



# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Oneida Business Committee Emergency Meeting  
10 a.m. September 28, 2012  
BC Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

**Present:** Chairman Ed Delgado, Vice Chairman Greg Matson, Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

**Excused:** Treasurer Tina Danforth

**I. Call to Order and Opening** by Vice Chairman Greg Matson at 10:03 a.m.

\*Chairman Ed Delgado arrived at 10:05 a.m.

**II. Approve Agenda**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda with one addition, 1) Consider date for special GTC meeting in November, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Motion by Paul Ninham to go into executive session at 10:06 a.m., seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

Motion by Paul Ninham to come out of executive session at 11:20 a.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**A. Executive session**

*In accordance with provisions of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Open Records and Open Meetings Law, Chapter 7, sections 7.20-1 and 7.4-1, the Committee will move into executive session to discuss confidential information or to obtain legal advice.*

**1. Investment issue**

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth

**Excerpt from Sept. 26, 2012:** Motion by Tina Danforth to table this item, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to take the investment issue off the table, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

Motion by Brandon Stevens to waive the limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the investment labeled USB agreement, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

For the record: Ed Delgado stated that we've passed this regardless of the financial concerns raised by our Chief Financial Officer. Thank you.

For the record: Vince DelaRosa stated I appreciate those concerns but the venue for sorting out some of those issues really have to, probably go back at some point, to General Tribal Council. General Tribal Council has empowered and authenticated the authority scope of the Trust department and I think that at some point maybe it's a fruitful discussion, to go there and chit chat a little bit about these issues. Debate is healthy and maybe that's the venue to discuss these things. So GTC has granted this authority to the Trust department and I'm

just honoring essentially the role that GTC has created for the Trust Committee. So that's the context for my support of moving forward.

## B. Open Session

### 1. **Emergency request to post for Pardon Committee**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the request to post for the four vacancies on the Pardon Committee and in the interim allow for emergency appointments to be made, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

### 2. **Setting a special GTC meeting date**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Patty Hoeft to set the special GTC date for Nov. 10 at Shopko Hall, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion failed with five oppositions:

Ayes: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft

Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth, Greg Matson, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

Motion by Brandon Stevens to hold the special GTC meeting Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, seconded by Paul Ninham.

Motion carried with one opposition and one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Patty Hoeft

Abstained: David Jordan

Excused: Tina Danforth

For the record: David Jordan stated that myself and my assistant will be on vacation that week. We both took that holiday week off, so I am just noting for the record that we both will not be able to help at the GTC meeting.

For the record: Greg Matson stated I've recommended time and time again, we have multiple day meetings. They shouldn't cost us anything if we have them at the Turtle school; we just need to make those decisions. We can have three days' worth of meetings at the Turtle school that can house 1,000 people at a time, which means you could total 3,000 people. You come on the day that the interest of the agenda is yours. If we're going talk about housing one day, health care the next day and job creation the next day then so be it, but that's where you get those that are interested in the subject, to communicate through the meetings. It's across the street. You want to talk about historically; historically the meeting's been here for 30+ years. Let's get creative.


## III. **Adjourn**

Motion by Paul Ninham to adjourn at 11:46 a.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Oct. 10, 2012.

  
Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE