

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.

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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.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2009

Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Rick Hill - Chair
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair
Tina Danforth - Treasurer
Patty Hoeft - Secretary
Edward Delgado - Council member
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member
Brandon Stevens - Council member
Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member
Trish King - Council member

Others Present: Loretta V. Metoxen, Barb Skenandore, Arlouine Bain, Barb Dickson, Joan Christnot, Rhiannon Metoxen, Troy Parr, Nate Wisneski, Julie Denny, Marsha Danforth, Geraldine Danforth, Kitty Melchert, G. Buenrostro, Carol Smith, Jennifer Hill-Kelly, Judy Torres, Cliff Webster

Opening Prayer: Randy Cornelius

Special Recognitions: Oneida Nation High School Science Fair medal and award winners

1. **Call to Order** by Rick Hill
2. **Oath of Office** - none
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. **Add** 9.b Request 8 Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee recommendation, and 9 Oneida Personnel Commission recommendation.
 - b. **Delete** 9.b Request 5 Trust Land.
 - c. **Moves** - none

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt the agenda with the additions to section 9.b. Request 8 Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee recommendation, and 9 Oneida Personnel Commission recommendation; schedule Land Claims Settlement report to 2 p.m., and delete 9.b Request 5 Trust Land, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes to be Approved

March 23 Emergency Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the March 23, 2009 Emergency Business Committee minutes, seconded by Tina Danforth. For: Brandon Stevens, Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried.

March 25 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the March 25, 2009 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Brandon Stevens, Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Trish King. Motion carried.

5. Tabled Business – none

6. Reports – none

7. Travel Reports

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Midwest Tribal Consultation Session
March 25-26 Bloomington, MN

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Midwest Tribal Consultation Session Travel report and recommendations, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Recreation report

Excerpt from March 11: Motion by Trish King to approve the Oneida recreation presentation report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from March 11: Motion by Patty Hoeft to request the General Manager to bring a second report to the Business Committee at the April 8 regular meeting describing the challenges and vision for the future of the Oneida youth recreation program, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Recreation report and defer follow-up reports to the Community Development Planning Committee agenda, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to amend the main motion to direct the General Manager to provide a follow-up report to the Business Committee meeting on the implementation of a pilot summer project for Saturday hours at the Oneida Recreation Center with funds identified, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick

RE: Oneida Township, Outagamie Cty-
Seminary Rd. construction project
Agreement AGF2008017

Excerpt from March 11: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report and request another status report be given to the Business Committee at the April 8 regular meeting about the reconstruction of Seminary Road, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the construction project agreement status report with an update on the reconstruction of Seminary Road at the May 13, 2009 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft

RE: 2009 Semi-Annual status update
report

Excerpt from March 11: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Tribal Secretary's report about how to coordinate the July 6, 2009 General Tribal Council semi-annual meeting and direct the Tribal Secretary to provide another report at the April 8 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the 2009 Semi-Annual status report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Debbie Thundercloud
Bill Gollnick

RE: SEOTS building renovation update

Excerpt from March 25: 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 the SEOTS building renovations and plans, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the SEOTS status report and that the General Manager provides an updated report at the next Business Committee meeting of May 13, 2009, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Karen Coffey

RE: Oneida Library Board report

Excerpt from March 25: Motion by Trish King to defer the Personnel Commission and Library Board quarterly report to the April 8 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Library Board report to the April 22 Business Committee evening meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Susan Daniels RE: Oneida Personnel Commission report

Excerpt from March 25: Motion by Trish King to defer the Personnel Commission and Library Board quarterly report to the April 8 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Personnel Commission report to the April 22 Business Committee evening meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business
a. Resolutions

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Take an Elder to Lunch Week

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt resolution 4-08-09-A Take an Elder to Lunch Week, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Fireworks Display for Family Carnival 2009

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to adopt resolution 4-08-09-B Fireworks Display for the 2009 Family Carnival, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Energy Efficient Deployment on Tribal Lands U.S. Dept. of Energy

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt resolution 4-08-09-C Energy Efficient Deployment on Tribal Lands U.S. Department of Energy, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: White Bison Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 4-08-09-D White Bison Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Requests

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Honor the Elder Planning Committee

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the recommendations to designate May 25 through 29, 2009 as Take an Elder to Lunch Week, officially delegate the Honor the Elder Planning Committee the responsibility of coordinating the event, grant the Honor the Elder Planning Committee permission to contact tribal departments and vendors for door prize donations, direct as many Business Committee staff as feasible to assist with this event and that the Honor the Elder Planning Committee identifies a budget as soon as possible, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Lift the hold on Oneida Transit Garage CIP Project for securing federal funding to proceed

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to lift the hold on Oneida Transit Garage CIP Project for securing federal funding and to proceed with the project, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft RE: Post two Oneida Seven Generations Corp. Board vacancies

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the posting for two Oneida Seven Generations Corporation board vacancies, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

For the Record, Trish King stated the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation bylaws should be reviewed.

4. Ed Delgado RE: SEOTS pilot status

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to request the General Manager and Chief of Staff provide a recommendation regarding the SEOTS program and its funding for the May 13 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to remove the word "pilot" with the General Manager coming back with a recommendation, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ed Delgado RE: Early Head Start grant

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Early Head Start grant to the General Manager for follow-up, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Tina Danforth RE: Retro-approve FY09 indirect cost negotiation agreement with Dept. of Interior

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer request 7 to the end of the agenda, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft that we move Indirect Costs Negotiation Agreement backup materials into executive session material section, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve FY09 indirect cost negotiation agreement with the Department of Interior for March 16, 2009, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Rick Hill RE: Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee recommendations

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the recommendations of appointing Chris Cornelius, Michael Hill and Clifford Doxtator to the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Rick Hill RE: Oneida Personnel Commission Recommendations

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the recommendations of appointing Peril Huff, Robert Christjohn, Genevieve Gollnick, Crystal Holtz and Yvonne Jourdan to the Oneida Personnel Commission, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

c. Travel Requests

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Advisory panel on Medicare Education April 22, Washington D.C.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel request for the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education April 22, 2009, Washington, D.C, seconded by Trish King. For: Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Share the Care 2009 Cancer conference May 6-7, Lac du Flambeau, WI

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request for the Share the Care 2009 Cancer Conference May 6 through 7, 2009, Lac du Flambeau, WI, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

10. Finance Committee – none

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

1. Trish King RE: March 4 LOC minutes
 Action: Motion by Patty Hoefft to approve the March 4, 2009 LOC meeting minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King RE: March 18 LOC minutes
 Action: Motion by Patty Hoefft to approve the March 18, 2009 LOC meeting minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trish King RE: Open Records Open Meeting Law Amendments Public Hearing May 26, 2009
 Action: Motion by Patty Hoefft to approve the public hearing date of May 26, 2009 for the amendments to the Open Records Open Meeting Law, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Trish King RE: Forward Removal Law Amendment to the Semi-Annual meeting July 6, 2009
 Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve forwarding the Removal Law amendments to the July 6, 2009 Semi-Annual meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Treasurer's Report - none

13. Legislative Affairs

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Stimulus initiative update
 Jennifer Hill-Kelley

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 Kathy Hughes to accept the stimulus initiative update, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to recess until 1:30 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Trish King to come out of recess at 1:40 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick RE: Retro-approve letter to IRS
 Nathan King

Action: Motion by Patty Hoefft to retro-approve the letter to the IRS, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Bill Gollnick
Nathan King

RE: Retro-approve testimony in support of
AB-35 Bill

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve testimony in support of AB-35 Bill to ban mascots in the state of Wisconsin that was delivered by Councilman Brandon Stevens, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Bill Gollnick
Nathan King

RE: Local government update

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the local government update, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to go into executive session at 2:05 p.m., seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to come out of executive session at 4:10 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Executive Session

a. Tabled Business - none

b. Old Business - none

c. New Business

1. Tina Danforth

RE: Personnel issue

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer the personnel issue item to the Chair's office to discuss with the employee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

For the record, Tina Danforth stated she wanted to note this is a General Manager issue.

d. Legislative Affairs – none

e. Attorney Brief

1. Jo Anne House

RE: Robert R. Yoder contract

Excerpt from March 25: 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.

Remains on the table

2. Becky Webster
Jim Bittorf

RE: Carcieri v. Salazar update

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Cacieri v. Salazar update, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to support the Nicklaus Firm research proposal, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee

1. Ed Delgado RE: Feb. 26 Audit Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Feb 26, 2009 Audit Committee minutes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

g. New York Land Claims

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

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

2. Bill Gollnick RE: Use of New York land property

Excerpt from March 11: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Chief of Staff to develop a recommendation on the feasibility of continuing to own land parcels in the state of New York and for the report due back at the April 8 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

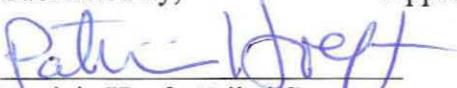
Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the recommendation from the Chief of Staff to continue with our strategy for why we own land in New York State and that the Chief of Staff work with various departments to ensure the land is always maintained and doesn't become a nuisance, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Francis Skenandore RE: Oneida Economic Development Authority report

No report due.

Action: Motion by Trish King to adjourn at 4:20 p.m., seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by, Approved on: April 22, 2009


Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee