



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

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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.

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### ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

January 28, 2009

Business Committee Conference Room

<p><b>Present:</b> Rick Hill - Chair Tina Danforth - Treasurer Patty Hoeft - Secretary</p>	<p>Edward Delgado - Council member Melinda J. Danforth - Council member Brandon Stevens - Council member Trish King - Council member</p>
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**Excused:** Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member

**Others Present:** Barb Skenandore, Amber John, John T. Dennisen, Curtis Ninham, Myron John, Clifford Doxtator, Jason Kurowski, Ted C. Christjohn, Janet Malcolm, Robert McLester, Franklin Thusen, Ed Skenandore Jr., Michael L. Hill, Donald Wishart, Cletus Ninham I, Jodie Skenandore, Peril Huff, K. Metoxen, Lew Smith, Wendell McLester, Larry Schuyler, Wayne Metoxen, Winnifred Thomas, Leyne Orosco, Troy D. Parr, Rhianna Metoxen, Racquel Hill, Mindimoye, Julie Denny, Cheryl Skolaski, Paul J. Witek, Cathy Bachhuber, Lynn Franzmeier, Tanya Baucher

**Opening Prayer:** Richard Baird

**Special Recognitions:** - none

1. **Call to Order** by Rick Hill at
  
2. **Oath of Office**  
Oneida Child Protective Board  
 Lois Strong – administered by Patty Hoeft on Jan. 28, 2009  
 Beverly Anderson – not present  
 Shirley Barber – not present  
  
Oneida Election Board  
 Leyne Orosco administered by Patty Hoeft on Jan. 28, 2009  
 Stephanie Muscavitch administered by Patty Hoeft on Jan. 28, 2009
  
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**a. Additions** Legislative Affairs 2 re: send a letter to tribal employees/members about voting, executive session new business 13 re: personnel issue

**b. Deletions**

**c. Moves**

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the agenda with adding Legislative affairs 2 re: sending a letter to tribal employees and members about voting and executive session new business 13 re: personnel issue, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Minutes to be Approved**

Oct. 9, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes

Action: No action.

Dec. 10, 2008 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Dec. 10, 2008 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Dec. 18, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Dec. 18, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Dec. 23, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion Ed Delgado to approve the Dec. 23, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Dec. 24, 2008 Emergency Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Dec. 24, 2008 Emergency Business Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan. 9, 2009 Special Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Jan. 9, 2009 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan. 14, 2009 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to table the Jan. 14 Business Committee minutes because statements for the record are not complete, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Tabled Business**

Oct. 16, 2008 Business Committee minutes

Action: No action.

**6. Reports - none**

**7. Travel Reports - none**

**8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings**

1. Trust Committee RE: Standing Stone Limited relationship  
Susan White

**Excerpt from Dec. 10, 2008:** Motion by Trish King to defer the Trust Committee report to the Jan. 28, 2009 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Standing Stone Limited relationship to later today when Susan White arrives to give a report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the Standing Stone Limited relationship report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to refer the report regarding the Standing Stone Limited relationship to the Chief Financial Officer through the Treasurer's office for further review, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Paul Van Noie RE: Analysis of U.S. economic crisis on  
Trust Committee investments

**Excerpt from Dec. 10, 2008:** Motion by Trish King to defer the Analysis of U.S. economic crisis on Trust Committee investments to the Jan. 28, 2009 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the analysis of U.S. economic crisis on Trust Committee investments report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft RE: Proposed GTC dates regarding consideration of two options of per capita payments to re-direct for land purchases

**Excerpt from Jan. 14, 2009:** Motion by Ed Delgado to have the Tribal Secretary bring back on the Jan. 28 Business Committee meeting a date when this can be added to the agenda for General Tribal Council's consideration, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the proposed General Tribal Council dates regarding the consideration of two options of per capita to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Benefits book for tribal membership

**Excerpt from Jan. 14, 2009:** Motion by Trish King to accept the report and request regular updates on the progress and at the next meeting a clear definition of what they are doing with the benefits book, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the benefits book for tribal membership to the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting; seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Cemetery update

**Excerpt from Jan. 14, 2009:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to have the General Manager bring a status report on the efforts to correct the problems at the Cemetery with any recommendations on how to proceed regarding the moratorium that is currently in place at the Jan. 28 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report from the General Manager regarding the Oneida cemetery and to direct Enrollments and the Trust Committee bring back a report to the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting of how they are going to assume the responsibility for managing the cemetery, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. New Business

### a. Resolutions

1. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee

Action: Motion Melinda J. Danforth to defer the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee resolution to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth RE: To move the Oneida Law office as a direct report to the Oneida Business Committee

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-A moving the Oneida Law Office as a Direct Report to the Oneida Business Committee, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Trish King. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

**b. Requests**

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Presentation of the Quality of Life Survey 2008 findings

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the presentation of the Quality of Life Survey 2008 findings, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approve CIP package for the VFW Building – CIP project #08-003

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the activation of the CIP funds project #08-003 and approve the activation of \$600,000 for the project, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to give us a report on the Central Oneida plan in March, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Bill Gollnick RE: Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Rd. Construction Project Agreement #AGF2008017

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Rd. construction project agreement #AGF200817 to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft

RE: Pending GTC petition for Oneida Housing Authority

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to deny the petition calling for a GTC about the Oneida Housing Authority, a petition that was submitted in Feb of 2008 and the Tribal Secretary send a letter to the petitioner explaining the reasons for the denial and thirdly the Business Committee prepare a report to deliver to the General Tribal Council at the Semi-Annual meeting about the status of the Oneida housing program, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft

RE: Pending GTC petition for Oneida Recreation Center

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the General Tribal Council petition for the Oneida Recreation center to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Patty Hoeft

RE: Pending GTC petition for Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the General Tribal Council petition for the hyperbaric oxygen chamber to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Trish King

RE: Authorization to set up video conferencing system for attached meetings

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve authorization to set up the video conferencing system as described in the attached schedule and the Tribal Secretary's office will be responsible for coordinating this project, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: "Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country" conference Mar. 18-21 Scottsdale, AZ

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for Councilwoman Danforth to attend "Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country" conference March 18 through 21 in Scottsdale, AZ, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Retro-approve to attend USS Green Bay Commissioning Jan. 25, 2009 Long Beach, CA

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Vice Chairwoman's request for retro-approval to attend the USS Green Bay Commissioning Jan. 25 in Long Beach, CA, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Tina Danforth RE: NAFOA's Winter conference Feb. 9-11, 2009 Las Vegas, NV

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request by the Treasurer to attend the Native American Finance Officers Association winter conference Feb. 9 through 11 in Las Vegas, NV, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

4. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Retro-approve to attend Harvesting Clean Energy conference Jan. 25-28, 2009 Billings, MT

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve Councilman Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.'s retro-approval request to attend the Harvesting Clean Energy conference Jan. 25 through 28 in Billings, MT, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Finance Committee - none**

**11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)**

1. Trish King RE: Jan. 7, 2009 LOC meeting minutes

Action: Motion Ed Delgado to approve the Jan. 7, 2009 LOC meeting minutes, seconded Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King RE: Public Hearing March 17, 2009 for Child Support Law & Rules

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve March 17 as the date for the Public Hearing to consider the Child Support Law and Rules, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trish King RE: Public Hearing March 17, 2009 for Paternity Law

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Public Hearing date of March 17 to consider the Paternity Law, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Treasurer's Report - none**

**13. Oneida Business Committee Planning - none**

**14. Executive Staff Meeting - none**

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Bill Gollnick RE: Resolution encouraging tribal citizens  
Tana Aguirre participate in the political process

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-B Encouraging Tribal Employees to Participate in the Political Process, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick RE: Spring primary "Get Out The Vote"  
Tana Aguirre letter to tribal members who reside in the Village of Hobart

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Spring primary "Get Out The Vote" letter to tribal members who reside in the Village of Hobart, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to take a 10 minute recess from 11:20 to 11:30 a.m. and convene into executive session, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**

Present: Kathy Hughes – Vice Chair, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens – Council members

Excused: Rick Hill – Chair, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. – Council members, Tina Danforth – Treasurer until 3:21 p.m., Melinda J. Danforth – Council member until 3:23 p.m.

Action: Motion by Trish King to come out of executive session at 3:19 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Tabled Business – none**

**b. Old Business – none**

**c. New Business**



1. Patty Hoeft  
Debra Danforth

RE: Contract vendor "U Build a Book" for  
printing Tribal School yearbooks.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the contract "U Build a Book" by noting section 21 jurisdiction has been crossed out and no waiver of sovereign immunity and therefore is granted, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Rick Hill

RE: Pardon recommendation for Todd  
Metoxen

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-C Granting Pardon of Todd Metoxen, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Rick Hill

RE: Pardon recommendation for Gerald L.  
Skenandore

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-D Granting Pardon of Gerald L. Skenandore, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Rick Hill

RE: Pardon recommendation for Lola  
Skenandore

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-E Granting Pardon of Lola Skenandore, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Rick Hill

RE: Pardon recommendation for Shane M.  
Skenandore

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-F Granting Pardon of Shane M. Skenandore, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Tina Danforth arrived at 3:21 p.m.

6. Rick Hill

RE: Pardon recommendation for Aga  
Webster

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt 01-28-09-G Granting Pardon of Aga Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Rick Hill

RE: Pardon recommendation for Elizabeth  
L. Denny

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-H Regarding Pardon of Elizabeth L. Denny, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens, Abstained: Tina Danforth, Trish King. Motion carried.

Melinda J. Danforth arrived at 3:23 p.m.

8. Rick Hill RE: Pardon recommendation for Bruce Dickenson

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-I Regarding Pardon of Bruce Dickenson, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

9. Kathy Hughes RE: Personnel issue

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the personnel issue recommendation to add some language for reviewing the policy under item number two and to forward a response, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

10. Rick Hill RE: Tribal member concern with minor's trust account

Action: Motion Tina Danforth to authorize the Chairman and the Trust Committee to send a letter in response to the Tribal member's concern with minor's trust account, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Paul Van Noie RE: Change custodian of investments on  
Terry Cornelius March 2 to Northern Trust

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 01-28-09-J Approving a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for the Northern Trust Company Master Custody Agreement, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Tina Danforth RE: Seven Generations Board responsibility

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to for the Vice Chair to send a notice to Brenda Mendola-Buckley, Jennifer Hill-Kelly, and Jim Van Stippen regarding the Committee's intension to remove them from their board responsibilities effective noon on Jan. 30 and an interim that they be noticed of their right to appeal and opportunity to resign, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Action: Motion by Trish King to table the Seven Generations Board responsibility until the end of this evenings meetings, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Tina Danforth. Abstained: Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

Tina Danforth: For the record, I opposed because I believe that when we conclude our executive items that we will be adjourned and to bring this item up at the end of the day after I don't know what that means for one thing. At the end of the day we are no longer in session once we adjourn.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to take this item from the table, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to remove from Seven Generations Corporation three board members: Brenda Mendolla Buckley, Jennifer Hill-Kelly and James Van Stippen for cause as stated in the Oneida Seven Generation Corporation bylaws Article 13. Section 12, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Trish King, Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth. Vote tied. Kathy Hughes voted in favor of opposition. Motion failed.

Tina Danforth: For the record, I feel it was important for the Business Committee to fulfill our fiduciary responsibility regarding the assets of Seven Generations Corporation. In fulfilling that fiduciary responsibility, the Business Committee is fully aware of the things that have transacted in the audit dated December 16, 2008 which was later revised. Even through the revision, much of the same activity had occurred or where reconfirmed. The Business Committee is accountable to General Tribal Council, that's why I took this action based on responsibility. I'm not basing this on relationships, opportunity to resign and walk away from something that was to the level and extent of these expenditures and loss of tribal assets, both in cash and real estate. We've lost a lot during the past eight years and I cannot look the other way. Thank you.

13. Kathy Hughes

RE: Personnel issue

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Gaming General Manager's resignation effective Feb. 11, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to recommend a sub-committee to review the Gaming General Manager job description contract review and structure and bring back a recommendation to the Business Committee no later than Feb. 11 and that sub committee consist of myself Patty Hoeft, Councilman Ed Delgado, Tribal Treasurer Tina Danforth, and Councilman Brandon Stevens, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs Update - none**

e. **Attorney Brief** - none

f. **Audit Committee** – none

**g. New York Land Claims**

1. Rick Hill RE: New York Development team update  
Tina Danforth  
Gene Keluche

**Excerpt from Oct. 29, 2008:** Motion by Trish King to direct the Development Team to provide regular update reports to the Business Committee starting Nov. 12, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Brandon Steven to accept the New York Development verbal update, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King for the New York Development team to bring back a recommendation for the board development at the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick RE: New York Land Claims settlement Update

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the New York Land Claims settlement verbal update, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Francis Skenandore RE: Oneida Enterprise Development Authority report

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the resignation of Scott Dacey, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to recess until 5:15 p.m. today, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE EVENING REPORTS AGENDA  
REGULAR SESSION AT 5:15 P.M.**

Present: Kathy Hughes – Vice Chair, Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Patty Hoeft – Secretary, Trish King, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens – Council members

Excused: Rick Hill – Chair, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. – Council member

**17. Boards, Committees, and Commissions Reports**

- a. Steve Jennerjohn RE: Bay Bank

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the Bay Bank quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Butch Rentmeester RE: Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises (OTIE) quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Lance Broberg RE: Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

d. William Cornelius RE: Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Susan White RE: Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the Trust/Enrollment Committee quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.


f. Trish King RE: Legislative Operating Committee

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) quarterly report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn @ 7:14 p.m.**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 11, 2009.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE