

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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



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.

## ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES REGULAR MEETING March 25, 2009 Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Rick Hill - Chair  
Tina Danforth - Treasurer  
Edward Delgado - Council member  
Brandon Stevens - Council member  
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member  
Trish King - Council member

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member

**Others Present:** Barb Dickson, Dottie Krull, Korey Smith, Doug Reed Jr., Joslin Skenandore, Tonya Boucher, Perril Huff, Rhiannon Metoxen, Fred Muscavitch, Lauren Hartman, Kitty Melchert, Barb Skenandore, Winnie Thomas, Janice McLester, Mary Adams, Jennifer Hill Kelley, Mary Jo Nash, Paul Witek, Louise Cornelius

**Opening Prayer:** Richard Baird

**Special Recognitions:** none

1. **Call to Order** by Rick Hill at 9:13 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office** - none
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. **Add Executive Session 2** re: property acquisition and attorney brief re: Locklear contract
  - b. **Deletions**
  - c. **Moves**

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the agenda and adding to executive session attorney brief re: Locklear contract and executive session new business re: property acquisition, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Minutes to be Approved**

March 11 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the March 11, 2009 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Tabled Business – none**

**6. Reports**

1. Susan House RE: Oneida Housing monthly report

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Housing monthly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado that the monthly reports from Oneida Housing Authority are changed to from monthly to quarterly until such time as we can transfer the reporting system to the Oneida Community Planning Committee meetings, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Travel Reports**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME) Jan. 13 Washington D.C.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Vice Chair's Advisory Panel on Medicare Education travel report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Fee-to-Trust handbook training Bureau of Indian Affairs March 10-11 Minneapolis, MN

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Vice Chair's Fee-to-Trust handbook training Bureau of Indian Affairs travel report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Ihanktonwan Decolonization and Leadership conference Feb. 20-22 Marty, South Dakota

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Councilwoman Danforth's Ihanktonwan Decolonization and Leadership travel report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

4. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: DNR & DATCP Tribal Consultation meeting March 4-5 St. Croix, WI

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Councilman Hill's Department of Natural Resources and Department of Trade, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Tribal consultation travel report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Rick Hill

RE: NCAI/NIGA March meetings

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Chairman Hill's National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Gaming Association March travel reports, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to amend to approve Oneida's further participation in the rule writing process for tax exempt bond purposes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings - none**

**9. New Business**

**a. Resolutions**

1. Debbie Thundercloud  
Lauren Hartman

RE: Fee-to-Trust Former Dwayne and Diane Schneekloth Property

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to rescind the fee-to-trust resolution dated 7-05-06-U Dwayne Schneekloth and Diane Schneekloth property, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to rescind the fee-to-trust warranty deed dated 7-24-06 Former Dwayne Schneekloth and Diane Schneekloth property citing the incorrect county of Brown, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt the corrected fee-to-trust Resolution 03-25-09-A Former Dwayne Schneekloth and Diane Schneekloth Property, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the corrected fee-to-trust Warranty Deed Former Dwayne Schneekloth and Diane Schneekloth Property citing the correct county of Outagamie, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick

RE: Federal Recognition Support for Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 03-25-09-B Federal Recognition Support for Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Ed Delgado

RE: Request procedures on how tribal property is sold or disposed of

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the request for procedures on how tribal property is sold or disposed of to the Chief Financial Officer for policy review and amendment consideration, seconded Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado

RE: Review of Highway 54

Action: Motion by Trish King to request a special Business Committee evening meeting at 5:00 p.m. April 6, 2009 to hear a presentation on Highway 54 infrastructure, DOT plans and options the tribe can consider, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoefft

RE: Retro-approve Brandon Stevens as the alternate BC delegate for the Oneida Pardon Committee

Action: Motion by Trish King to retro-approve the procedural exception to allow Brandon Stevens to serve as a Business Committee delegate for the Oneida Pardon Committee, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Trish King to retro-approve of appointing Brandon Stevens as the alternate Business Committee delegate for the Oneida Pardon committee for the remainder of the term, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoefft

RE: Re-post one vacancy for SEOTS Advisory Board

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve to re-post one vacancy for Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Trish King. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

5. Patty Hoefft

RE: Re-post one vacancy for Oneida Land Claims

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve to re-post one vacancy for Oneida Land Claims, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Trish King. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

6. Patty Hoefft  
Linda Hurst

RE: Conduct Oneida Reservation research study project

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer to the Law Office for legal counsel to assist Linda Hurst, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Rick Hill RE: Recommend Carol Silva and Dellora R. Cornelius to Anna John Nursing Home Commission

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendations from Chairman Hill to appoint Carol Silva and Dellora R. Cornelius to the Anna John Nursing Home Commission, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to re-post the remaining vacancies for the Anna John Nursing Home Commission, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Rick Hill RE: Recommend Christine Klimmek to Oneida Finance Committee

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the recommendation from Chairman Hill to appoint Christine Klimmek to Oneida Finance Committee, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

### **c. Travel Requests**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC) April 28 Washington D.C.

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the travel request for Vice Chair Kathy Hughes to attend the Health Research Advisory Council in Washington D.C. April 28, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Annual Health and Human Services (HHS) National Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation session April 29-30 Washington D.C.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve travel request for Vice Chair Kathy Hughes to attend the Annual Health and Human Services National Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation session in Washington D.C. April 29 through 30, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ed Delgado RE: Retro-approve Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country March 19-20 Scottsdale, AZ

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to retro-approve travel for Councilman Delgado to attend the Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country in Scottsdale, AZ March 19 through 20, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Retro-approve Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting March 24-26 Chicago, IL

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to retro-approve travel for Councilman Hill to attend the Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting in Chicago, IL March 24 through 26, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Retro-approve procedural exception for Oneida Gaming Commission March 16-17 Mystic Lake Casino MN

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to retro-approve procedural exception for the Oneida Gaming Commission to attend a meeting on IRIS at Mystic Lake Casino March 16 through 17, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Finance Committee - none**

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

1. Trish King RE: Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance Amendments public hearing May 12

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to honor the Legislative Operating Committee's request to hold a public hearing on May 12 for the Oneida Nation gaming ordinance amendments, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Trish King RE: Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law Amendments public hearing May 12

Trish King for the record; The legislative intent of the hunting, fishing and trapping law amendments is to update the laws in time for the 2009 hunting season. Amendments are based on joint request from the Oneida Conservation Department and Environmental Resource Board and would replace all the various hunting, fishing and trapping licenses with a single sportsman's license. Currently that's not the situation. Allow those with a sportsman license to be accompanied in the field by those who have not reached legal hunting age allow those with a sustenance permit to do their own hunting instead of designating a hunter to do it for them permit tribal members to operate an unlimited number of traps and snares and double the allot amount of traps and snares operated by

non-enrolled spouses independents to 150. Those are the main points of the amendments to the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the May 12 public hearing for hunting, fishing and trapping law amendments, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trish King RE: Judiciary Act Public Hearing May 12

Tina Danforth arrived at 11 a.m.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the judiciary act public hearing May 12, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**13. Legislative Affairs**

1. Bill Gollnick RE: Stimulus initiative

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the stimulus initiative verbal report and to receive a regular update at each Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the verbal update and request a written report of today's verbal update, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Executive Session**

Action: Motion by Trish King to recess at 11:25 a.m. for five minutes and to go into executive session, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to come out of executive session at 4:05 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Tabled Business - none**

**b. Old Business**

1. Ed Delgado RE: Docket #08-AC-021 & 022 Mark A. Stanchik vs. Oneida Police Dept., Interim Chief Rich Van Boxtel

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to refer the docket to Councilman Delgado to follow up with the Oneida Police Commission with a report back in 30 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to accept Docket 08-AC-021 and 022 as FYI and to defer for further review for policy amendment to the Legislative Operating Committee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously

**c. New Business**

1. Ed Delgado RE: Reconsider property acquisition

Action: No action. (reconsidered under item 2)

Tina Danforth for the record; 1. There's a document to finish the foreclosure proceedings on this item. 2. If you're not going to reconsidered it, I think you need to make a record of that. 3. I am not in support of the purchase this commercial building because the economy is very volatile and we're in a recession. The tribe overall is not meeting its revenue projections for this year. I feel there's currently under utilized tribal space for commercial and governmental facilities. 4. The cost to move people into the building is not budgeted 5. The cost to maintain the building for the remainder of the fiscal year is not budgeted 6. This was not a budgeted item for the fiscal year and the land acquisition fund was increased by 4.9 million dollars and there is sufficient money in that fund right now to make this purchase if that were to be the case for it to be purchased. Again, I am not in support of the purchase for these reasons.

Ed Delgado for the record; I am not in agreement of the building purchase for multiple reasons.

Brandon Stevens for the record; We will be forth coming to the GTC to explain this with a pros and cons presentation.

2. Joint Executive Team RE: Reconsider property acquisition

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the acquisition reconsideration to 5:15 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to come out recess at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the limited waiver of sovereign immunity and the non-substantive changes to the final version of the Good Humor-Unilever purchase as recommended by the Law office review, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Brandon Stevens, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Opposed: Ed Delgado, Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Tina Danforth for the record; I oppose because I didn't think it was the right opportunity to execute a budget expenditure that was not allocated in the fiscal year. The document we reviewed at 4:30 p.m. and didn't have a chance to take a good look at that, as always, we have to trust the information provided. Aside from that, for budgetary reasons, I don't think it's a good time to do a \$3M acquisition that increases some liability to the tribe that increases budget constraints in the form that maintenance and taxes on the building will be due this year. The cost of moving people into the facility hasn't been reported out

and other costs. It is our obligation to report that out to General Tribal Council, which we plan to do. Thank you.

**d. Legislative Affairs - none**

**e. Attorney Brief**

1. Jo Anne House RE: Village of Hobart escrow agreement

**Excerpt from March 11:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the attorney report regarding the escrow account and request another update report at the March 25 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Village of Hobart escrow agreement as FYI, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jo Anne House RE: Arlinda F. Locklear contract

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Locklear contract adding language regarding the length of the contract and to not exceed \$150,000, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Jo Anne House RE: OGE charter amendment

Action: Motion by Trish King to adopt Resolution 03-25-09-C Amending article 6 section 14 of the Corporate Charter of Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Jo Anne House RE: Robert R. Yoder contract

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the Yoder contract for two weeks for further language regarding the length of term and fee restrictions, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Audit Committee**

1. Ed Delgado RE: Nov. 20, 2008 Audit Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Nov. 20, 2008 Audit committee meeting minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Jan. 22, 2009 Audit Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Jan. 22, 2009 Audit Committee minutes, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**g. New York Land Claims**

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

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the New York Land Claims settlement verbal update, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Francis Skenandore RE: Oneida Economic Development Authority report

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Economic Development Authority report as information, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to recess until 5:15 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Present:** Rick Hill – Chair, Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Melinda Danforth – Council members

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

1. Debbie Danforth RE: Oneida Tribal School Board

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. to defer the Oneida Tribal School Board quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Oneida Tribal School Board quarterly report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jackie Zalim RE: South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS)

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Trish King to defer the SEOTS report to the March 25<sup>th</sup> boards, committees and commissions evening reports, seconded by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

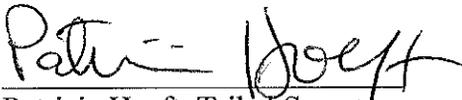
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the SEOTS quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tina Danforth that the General Manager coordinate with the

Chief of Staff to bring back a written report at the Business Committee meeting of April 8 regarding the status of SEOTS building renovation and plans, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Lois Strong RE: Oneida Nation Commission on Aging  
Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Genevieve Gollnick RE: Oneida Personnel Commission  
Not present
5. Rocky Hill RE: Oneida Election Board  
Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the Oneida Election Board quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Shirley Hill RE: Oneida Gaming Commission  
Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Gaming Commission quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. For: Trish King, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.
7. Arlene Danforth RE: Oneida Police Commission  
Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Police Commission quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Jeanette Ninham RE: Oneida Child Protective Board  
Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Oneida Child Protective Board quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Louis Williams RE: Oneida Library Board  
Action: Motion by Trish King to defer Personnel Commission and the Library Board quarterly report to the April 8, 2009 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.  
Action: Motion by Trish King to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens, motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on April 8, 2009.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE