



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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Because of the help of the  
Oneida Chief in cementing  
a friendship between the  
Six Nations and the Colonists  
of Pennsylvania a new na-  
tion the United States was  
made possible

## REGULAR MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1988

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Richard Hill-Vice Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Amelia Cornelius-Secretary, Lloyd Powless, Larry Barton, Loretta Metoxen, Ernie Stevens, David King-Council Members

Excused: Purcell Powless-Chairman

Others: Don Wilson, Chris Johns, Bob Christjohn, Carol Silva, Arlene Benson, Sandra Ninham, Chris Doxtator, Herb Powless, Jerry M. Hill, Chas Wheelock, Bobbi Webster

## AGENDA

David King moved to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

1. GLITC Report by Rick Hill
2. Ad Agency Contract
3. Travel to Washington & Albuquerque on the Gaming Bill

Amelia Cornelius seconded. Motion carried.

Amelia Cornelius moved to take from the table action on Modern Painting & Decorating, Inc. Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

David King moved to pay the State taxes and to have the Attorneys pursue repayment of the taxes from the State. Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

- 1) Human Resources Report - Chris Johns

Hiring: 1) Warden - Michael S. King  
2) Early Childhood Specialist - Pamela Holland Miller

REPORTS (Continued)

2. GLITC Report - Rick Hill
  - ° Majority of the Tribes will support Oneida in opposing S.555.
  - ° Tribes will send letters having Oneida delegates to Washington to represent them.
  - ° National Gaming meeting on August 25, 1988 in Albuquerque.
  - ° GLITC Tribes will seek support of local agencies/organizations to oppose S.555.
  - ° Spencer Lonetree looking for support in regard to his son's case.
  - ° U.W. Minority Information Center to be located at Flambeau.
  - ° LCO proposing on doing a statewide raffle and looking to Oneida for assistance.
  - ° Discussion on seeking removal of Susan Harjo from NCAI.
  - ° September GLITC meeting will be in Oneida at the Radisson - coordinated with Tri-state meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Lottery Resolution and Contract for Holding Lottery Off Reservation Sites.

Discussion on changes needed in both the Resolution and contract before approving. Discussion on the Gaming Ordinance.

Kathy Hughes moved to table until the Resolution and Contract are changed. Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

2. Traffic Problems at Corner of E & EE - Two Resolutions and a letter presented for discussion.

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee is responsible for the safety of Oneida Tribal members, and

WHEREAS, the intersection of County Highway E and EE has become increasingly unsafe as traffic flows have increased, and

WHEREAS, there are procedures available that can improve the safety at that intersection, and

WHEREAS, there has been a lack of law enforcement at that intersection.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oneida Business Committee demands that Outagamie County institute the following safety measures at the intersection of Outagamie County Highway E & EE:

1. Install stops signs on County E immediately and/or install flashing lights at the intersection.
2. Install rumble strips on the blacktop for all four directions.
3. Reduce the speed limit on EE to 35 miles per hour from Lambi's Road in the west to approximately one-half mile east of Shawnee Lane.

RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

4. Reduce the current 45 miles per hour speed limit on County E to 35 miles per hour.

NOW BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That these measures be undertaken immediately with as little delay as possible.

Ernie Stevens moved to adopt Resolution 8-19-88-B. Amelia Cornelius seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Christjohn and Jim Danforth will follow up on setting up a meeting with the County Department of Transportation.

3. Support for Realty Office in Ashland - Resolution #8-19-88-C

WHEREAS, time lines proposed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs have not been followed, causing delays of more than two (2) years in the process of conversion of tribal lands into Trust status; and,

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe is concerned about the delay in conveying lands on the Oneida Reservation into trust status for both the Tribe and individual tribal members; and,

WHEREAS, Carol Kraft, Realty Officer, Ashland Agency has attempted to process the applications in a timely and efficient manner with limited clerical staff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe demands that the Superintendent of the Ashland Agency increase support staff for Carol Kraft so that all pending and future Trust applications may be processed in a timely manner without further delay.

Kathy Hughes moved to adopt Resolution #8-19-88-C, Amelia Cornelius seconded. Motion carried.

4. Discussion on Gaming Issue: Resolution #8-19-88-A

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe's gaming interests and operations are threatened by Senate Bill S.555, the "Indian Gaming Regulatory Act," and

WHEREAS, S.555 provides for unrealistic and unfair assessment provisions against the Tribe's gaming income, and

WHEREAS, S.555 threatens income providing the Tribe with health, welfare, education, economic and governmental benefits, and

WHEREAS, this same income provides employment and income not only to tribal members, but provides \$250 million dollars to the local Green Bay economy, and

WHEREAS, Oneida tribal employment has been reduced in 1976 from 40.1% to the present 21% unemployment rate, and

RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

WHEREAS, S.555 provides for unwarranted interference with the Tribe's inherent right to conduct self government while at the same time it promotes the interests of private non-Indian interests in other states.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin unequivocally opposes S.555, considering it to be against our best interests, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oneida Business Committee hereby requests that all other Indian Tribes join us in resisting the passage of S.555 and any other bill that proposes to abridge our inherent rights as guaranteed by federal treaties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oneida Tribe respectfully requests the assistance of U.S. Senate and Congressional representatives in resisting the bill and the accompanying unwarranted intrusion of private gaming interests in federal Indian affairs, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Tribe and all the Tribe's duly authorized agents are directed to join with other Tribes as well as representatives of other local governments to oppose this bill.

Amelia Cornelius moved to adopt Resolution 8-19-88-A, David King seconded. Motion carried.

The Resolution along with a letter from Purcell Powless will be sent to Senators, Congressmen, other Tribes, Governor Thompson, and Tony Earl.

REQUESTS

- Finance & Appropriation Requests

- (1) Home Improvement Request - Harriet Alicea: Estimated cost is \$4,300. F&A tabled for additional information. A special meeting will be held next week to review request. Amelia Cornelius moved to approve, David King seconded. Motion carried.

Civic Center Roof Repair - Estimated cost is \$30,000 for a new membrane roof and replacement of heat exchanger. Three bids were obtained. F&A recommends approval of the low bid from Blindauer at \$31,664 to be funded from the FY '89 budget. Loretta Metoxen moved to approve, David King seconded. Motion carried.

Capital Outlay for ORTEC - Tabled for cash flow analysis. Will be reviewed at special meeting next week. No action taken.

- (4) Capital Outlay for Cattle Project - F&A recommends funding through a short term loan from the land fund. This loan would not exceed six (6) months and would be paid back when the financing for the overall project is approved. The Land Committee endorsement of this action will be needed. Amelia Cornelius moved to approve contingent upon Land Committee approval, Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

REQUESTS (Continued)

- (5) Tribal Picnic - Estimated cost is \$2,000. F&A recommends referring to the Community Service Block Grant for a potential funding source. No action.
- (6) Equipment Purchase Computer for Human Resources Department: Estimated cost is \$5,502. F&A recommends approval from FY '89 budget. Larry Barton moved to approve, David King seconded. Motion carried. Amelia Cornelius moved to amend the motion contingent upon Data Processing Committee approval. Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.
- (7) INFO: F&A approved contracts for BIA Roads budget (\$20,000) and BIA Litigation budget (\$58,000).
- (8) Signage for Bingo - Three bids were received. F&A recommends approval of United Sign for \$7,971 with funding from the advertising budget.

- Operation Pocketbook

Kathy Hughes recommended formation of a Committee to re-write loans. Amelia Cornelius moved to form the Committee to be composed of the Tribal Treasurer, Kathy Hughes; Human Resources Director, Chris Johns; and General Manager, Don Wilson. David King seconded. Motion carried.

Operation Pocketbook is a loan program for tribal employees to assist them in re-establishing credit.

Indian Summer Fest Budget Request

Discussion on purpose of funds set aside for tribal programs or individuals

Amelia Cornelius moved to approve the budget requested by the Oneida Museum to have a booth at Indian Summer Fest. Kathy Hughes seconded. Lloyd Powless opposed. Motion carried.

Schumacker, Romenesko & Associates -

Consultant contract to do a valuation of the proposed Oneida Research and Technology Center (ORTEC) based on the present value of the projected cash flow.

Larry Barton moved to table until the final assessment of the value of Foth & Van Dykes lab has been submitted for review, David King seconded. Kathy Hughes opposed. Motion carried.

Lutheran Resource Relations Board

The Board is inquiring about the possibility of partially funding a position and establishing a resource center on Native American issues. David King moved to have Lloyd Powless to do further study and research on this concept. Amelia Cornelius seconded. Motion carried.

REQUESTS (Continued)

- Land Committee Recommendations

1. The Land Committee recommends acceptance of John & Norma Powless' residential  $\frac{1}{2}$  Fair Rental Lease. Resolution #8-19-88-D. Amelia Cornelius moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.
2. The Land Committee recommends acceptance of the following sub-lease agreements:
  - a. Leona Smith to Edith Yealy for four (4) years.
  - b. Terry Jordan to Jerry L. Hill for five (5) years.
  - c. John and Norma Powless to Toni Stevens, Doug D. House and Marj Stevens for two (2) years.David King moved to approve, Lloyd Powless seconded. Ernie Stevens abstained. Motion carried.
3. The Land Committee recommends acceptance of the assignment of lease from Evelyn (Smith) Elm to her daughter Karen Krogg (it was suggested that an addendum be attached to the agreement requiring the occupant to hook into the Site II Sewer when the laterals are put in because there is a non-conforming system there). Amelia Cornelius moved to approve, David King seconded. Motion carried.
4. The Land Committee recommends to begin excavating and development of three (3) ponds (Pierre property, County "U", and Gerald Kurowski's site) for conservation purposes (BIA Parks and Wildlife Funds) contingent on the Conservation Board agreement. Ernie Stevens moved to approve, David King seconded. Motion carried.
5. The Land Committee recommends to take seedlings and trees from various tribal lands and replant at the Three Sister's Park. Loretta Metoxen moved to approve, Ernie Stevens seconded. Motion carried.
6. Discussion of expansion of Building & Grounds Department concept. Procedures are not being followed in working with the General Manager. Amelia Cornelius moved to refer that this concept be coordinated by Don Wilson and Kathy Hughes. Loretta Metoxen seconded. Amelia amended the motion that a report be available for August 26, 1988. Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motions carried.
7. The Land Committee recommends that the Peterson Property on 32 & 29 be referred to the Negotiations Committee and the contingencies be added regarding rezoning. Action was previously taken by Business Committee.
- 8&9. Cattle Manager Contract and Budget. Action previously taken by Business Committee.
10. Green Bay & Western Railroad. The Land Committee discussed the Green Bay & Western railroad's petition to rezone the Paul Phillipson property. The consensus was to oppose the rezoning and submit a statement on August 16, 1988 at the hearing to the effect.

REQUESTS (Continued)

11. The Land Committee recommends that to the best of the Oneida Tribe's knowledge there are no archeological remains, burial grounds, and/or artifacts on the following described properties:
- a) Project 10-4
  - b) 1 Elderly unit made up of 10 units located at 1129 Park Drive, Oneida and 25 rental units located at Beechtree Land and Rvergreen Drive, Oneida, Wisconsin.

Ernie Stevens moved to approve, Amelia Cornelius seconded. Motion carried.

- Supervision of Conservation Warden/Director -

Recommendation of Conservation Board that Larry Barton or David King and the Board supervise the Conservation Warden/Director.

Discussion: It is inappropriate for Business Committee members or a board to supervise employees. Suggestion to follow concept of Environmental Department under Health Department. Discussed need to update ordinance and regulations. Larry Barton and David King are advisors from the Business Committee to the Conservation Board. Attorney Jerry Hill needs to explain role of the Board - Advisory capacity. Suggestion to delay action until the reorganization is completed. Suggestion that Attorney Hill work with the Board and Business Committee advisors to reframe the Conservation document.

Discussion on need to hold legislative sessions. Loretta Metoxen moved that one or two Tuesdays a month be set aside to hold legislative sessions for the Business Committee. Ernie Stevens seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd Powless moved to have Larry Barton coordinate the supervision of the Warden position with the General Manager. Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

- Bingo Kitchen Request by Gerald Doxtator

Gerald Doxtator requested to be considered to lease the area. Presently Economic Development department is developing guidelines for leasing the kitchen area to a private party. Bob Niemela and Don Wilson are the contact persons.

Chris Johns informed the Business Committee that a grant has been approved to hire a person to identify and assist tribal members develop private enterprises. It is to establish a small business feasibility center to identify and coordinate T.A. for development of small businesses. The Tribe needs to develop policies and appropriate guidelines to assist tribal members.

REQUESTS (Continued)

- Ad Company Contract

Ad Company Contract to provide marketing/advertising services for media services, production services and marketing/consultation not to exceed \$30,000 for one year to Tribal Enterprises. Kathy Hughes moved to approve the contract, Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

Sandra Ninham was asked to analyze and bring a recommendation to the Business Committee in regard to the Tribe sponsoring recreational teams.

VACATION & TRAVEL REQUESTS


Amelia Cornelius moved to approve vacation for Lloyd Powless on August 25 & 26, and travel to Milwaukee on August 22, 1988 for MIEDA meeting. Ernie Stevens seconded. Lloyd Powless abstained. Motion carried.

Amelia Cornelius moved to approve ½ day vacation for David King on August 19, 1988. Lloyd Powless seconded. David King abstained. Motion carried.

Lloyd Powless moved to approve travel for Larry Barton and David King to Madison on August 22, 1988 for meeting with Sangor Powers and WHEDA. Ernie Stevens seconded. David King & Larry Barton abstained. Motion carried.

Larry Barton moved to approve travel for Jerry L. Hill and Purcell Powless to Washington, D.C. to meet with Senator Proxmire and to have Loretta Metoxen and Ernie Stevens attend the gaming meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. on August 25, 1988. Kathy Hughes seconded. Loretta Metoxen and Ernie Stevens abstained. Motion carried.

Amelia Cornelius moved to recess, Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried

  
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Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee