proposal to be considered. Mark made a motion that the tribe set the priority to be the Motel/Hotel Complex. Lloyd seconded. Tony opposed. Motion carried.

### INDIAN TAX STATUS ACT

Tony asked if the tribe is going to send anyone to this meeting? Jerry Hill attended the last meeting--this question will be addressed when Jerry is present later this morning.

### DIANE FUNMAKER GARNISHMENT

Diane is requesting the 20% garnishment be lowered to 10% due to her financial hardship. Mark made a motion to reconsider lowering her garnishment from 20% to 10%. Lloyd seconded. 2 voted yes (Mark & Lloyd), 3 voted no (Tony Kathy Gordon), 1 abstained (Lois). Motion fails. Kathy made a motion to table until Wednesday, July 20, 1983. Lois seconded. Mark opposed. Motion carried.

LETTER ON TRIBES POSITION REGARDING BINGO

The following letter will be sent to Mr. Ken Smith, Assistant for Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. contingent on Business Committee approval:

Dear Mr Smith:

This letter is in regard to the BIA Task Force meeting on Bingo held in Washington, D.C. on June 10-11, 1983 concerning Tribal Bingo's. The Oneida Tribe is very upset that the requests which the Tribes made had been denied by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Tribes present at the meeting requested the following:

- 1) That a meeting be called the week of July 18, 1983 in Oklahoma City and that all Tribes concerned be contacted.
- 2) That the Justice Department officials, James Watt, Ken Smith, and John Fritz be present at the meeting of July 18, 1983.
- 3) It was stated by Hazel Elbert that some Congressmen had put pressure on the Justice Department to draft legislation regarding Indian Bingo's. We had requested specifically who their Congressmen were, where they came from and their concerns.
- 4) It was also requested that a copy of that portion of Bill H.R. 2151 on Bingo that was deleted be available.

The Tribes have no official response to any of these questions as of this date. The Tribes were also upset over the fact that no decision makers from any of the agencies were in attendance at the meeting. The Tribal Chairman were called to Washington and Denver to meet with the BIA who sent administrative aides to meet with heads of Tribal Governments. Where was Ken Smith, John Fritz and Justice officials? We view this situation as an extreme emergency. The BIA supposedly works for the Tribes. With that in mind, we call for a meeting with all Tribes concerned to meet and develop our own positions. We further request that National Congress of American Indians and National Tribal Chairman Association call for such a meeting to have the Tribes unite under one position and forward that position on the the Bureau of Indian Affairs in response to Justice Departments concern over Indian Bingo. We also request that the National Congress of American Indians and the National Tribal Chairmans Association contact you, John Fritz and James Watt and the Justice Department to have their officials in attendance at this proposed meeting. We need to act as quickly as possible. Rumor has it that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Justice Department amde a trade off: The BIA would have regulations drafted by September 30, 1983 for which in turn that portion of H. R. 2151 regarding Indian Bingo's was deleted from that Bill. We ask for your support and cooperation.

ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

Kathy made a motion to approve the position letter and that it be sent to the appropriate parties. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

TRAVEL TO GLITC AT LAC DU FLAMBEAU ON JULY 21, 1983

Purcell will be unable to attend this meeting as he will be out of town during this time. Lloyd is already on the Agenda for this meeting regarding the organization of all Tribes in the State of Wisconsin, so therefore the Business Committee feels that he should act as delegate for the Oneida Tribe. Kathy made a motion to approve Lloyd as delegate for the Oneida Tribe. Mark seconded. Lloyd abstained. Motion carried.

STATE BANK OF DEPERE TO PURCHASE FROM TIME TO TIME WHEN STOCK BECOMES AVAILABLE

Kathy would like to have approval ahead of time to purchase holdings that would become available at any time. Kathy recommended that we not exceed \$68.00 per share and not to exceed 300 shares. There was a question as to earlier action taken giving approval to purchase stock. Mark made a motion to table until more research is done on any earlier action. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

10:00 Kathy made a motion to recess until 10:30. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

10:30 Business Committee reconvened.

RESOLUTION #7-18-83-A CONCERNING A FULL-TIME INDIAN COORDINATOR IN THE BEMIDJI AREA OFFICE - Marj Stevens, Health Center

Mark made a motion to adopt Resolution #7-18-83-A which states, "that the Bemidji Area Office take immediate action to ensure that the Alcoholism programs will have a full-time Indian Coordinator, knowledgeable about alcoholism, due to the sensitive area of Indian alcoholism. That immediate action will be taken to increase funding levels for the Bemidji service area and other service areas of the nation as well", and that this Resolution also be sent out to other tribes in Wisconsin requesting support. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

CHD QUARTERLY REPORT - Jerry Hill

Kathy made a motion to approve the CHD quarterly report. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

MARY LEMIEUX'S EMPLOYMENT - Jerry Hill

Jerry sent the Business Committee a memo regarding Mary's employment, as follows:

"This is to follow up an earlier memo in which I raised the matter of recalling the above named person to the Law Office when I return to employee status. As you know the contract under which I am now retained expires on September 30, 1983. In order to avoid any delay in the implementation of the law department, it is requested that Mary be recalled as a full-time employee as of September 1, 1983.

I further request that Mary be granted a raise to reflect the annual cost of living and merit raises. This should also be compatible with the salary of the Clerk of the Tribal Court. I request that we meet to discuss this at your earliest convenience so that we may avoid any confusion on this matter."

Kathy made a motion to refer Jerry Hill's request to Finance & Appropriations Committee. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

RENT/LEASE AGREEMENT (LAND COMMITTEE) - Jerry Hill

Postponed until July 22, 1983

NEW YORK LAND "AIMS" - Jerry Hill

Jerry explained that Tim Coulter is still trying to obtain information from Arlinda Locklear and he is asking Francis Skenandore to help him get the information. Tim Coulter has been told that the Wisconsin Lawyers and the NARF Lawyer will not release any information.

CIGARETTE AD HOC MEETING - Jerry Hill

Jerry requested approval to attend the Ad Hoc meeting in Lac Du Flambeau. Mark made a motion to approve the request. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

INDIAN TAX STATUS ACT MEETING

Jerry stated that he had been to the last meeting concerning the Indian Tax Status Act. Jerry was asked if he had obtained enough information from the last meeting so that we would not have to send anyone for this meeting. Jerry felt that we had enough information now and that it would not be necessary to send anyone.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION - Dale Wheelock

Secretary Part-time (20) hrs. Wk - Planning Office/Economic Development Office

Only 1 applicant: Carolyn M. Skenandore

Mark made a motion to approve the recommendation. Kathy seconded. Gordon abstained. Motion carried.


TERMINATION FOR EMPLOYEE AT ONEIDA NURSING HOME - Dale Wheelock

The Personnel Office recommends termination of the Food Service Worker at the Oneida Nursing Home for cause during probationary period. Mark made a motion to approve the recommendation. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

VACATION REQUEST - Mark Powless

Mark requested vacation for July 21, 22, and 25. Gordon made a motion to approve the request. Lloyd seconded. Mark abstained. Motion carried.

11:45 A.M. Tony made a motion to recess. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

  
L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary