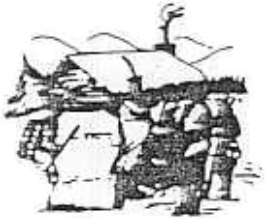


# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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

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UGWA DEMOLUM 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

*Approved as  
Read 2-7-86*

## SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1986

Present: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Richard Hill-Vice Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, L. Gordon McLester-Secretary, Lloyd E. Powless, Jr., Lois Powless, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, David King-Council Members.

Others: Ron Skenandore, John Spangberg, Barbara Schuman, Shirley Hill, Carl Rasmussen, Francis Skenandore, Bill Gollnick

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Policy for Appointment to Boards/Commissions  
Consultant Agreement for Louise Tolbert

Kathy moved to adopt the agenda with the additions. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

### LOU DANIELS CONSULTANT CONTRACT - Ron Skenandore

Ron requested that this item be taken off the agenda at this time; he is trying to see if the Tribe can work something out without having to hire his services.

### LETTER ON THE JOM PROGRAM FUNDS FROM BIA - Ron Skenandore

The BIA is doing a voting process on the formula to be used in the distribution of JOM program funds. Ballots were sent out listing the following seven options:

1. Current Funding formula.
2. State average per pupil cost x 8% on a pro-rated basis.
3. Equal distribution of funds for all eligible students, except Alaska. Alaska will receive an additional 25% to the per pupil amount.
4. Equal distribution of funds for all eligible students.
5. State JOM per pupil average, calculate in same manner as option #1.

JOM PROGRAM FUNDS (Continued)

6. State JOM per pupil average. Maximum weight factor of two (2) for any state.
7. State JOM per pupil average. Weight factor is not less than 80% or more than 120% of the average cost.

The Business Committee reviewed the options with Ron Skenandore. The recommendation from the Parents Groups and the Education Departments was to vote for option #7 on the ballot.

Lois moved to vote for option #7. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in Section 1102 (a) of Public Law 95-561 the Secretary of the Interior is instructed to develop alternative methods for the equitable distribution of Johnson-O'Malley program supplemental funds; and,

WHEREAS, in Section 1102 (b) of Public Law 95-651 the Secretary of the Interior is instructed to conduct a vote by Tribes and Alaskan Villages on a formula which the majority of the Tribe's determine through their vote to be the most equitable.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin voted on Formula Option #7.

Lloyd moved to adopt the Resolution. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

WISCONSIN FUNDS/SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT - John Spangberg

John Spangberg requested approval to send the following letter:

The Oneida Tribe would like to thank Representative Sharon Metz for her efforts to include Indian Tribes in the provisions of the Wisconsin Fund.

The Tribe would also like to thank the code committee for the opportunity to comment on the code revision.

The Tribe has the following comments on the code revisions:

1. Inclusion of experimental systems designed by the University of Wisconsin as acceptable methods of waste disposal for rehabilitation grants. Although these are certainly more costly to install, they represent a much better alternative than holding tanks over the long term.

LETTER RE: WISCONSIN FUNDS/SEPTIC SYSTEMS Continued)

The Oneida Reservation is located in an area of exceptionally poor soils for waste disposal. Only about 10% of the soils will accept conventional septic systems and only 20-35% of the soils are suitable for the mounds systems that are available in the code. The balance of the sites are poorly drained clay soils, which would require holding tanks.

Holding tanks are unacceptable for economic reasons for most families in Wisconsin and even more of a financial drain for Indian families. 1980 census data indicates an average annual income of \$14,400 for Oneida families versus approximately \$32,000 for non-Oneida families living within the reservation boundaries.

The costs associated with holding tanks lead to environmental abuse and would create economic hardship for Oneida homeowners if used.

State tax returns or taxes are not required of Indian people living or working on the reservation and as such are not available as proof of income when filing an application.

3. In order for the tribe to become eligible for the Wisconsin Fund, that Tribe would be required to meet the requirements of Chapter 145 of the State Statutes and ILR 83 Wisconsin Administrative Code. That does not present a problem from a design basis, as new systems being installed at Oneida meet or exceed those requirements. All housing projects also have systems that meet or exceed those requirements. Problems with strict adherence to the State Code are again cost problems. The Oneida Tribe does not, for instance, have a tribal member available who has a Master Plumber's License, yet all new systems and most replacement systems installed (very few replacement systems are installed every year because of costs) do meet State Code requirements. New systems, however, are subject to strict inspection from both the Oneida Tribe and the Indian Health Service. Before the Oneida Tribe would be able to participate in the program, an exception to the statutory requirements for Master Plumber installation of septic systems would be necessary. This could be possible if adequate onsite inspection by the Tribe or it's representatives were required in any exemption to those requirements. In addition, permit requirements for systems would present a problem for cost reasons.

- 4 Rental units are not allowed Wisconsin Fund assistance under the proposed revisions. Many landlords will not participate without assistance, and renters are easy to find, even if there are septic system problems, other than sewage backup

LETTER RE: WISCONSIN FUNDS/SEPTIC SYSTEMS (Continued)

into the home. Thirty-four percent (34%) of the Oneida Tribal members living within the reservation boundaries are renters as opposed to 10% renters for the non-Indian population living within the boundaries. The provision to allow for rental units to receive rehabilitation or replacement funds should not be deleted.

5. Adoption of the requirements of Chapters 144 and 145 and ILR 83 are unnecessarily stringent for the Oneida Reservation and would expose the Tribe to state enforcement actions in conflict with the Tribe's sovereign right to self-government.

Dave moved to approve sending the letter, Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

8 PERSONNEL - HIRING INFORMATION - Barbara Schuman

- Secretary for Headstart (Part-time) Grade 8 -- Francine E. Skenandore.

School Age Health Educator (Part-time) Grade 15 - Louise C. Tolbert.

Cook for Anna John Nursing Home (Part-time Grade 6 -- Larry Cottrell.

AMERINDIAN CENTER REQUEST - Shirley Hill

The Green Bay Amerindian Center is attempting to upgrade their facilities at their shelter. The shelter houses the homeless in dire need of shelter.

The majority of clients are Oneida. This shelter turns away approximately fifty (50) potential clients every two months. These persons are referred to other agencies such as the Salvation Army whenever possible.

The Amerindian Center is requesting help from the Oneida Tribe to remodel the shelter. After discussion, Lloyd moved to donate \$2,000 to the Amerindian Center to help remodel their shelter. The location of the funds will be referred to the Finance & Appropriations Committee. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

1985 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION - Carl Rasmussen

Carl explained that the deadline for mailing 1985 CDBG applications is Friday, January 24, 1986. In accordance with program guidelines a public hearing to receive project proposals was held Friday, January 3, 1986. The following projects were submitted prior to or during the hearing:

COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT - (Continued)

1. Park and playground equipment for the Three-Sisters Housing Site.
2. Group Home: Purchase, build or renovate.
3. Expand Tribal Building for greater food distribution storage.
4. Truck Stop at CTH "V" and Hwy 29.
5. Language Cultural Center.
6. Economic Development promotion.
7. Mobile Home Subdivision.

The maximum amount the Tribe can apply for is \$250,000. The program is aimed primarily at construction activities. The Oneida Tribe competes against all 57 Tribes east of the Mississippi including Minnesota. Approval of applications is based on a point system. In the five years since the HUD Office of Indian Programs was established, the Oneida Tribe has not received a single CDBG. In the four years prior the HUD-OIP formation when the Tribe competed against non-Indian communities, the Tribe received four grants.

Based on a review of the present rating system, it is recommended that the Tribe pursue the development of the Mobile Home Subdivision as its 1985 application. The Indian Health Service allocation for sewer and water installation could be used for a dollar for dollar match. If funded in May, actual Tribal contribution to this project could be small.

Mark moved to submit an application for #5, the Language Cultural Center. Tony seconded. 1 yes vote, 6 no votes. Motion fails.

Lois moved to submit an application for #7, the Mobile Home Subdivision, Gordon seconded. Mark opposed. Motion carried.

VACATION REQUEST - Jerry Hill

Jerry is requesting vacation for February 25, 26, 27 & 28, 1986. Kathy moved to approve, Lois seconded. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST - Lloyd Powless

Lloyd is requesting approval to attend the following meetings:

1. AILCEB Meeting - Madison, January 13, 1986.
2. Wisconsin Indian Education Association Meeting - Tomah, January 14, 1986.
3. Assembly Select Committee on the Future of the University System - Milwaukee, January 16, 1986.

Rick moved to approve all three travel requests, Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON THE WATER & SEWER SERVICES AT THE IRENE MOORE ACTIVITY CENTER - Francis Skenandore

Francis explained that through action initiated by the Village of Ashwaubenon Department of Utilities, the sewer and water lines have been connected to the Irene Moore Activity Center. All the contracts between the Tribe and the Village have not received the appropriate secretarial approval, which should be secured within the month. Francis feels this will not interfere with hooking up the water and sewer lines.

LETTER TO ROBERT VAN ALSTINE, ACTING EPA - Bill Gollnick

Bill presented a letter asking for support from the Business Committee.

Kathy moved to support the letter and add the Tribal Chairman's signature. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

After more discussion, Kathy withdrew her motion, the second agreed.

Mark moved to have another draft with the Chairman's signature to send with the letter from the Tribal School. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TRIBAL SCHOOL AND LOUISE TOLBERT

The consultant will provide library training and workshop experience. Also train the School staff in the Dewey Decimal System and train students in research skills and library exercises. This is for one day at a cost of \$450.

Mark moved to approve the contract. Rick seconded. Lois and Tony opposed. Kathy abstained. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE APPEAL REQUEST FROM DOROTHY POWLESS & LOIS STRONG

The Business Committee reviewed the appeal requests and after discussion, Lloyd moved to deny the request for appeal from Dorothy Powless. Kathy seconded. Mark and Tony opposed. Lois did not vote. Motion carried.

Lloyd moved to deny the request for an appeal from Lois Strong. Kathy seconded. Mark, Tony and Lois opposed. Motion carried.

Mark stated for the record that the reason Dorothy Powless was not considered is because her name is Powless.

POLICY FOR BOARD/COMMISSION - Rick Hill

Rick presented the following policy for review and action.

1. Announcement in Kalihwi-Saks
2. Person(s) interested should complete application to include:
  - A. Reasons stating why they want to sit on the Board/Commission
  - B. Possess some type of experience and/or expertise in a particular field
3. Applications submitted to the Tribal Secretary
4. After closing date, Tribal Secretary submits applications to the Tribal Chairman
5. Tribal Chairman then makes the appointments.

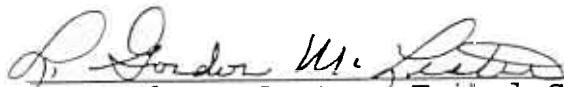
The Business Committee discussed the policy. Mark moved to approve the Policy with the addition to #5, which will read:

"The Tribal Chairman then makes the appointments according to the existing Board/Commission By-Laws, Policies and Ordinances.

Gordon seconded. Tony opposed. Motion carried.

The reason Tony opposed is because he feels it is inadequate.

11:00 a.m., Mark moved to recess. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

  
L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee