

Onondas 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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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.

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## SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1983

Meeting called to order at 9:10 A.M. by Chairman Powless.

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

Excused: Loretta Metoxen (Vacation)

Others: Francis Skenandore, Jerry Hill, Chris Doxtator

### RENTAL/LEASE AGREEMENT - Jerry Hill & Chris Doxtator

Jerry presented a draft rental/lease agreement to the Business Committee and the Land Committee. On July 25, the Land Committee reviewed the rental agreement and accepted the draft. After discussion Mark made a motion to approve the rental agreement with the removal of #4A. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Chris requested approval of the recommendation to rent the upper apartment on Riverdale to Gary and Sharon Wheelock as first choice, Barbara H. Hawkins as second choice, and Kenneth Skenandore, Jr. as third choice. Mark made a motion to approve the request. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

### NEW YORK LAND CLAIMS - Francis Skenandore

Jerry Hill, Francis Skenandore, and Gordon McLester attended the hearings in New York. The hearing was to hear the following motions:

1. "Motion to Disqualify" Attorney Robert T. Coulter, filed by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, from representing the Oneida of the Thames Band because of a conflict of interest.
2. "Motion to Compell" filed by Attorney Robert T. Coulter, on behalf of the Oneida of the Thames Band requesting the Court to order Attorney Arlinda Locklear to turn over historical research files.

Prior to this hearing, all the defendants in this case had filed oppositions to Attorney Robert T. Coulter representing the Oneida of the Thames Band, because of a conflict of interest.

Basically, the conflict issue was that the Oneida of the Thames Band claim title to the same real property the Six Nations claim title to. Attorney Coulter in this instance was representing two clients with differing interest. The conflict was irrefutable and was seen by the Court, defendants and Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin as such. Attorney Coulter insisted he was not in conflict, representing two clients with different interests, because they had consented to his representation with full knowledge of all facts.

The Court, after hearing arguments ruled that Attorney Coulter, was in conflict and disqualified him from representing the Oneida of the Thames Band, because his other client, the Six Nations, were adversaries of the Oneida of the Thames Band land claim.

Attorney Coulter's "Motion to Compell" was denied by the Court, in that it was a moot issue when Attorney Coulter was disqualified from representing the Oneida of the Thames Band.

We have offered a compromise to Attorney Coulter to discuss with his clients, the Six Nations, so that we may proceed with the more basic problem of defeating the State of New York. The proposed compromise is as follows:

1. Six Nations withdraws their complaint.
2. Oneidas of the Six Nations intervene in the case asserting land claim.
3. Oneida of Wisconsin not oppose Six Nation intervention of New York Oneidas.
4. Oneidas of Wisconsin continue to oppose Six Nation intervention and their assertion that land is Six Nations land, not Oneida land.

Mark made a motion to authorize a letter to be sent to the Six Nations explaining our understanding of these motions to intervene and propose a meeting on August 27, 1983 at Oneida, Wisconsin. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

#### BINGO TASK FORCE

The BIA sent letters to all the tribes concerning proposal legislation to control gambling on Indian Reservations. The meeting is set for August 18 - 19, 1983 in Minnesota. The BIA are requesting input. Gordon made a motion to send Mark Powless, Kathy Hughes, Sandra Ninham, and Francis Skenandore to this meeting. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

#### CIGARETTE AD HOC MEETING IN MADISON - Kathy Hughes

Kathy attended a Cigarette Ad Hoc meeting in Madison on July 28 in which she is

requesting approval. Lois made a motion to approve the request. Gordon seconded. Kathy abstained. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS - Dale Wheelock

Custodian - Maintenance Program

1. Gordon F. Metoxen
2. James R. Summers
3. Myron R. Cornelius

Mark made a motion to approve Gordon F. Metoxen as first choice for custodian for the Maintenance Program. Tony seconded. Kathy abstained. Motion carried.

Clerk-Typist (Temporary) - Oneida Health Center

1. Laura R. Cornelius
2. Lori Thomas

Lori Thomas was selected because Laura R. Cornelius was selected for another position. Kathy made a motion to approve Lori Thomas as Clerk-Typist at the Oneida Health Center. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Immunization Program Assistant (2 Openings) - Oneida Health Center

1. Laura R. Cornelius
2. Kevin Cornelius

Mark made a motion to approve the two (2) choices for the Immunization Program Assistants. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Tuberculosis Coordinator - Oneida Health Center

1. Clifford S. Danforth
2. Donald D. McLester

Mark made a motion to approve Cliff Danforth as the Tuberculosis Coordinator for the Oneida Health Center. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Survey Worker (5 Openings) - Oneida Health Center

1. Mike O. Ebiaba
2. Leland H. Danforth
3. Timothy P. White

Kathy made a motion to approve the above three names. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried. Kevin I. Cornelius and Clifford S. Danforth were selected for other positions.

APPLICATION TO BIA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has property adjacent to the Austin Straubel Airport in Green Bay, Wisconsin. A feasibility study has determined that a hotel could be built and operated on the property. The feasibility study was conducted by a well renowned company in the hospitality industry, Pannel, Kerr and Forrester of Chicago, ILL. The study recommends the development of a 250 room class one hotel.

"On the basis of our market findings of the potential demand for hotel rooms, we have supported the construction of a 250' room first-class hotel on the proposed site!"

The hotel project is the second phase of a proposed three phase development on the Oneida Tribe's 56 acre Airport lands. The first phase was the construction of a 12,500 sq. ft. building named the Irene Moore Activity Center, the Building houses the Oneida Tribe's successful Bingo operation.

The third and final phase of the development is the construction of an office park and a wooded park.

The hotel is estimated at employing over 290 full-time employees. The construction of the hotel is estimated to cost \$12,000,000 and the construction labor force is estimated at 200 full-time employees.

The information to apply for this grant came to the Tribe at the last minute from the BIA. This was the reason for the short review time.

Gordon made a motion to approve the application grant and Resolution #7-29-83-A. Kathy seconded. Motion carried. Tony Benson requested the proposal be brought back on August 5, 1983 for more discussion.

DISCUSSION APPEAL REQUEST FROM LILLIAN ANTONE

The Personnel Director supplied the Business Committee with the information regarding the hearing that was held concerning Lillian Antone. After reviewing the information, Mark made a motion to have the Tribal Secretary coordinate a time for a hearing date and all parties concerned be contacted and the attorneys be provided with the information and that they be present during the hearing. Kathy seconded. Gordon opposed. Motion carried.

Lois Powless requested to be excused at the hearing because of one party being a personal relation.

FAMILY SERVICES - Mark Powless

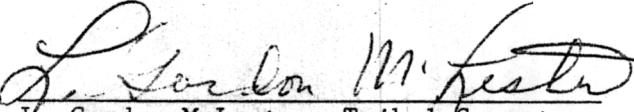
Mark raised the subject regarding the Family Services handling of one of the tribal members in the case of child abuse. He requested a full report on the happenings concerning this situation from the Health Center Director, Barbara Hill-Hawkins.

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Once Mark reviews the report from Barbara Hill-Hawkins, he will update the Business Committee concerning this report.

12:00 Recess. Kathy made a motion to recess. Lois seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted

  
L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary