



Onedias 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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**Special Business Committee Meeting  
Executive Session  
Meeting with OHA, HUD Representatives and Senior Staff  
Tuesday, May 1, 2007  
10:00 a.m.  
BCCR**

**Present:** Gerald Danforth - Chair, Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Vince DeLaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham, Ed Delgado - Council members, OHA members, HUD representatives, Jo Anne House- Chief Counsel

**Opening:** Paul Ninham

**Agenda:** Oneida Business Committee, Oneida Housing Authority, Housing and Urban Development and Senior Staff Meeting

**Motion:** Motion by Patty Hoeft that this special meeting be held in open session, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to amend the motion to add Executive Session item 12 - comments from the Oneida Housing Authority, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

HUD representatives provided power point presentations regarding HUD and the federal assistance it provides to Tribes. Presentations focused on dollar amounts provided to the tribe, definitions of NAHSDA, TDHA's, Indian Block Grants and their requirements. HUD advocated polices and procedures developed on the local level that tribes are comfortable with in addressing particular issues.

Reporting procedures and due dates were reviewed, as well as compliance issues. Questions were answered by HUD as to how and when they conducted assessment, compliance issues and at what levels they didn't get involved. Oversight and performance standards were discussed and the importance of staying knowledgeable of programs in order to make the correct decisions as opposed to not knowing which leads to weaknesses in oversight. The ultimate oversight responsibility belonged to the tribe. HUD stated nothing should come from OHA that the Business Committee has not signed off on. This states that you know of and approve exactly what your signing off on. Various training and services were touched upon with HUD stating a consultant would be provided to OHA for technical assistance.

Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham excused at 11:25 am. to participate for an LOC public hearing.

Discussion continued on stipend amounts and the 1998 guidelines, with the acknowledgment that the tribe has to determine what is reasonable. HUD legal representative, Brian Gillens, provided a Power Point presentation on financing information and the types of resources, competitive grants, direct loans, tax credits, etc. were available such as Title VI and Section 184 programs and the opportunities associated with them.

Recessed for lunch at 11: 50 a.m.

Resumed meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Afternoon discussion focused on programmable and non-programming income and the confusion between both, how these monies are expended, what is restrictive, unrestrictive and the responsibility of utilizing fiscally sound practices. Oneida Housing Authority representative provided information on the positive contributions OHA has conducted and the obstacles staff has encountered. Concerns were expressed as to how information could be provided to inform the community and the negative effects resulting from this.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to go into closed session to consult with legal counsel, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

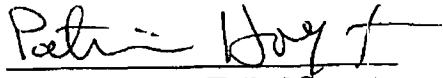
Gerald Danforth called closed session at 3:27 p.m. in the Law Library. Present were Gerald Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, Bobbie Webster, Jo Anne House, Shannon Hill, Kate Stevens, Evelyn Elm, Gina Buenrostro, Kevin Fitzgibbons, Virginia Simpson, Brian Gillens, Jackie Kruszek

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to go into open session at 4:18 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

Adjourn at 4:19 p.m.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adjourn, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on May 9, 2007.



**Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary**  
**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

