



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

**October 1, 2008**

#### Business Committee Conference Room

|                 |                           |   |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Present:</b> | Rick Hill - Chair         | Edward Delgado - Council member         |
|                 | Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair | Brandon Stevens - Council member        |
|                 | Patty Hoeft - Secretary   | Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member |
|                 |                           | Trish King - Council member             |

**Excused:** Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Melinda J. Danforth – Council member

**Others Present:** Barb Skenandore, Ron King, Diana Denny, Lois Strong, Jan Skenandore, James Skenandore, Scott Jordan, Brenda Buckley, Donald Lilly, Dorothy Ninham, Perril Huff, Julie Denny, Wanda Diemel, Laura Manthe, Racquel Hill, Gino Buenrostro, Nate Wisneski, Rhiannan Metoxen, Susan White, Leland Wigg-Ninham, Rachel Ninham, Jessica House, Michele Doxtator, Loretta V. Metoxen, Beverly DeCoteau, Geraldine Danforth, Fred Muscavitch

**Opening Prayer:** Curtis Summers

**Special Recognitions:** 25 Years of Service to Diana Denny, Scott Jordan, Dorothy Ninham and Jan Skenandore administered by Neil Cornelius

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Rick Hill at 9:17 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office** - none
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. **Additions** request #7 Proposed GTC dates, request #8 Emergency Housing
  - b. **Deletions** Exec. New Business #1 PM Productions
  - c. **Moves** New Business Request #5 Presentation from United Way to the first item on the agenda

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda by adding New Business Request #7 GTC dates, new business request #8 Emergency Housing Plans, move request #5 United Way to the first item on the agenda, and to delete executive session, new business, #1 PM Productions Contracts from

the agenda, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Minutes to be Approved**

Sept. 17, 2008 Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Sept. 17, 2008 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Tabled Business - none**

**6. Reports**

a. Oneida Housing (monthly)  
Susan House – not submitted

b. Ombudsman (monthly)  
Matt Cornelius – not submitted

c. Oneida Land Commission (quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Amelia Cornelius – submitted (NOTE: 2 reports - reg. session & exec)

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Oneida Land Commission report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Oneida Gaming Commission – (quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Amelia Cornelius – not submitted

e. Oneida Police Commission – (quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
David Webster – not submitted

**7. Travel Reports**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Midwest Region Division of Fee-to-Trust Consortium, Shakopee, MN Sept. 8, 2008

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Midwest Region Division of Fee-to-Trust Consortium travel report, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstain: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

2. Melinda Danforth

RE: ITMA Board of Directors Meeting  
Albuquerque, NM July 29-Aug. 1, 2008

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association travel report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**9. New Business**  
**a. Resolutions**

1. Ed Delgado

RE: Emergency Gas Tax

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the Emergency Gas Tax resolution to the Oct. 15 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Oppose: Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

Trish King: For the record, my opposition is due to the fact that we have not researched this and I think there's larger issues to this as was stated by Councilman Stevens. There might be some ramifications that we are not thinking of right here and now, that could hinder what we're trying to do, not just for Oneida but for other natives in Wisconsin. I believe this should go directly to LOC as an issue to be addressed on our agenda as a priority and brought forward in that manner than acting on an emergency.

2. Patty Hoeft

RE: Joint Resolution of support for Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus

Action: Motion by Trish King to adopt Resolution #10-01-08-A Joint Resolution of Support for Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft

RE: Restated Elder Trust Agreement

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve Resolution #10-01-08-B Approving the Amended and Restated Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Elder, Education and General Welfare Trust of Jan. 22, 2008, and Approving the Oneida Trust Committee's Assumption of Authority over the Principal and Interest of the Emigrant Indian Trust of March 18, 1977 and to approve sending a letter to Secretary Kempthorne, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Patty Hoeft  
Winnifred Thomas

RE: United Way Workplace Giving  
Campaign presentation & request

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request for Oneida to join the 2008 Brown County United Way Workplace Giving Campaign and direct the General Manager to work with United Way to get us to participate in this year's effort, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado

RE: Report about Trust Committee &  
Standing Stone Limited relationship

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Chief Financial Officer to provide a report regarding the Standing Stone Limited and its relationship with the Trust Committee and the Oneida Tribe and to bring back a report in November, seconded Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado. Oppose: Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstain: Trish King. Motion fails.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to request the Trust Committee to prepare a report for the Business Committee for our meeting in November regarding the Standing Stone Fund and the relationship with the Trust Committee and the Business Committee so far, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ed Delgado

RE: Analysis of U.S. Economic Crisis on  
Trust Committee investments

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Chief Financial Officer to provide an analysis and recommendation of the U.S economic crisis of Trust Committee investments and all tribal investments to be brought back at the Nov. 12 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ed Delgado

RE: Legislative Affairs Director position  
vacancy proposal

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to postpone filling the vacancy of the Legislative Affairs Director until the Chief of Staff can provide a report about the future of the Department of Government Administration, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ed Delgado RE: Support in maintaining the Native American Service Center

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chairman to send a letter of support for this organization to continue to operate, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer the support in maintaining the Native American Service Center to the Finance Committee, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approve CIP Package for Oneida Community Trails – CIP project #07-008

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the CIP package for the Oneida Community Trails project #07-008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to provide a report on the status of the trail from the center of Oneida to Pamperin Park due at the Oct. 15 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Patty Hoeft RE: Proposed GTC dates

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to postpone the FY09 Budget meeting and to use the Nov. 15 GTC meeting date to schedule Madelyn Genskow's petition regarding nine resolutions, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Oppose: Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

8. Trish King RE: Emergency Housing Plan

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the report, support Option A and defer the plan back to the taskforce to return in 30 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously

### **c. Travel Requests**

1. Brandon Stevens RE: Blanket Travel for NCAI Delegate & Alternates for the 2008-2011 term

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve blanket travel for the delegates and alternates of National Congress of American Indians for the term 2008-2011, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Rick Hill

RE: Approve to attend American Indian  
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
Niagara Falls, NY Oct. 24-26, 2008

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request for the Chairman to attend the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Niagara Fall, NY Oct. 24-26, 2008, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Finance Committee - none**

**11. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC) - none**

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

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

**14. Executive Staff Meeting - none**

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Retro-approve letter to Congress re: IHCIA

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Indian Health Care Improvement Act letter, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Get Out the Vote Initiatives

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the letter to tribal citizens residing in the state of Wisconsin, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Chairman sending out a letter notifying the tribal employees of the candidate forum Oct. 30 and request that the management support time-off for employees to attend the event with supervisor approval, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to recess until 1:30 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to come out of executive session at 4:28 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Brandon Stevens excused at 2:00 p.m.

**a. Tabled Business - none**

**b. Old Business**

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Oneida Housing Authority final audit report

**Excerpt from Sept. 17, 2008:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Housing Authority report and maintain confidentiality until the follow up action plan is brought back to the Secretary for calling of a special meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstain: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Housing Authority final audit report for public dissemination not to be released until Oct. 14, to include the audit of 33 pages, plus Addendum A, the Business Committee Chairman's letter dated June 3, the U.S. Attorney's response letter dated Sept. 4, and the Chairman's cover letter, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the collection process procedure as provided by the General Manager and the Interim Housing Director, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. New Business**

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Constituent Request for Legal Counsel

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to deny the request for legal counsel and to refer to paralegal for assistance if appropriate, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Employee Appeal of Termination

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the investigation of the appeal to the Chief of Staff who will bring back a recommendation to the Business Committee within the timeline stated in the appeal, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado Oppose: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Abstain: Kathy Hughes, Trish King. Motion carried.

3. Rick Hill RE: Joseph Powless Pardon Resolution

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the pardon for Joseph Powless, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Appeals Commission Attorney Contract  
Winnifred Thomas Approval

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve to the Stenzel attorney contract for one year, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Approve Tenuta & Associates State Lobbyist Contract

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Tenuta & Associates state lobbyist contract for one year, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Attorney Brief**

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the attorney brief, the contract report, and refer to the Chief of Staff, General Manager, and Gaming General Manager for a follow up report at the next Executive Staff meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

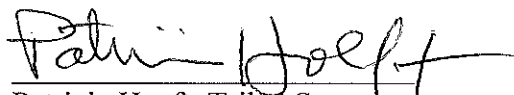
**f. Audit Committee - none**

**g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - none**

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adjourn at 4:34 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on October 15, 2008.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE