

# **Oneida Business Committee**

**Regular Meeting**  
**9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011**  
**BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center**

## **Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Joanie Buckley, Geraldine Danforth, Nate Wisneski, Rita Lara, Celene Elm, Twylite Moore, Jon Giguere, Mark Steinbach, Nicolas Reynolds, Tina Jacobson, Lisa Schwartz, Cathy Bachhuber, Sandy Schuyler, Elaine Doxtator, Melanie Burkhart, Don Channon, Eleanora Smith, Barb Skenandore, Harvey Kosowski, Marty Atone, Sandra Reveles, Debbie Danforth, Lisa A. Moore, Eric Boulanger, Mary Graves, Jeff Sekandore Jr., Michelle Danforth, Nicole Rommel, Chris Cornelius, Lloyd E. Powless Jr., RC Metoxen, Marsha Danforth

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** by Chairman Delgado at 9:02 a.m.
- II. Opening** by Chairman Delgado
- III. Approve the agenda**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda with three additions: 1) Travel request from Councilmen Vince DelaRosa and David Jordan to a meeting in Madison, Oct. 31 2) Budget for FY2012 3) In executive session - 90-day contract for a private investigator to look into a personnel matter; and with the following changes 1) Oneida Gaming Commission-revised quarterly report 2) Delete the hiring request from the gaming division for Executive Casino Host 4) Powwow committee will have a presentation and a handout of their quarterly report 3) Delete SEOTS quarterly report and the Oaths of office for the SEOTS board via teleconference, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

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

#### **IV. Oaths of Office**

- 1. Anna John Nursing Home-Carol Silva-not present**
- 2. Oneida Nation School Board- Debra Danforth**
- 3. South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services-Pamela Ninham, Chris Luttrell, Edward Pero**
- 4. Oneida Police Commission- Sandra Lee Reveles**

#### **V. Minutes to be approved**

- 1. Oct. 12 Business Committee meeting minutes**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt the meeting minutes, striking her for the record on page 7 of 11, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

## VI. Resolutions

### 1. U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance grant

Sponsor: Joanie Buckley/Cheryl Stevens

Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt resolution #10-26-11-A U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance grant, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

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

## VII. Board, Committee and Commission quarterly reports

### 1. Oneida Gaming Commission

Sponsor: Shirley Hill

*Excerpt from Oct. 12: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the Oneida Gaming Commission quarterly report to the Oct. 26 BC meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Tina Danforth, to approve the Oneida Gaming Commission quarterly report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

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

### 2. Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee

Sponsor: Chris J. Cornelius

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

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

### 3. Oneida Personnel Commission

Sponsor: Susan G. Daniels

Motion by David Jordan to accept the Oneida Personnel Commission quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

### 4. Oneida Arts Board

Sponsor: Debra Fabian

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Oneida Arts Board quarterly report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**5. Oneida Powwow Committee-no report**

Sponsor:Lloyd Powless

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Oneida Powwow Committee quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth.

Motion carried unanimously:

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

**6. South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS)-no report**

Sponsor: Jackie Zalim

**VIII. Standing Committees**

**A. Legislative Operating Committee – Council member Melinda J. Danforth, LOC Chair**

**1. Oct. 5, 2011 LOC meeting minutes**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oct. 5, 2011 LOC meeting minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens.

Motion carried unanimously:

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

**2. Approve resolution: Reaffirming BC-9-14-94-B Prohibiting Severance Payments**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve resolution #10-26-11-B Reaffirming BC-9-14-94-B Prohibiting Severance Payments, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**3. Adopt resolution: Prohibiting Weapons on Tribal Public Property, including Tribal Buildings, Gaming and Retail Establishments, Facilities, Construction Sites, Vehicles and at Tribally Sponsored Events**

*Excerpt from Sept. 28: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to forward the concealed weapon law to the Legislative Operating Committee and that a final recommendation be brought back to the Business Committee at the Oct. 26, 2011 BC meeting, noting that the law goes into effect Nov. 1, 2011, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt resolution #10-26-11-C Prohibiting Weapons on Tribal Public Property, including Tribal Building, Gaming and Retail Establishments, Facilities, Construction Sites, Vehicles and at Tribally Sponsored Events, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**4. GTC 10-day notice policy-Approve forwarding the attached memo, resolution, statement of effect and draft laws to the GTC for consideration at the Nov. 21, 2011 meeting**

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to advance the resolution with the amendment to the last whereas in the resolution, which should read "It has been determined that a simple majority vote to overrule previous past motions or

resolutions, is more consistent with the Tribe's traditions of weighing the rights and responsibilities of all Tribal members equally" and to strike the word desirable, seconded by David Jordan. Motion failed with one abstention and four oppositions:

Ayes: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan  
Abstained: Greg Matson  
Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens  
For the record: Vince Delarosa stated it's clearly obvious we have been misapplying a two-thirds majority for many, many years in GTC and others locations, mostly GTC. Chief council House actually kind of outlined at the LOC meeting how there was just an error in how we have been applying Robert's Rules of order as it relates to two-thirds majority. There was an oversight, there was a misunderstanding and this got advanced somehow and we've been doing it for a long time and it's just not an appropriate standard. For amending a constitution? Yes. But for amending simple policy work that impacts the lives of folks in positive manners, it's not a standard that we need to bear. I support this majority movement, which is the appropriate movement towards advancing policy on behalf of the people.  
For the record: Brandon Stevens stated I'm in agreement with the resolution, but I know the discussion will come up on what pieces of legislation need more protection than others, like the constitution. Perhaps the judiciary, that's another discussion but to require changing those documents, I would feel would be two-thirds vote to change and the judiciary is up for discussion, but I think constitution is definitely one of those ones we need to protect.

#### **5. Current judiciary status**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report on the current judiciary status as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried with one abstention:

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

#### **B. Finance Committee**

#### **C. Community Development Planning Committee (CDPC)**

#### **D. Quality of Life**

### **IX. Travel**

#### **A. Travel reports**

#### **B. Travel requests**

##### **1. Wisconsin Tribal Consultation meeting, Nov. 15, 2011, St. Croix, WI**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the travel request for Chairman Delgado and a representative from the health division, seconded Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

##### **2. Poverty Matters Conference, Nov. 15-16, 2011, Chula Vista, WI**

Sponsor: David Jordan, Vince Delarosa

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**3. Federal/State Indian Policy briefing workshop, Oct. 31, Madison, WI**

Sponsor: Vince DelaRosa

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**X. General Tribal Council**

**1. Petitioner Madelyn Genskow: Require Oneida Appeals Commission officers to be determined by highest number of votes candidates receive in General Election**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Tina Danforth to have the Secretary's office to bring back a recommend date at the Nov. 9 BC meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried with one abstention:

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

Abstained: David Jordan

**XI. Follow-ups/BC directives**

**1. Approve 3-year strategic vision "In 3 years, this OBC will aggressively grow the Oneida Indian Reservation as a beautiful, vibrant community where hundreds of additional Oneida families live."**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the 3-year strategic vision, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**XII. Continuing FY2012 budget spending exceptions (BC Resolution 07-27-11-A....Expenditures in the following areas will be postponed unless approved by the Business Committee: 1. Technology sets asides and implementation, 2. CIP, 3. Capital Expenditures, 4. Sponsorships, projects and special events such as conferences, workshops, etc., Posting of all vacant positions)**

**A. Sponsorships, Projects and Special Events Exceptions**

**1. Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association (WIVA) request for \$1,500 for the Oneida Veterans Day event**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer to the finance committee, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**B. Travel Request Exceptions**

**1. Governmental Services – Beth Bashara to National Native Arts Convening, Nov. 3-6, 2011, Portland, OR**

Sponsor: Don White, Governmental Services division director

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with one abstention:

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

**2. Governmental Services – Shannon Steif and Cindy Young to Association of Experiential Education Conference, Nov. 3-6, 2011, Jacksonville, FL**

Sponsor: Don White, Governmental division director

Motion by Tina Danforth to deny the travel request. Motion failed with no second.

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve one of the two travelers for the conference, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried with one opposition:

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

**3. Comprehensive Health Division – Jon Giguere to Ortho-Clinical Virtros 5.1 Analyzer training, Nov. 6-10, 2011 and Dec. 4-9, 2011, Rochester, NY**

Sponsor: Debra Danforth, Comprehensive Health co-division director

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**4. Internal Audit – Jonathan Foster to internal auditor training, Nov. 9-11, 2011, Madison, WI**

Sponsor: Donna Christensen, Interim Internal Audit director

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the travel request, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:

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

**5. Comprehensive Health Division – Tina Jacobsen, Sarah Phillips, Stefanie Reinke, Brandon Wisneski to mandatory meeting for Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Diabetes Prevention Program, Nov. 15-16, 2011, Albuquerque, NM**

Sponsor: Debra Danforth, Comprehensive Health co-division director.

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**6. Comprehensive Health Division – Retro-approve Tina Jacobsen and Stefanie Reinke to Bemidji Area IHS director awards ceremony, Oct. 20-22, 2011, Bemidji, MN**

Sponsor: Debra Danforth, Comprehensive Health co-division director

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

Excused: Melinda J. Danforth

**7. Land Management – Retro-approve Carla Clark, Sheila Huff, Sandra Wondra to Realty Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS) Encoder training, Oct. 24-28, 2011, Ashland, WI**

Sponsor: Fred Muscavitch, Land Management division director

Motion by David Jordan to retro-approve the travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

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

Excused: Melinda J. Danforth

**C. 2012 Hiring Requests Exceptions**

**1. Governmental Services Division, Don White, division director**

**a. Child/Teen Advocate, Children and Family Services Department**

Motion by Tina Danforth to support the hiring request, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried with two abstentions and one opposition:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham

Opposed: Vince DelaRosa

**b. Child Support Technical Specialist, Social Services Child Support Department**

Motion by Tina Danforth to support the request, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**c. 2 half-time Museum Gift Shop Coordinators, Oneida Museum**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention:

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

Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth

For the record: Tina Danforth stated my approval on this position because this area does generate revenue and it does have grant funding that will recover the cost for these positions.

**d. Maintenance Supervisor, Elderly Services Department**

Motion by David Jordan to approve the request, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**2. Internal Services Division, Joanie Buckley, division director**

**a. Desktop Support Specialist Trainee, MIS Department**

**b. Full-time Desktop Support Specialist I, MIS Department**

**c. Client Server Computer Programmer, MIS Department**

Motion by Tina Danforth to allow for a transfer for Tribal member only posting for the three positions and that a report be brought back in thirty days as a status of the hiring process; relative to those considerations, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried with a vote from Chairman Delgado breaking the tie:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Paul Ninham, Ed Delgado

Opposed: Patty Hoeft, Vince DelaRosa Greg Matson

Abstained: David Jordan, Brandon Stevens

For the record: Vince DelaRosa stated my concerns are many, I look forward to talking to you; I hope we can get some written reports. I am really interested in the evolution of technology-based platforms such as even cloud computing. I've done a little bit of research on that and I just see that there are fundamental changes that we have to have here now. So instead of adding staff I would like to have that type of dialogue first until we figure out where we are going. So hopefully you have that type of vision and you're going to bring reports forward that will look into those types of platforms and other things that we can utilize to better reach out to our Tribal members and service the employee base here. Hopefully you got some sort of report along those lines that the council can look at, but I'll make a formal request.

For the record: Brandon stated I abstained only because these requests are becoming more and more apparent that these are day-to-day decisions and we, as we go through reorganization we really need to start pushing that a little further, since that is our direction and pushing these back on to the division directors to make that decision and for the committee to just receive the reports, accept it and then if we disagree on their decisions then that's how we act appropriately. Rather than making these decisions.

For the record: Tina Danforth stated these are procedural exceptions and that is the only reason why they are being addressed. We are not addressing them because they are day-to-day. Thank you.

Motion by Tina Danforth to recess for lunch until 1:30 p.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion approved with one opposition:

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

Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth

Motion by Patty Hoeft to reconvene at 1:34 p.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa

**3. Comprehensive Health Division, Debra Danforth, co-division director**

**a. 2 full-time Certified Medical Assistants, Oneida Health Center**

Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the division directors' report as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa

**4. Development Division, Butch Rentmeester, division director**

**a. GIS Specialist, GIS Department**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**5. Police Department, Rich VanBoxel, Oneida Police Department Chief**

**a. Sergeant, Police Department**

**b. Dispatcher, Police Department**

Motion by David Jordan to approve the request, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposition:

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

Opposed: Tina Danforth

For the record: Tina Danforth stated she is opposing because our budgetary considerations are to reduce the labor pool and I think even though it would be something that you

want to have, it's not a necessity to the extent that service would be discontinued.

**6. Legislative Reference Office, Melinda J. Danforth, LOC Chairwoman**

**a. Senior Staff Attorney, Legislative Reference Office (LRO)**

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the request, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**7. Gaming Division, Louise Cornelius, Gaming General Manager-Deleted**

**a. Executive Casino Host, Gaming**

**XIII. New Business/Requests**

**XIV. Additions**

**1. Approval of the Budget for Nov. 21 GTC meeting**

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the budget to be forwarded to the General Tribal Council as presented in the draft that was provided today, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens

For the record: Vince DelaRosa stated I am in support of moving the budget forward and I am in agreement with advancing a basic budget forward until such time as we hear from the Division Directors (DD) and formulate our final restructuring plans after review of the DD's plans and reports.

I would note, the finance personnel of the tribe and all of management have worked hard over the last few months, along with the new Oneida Business Committee (OBC) to get to a balanced budget to the General Tribal Council (GTC) and I want to move the budget forward.

If we look at where we were at in the beginning of this budget cycle, over the last few years we as a tribe have had an extreme difficulty in keeping operational costs in line with fiscal year FY 2011 through 2013 revenue projections. However, over the last few months and during this budget cycle we have come a long way. In fact, it was reported by the Tribal Treasurer her September 2010 Executive Summary, that "both the 2012 and FY2013 [budgets] had projected to have deficit balances of -\$34,680,688 and -\$12,900,899 respectively", and today we have largely arrested these projected spending deficits. Likewise, the Treasurer and her staff, along with the OBC and management have done a good job of getting to a balanced budget. It is for all those foregoing reasons that I support moving the budget forward while acknowledging that moving forward we have financial risks and challenges that we still have to address. I am confident we can meet some of those challenges while also creating room in future budgets for a higher level of programmatic activity as we move forward, with housing being one of the biggest initiatives which we need to address.

For the record: Tina would just like to thank the committee and the finance department staff for their diligence, their patience and their hard work on putting together this budget; especially during a transition period. Every time the BC made a decision on the budget, my staff went back and reworked the budget. So they were almost daily for three weeks changing the numbers of this budget and I appreciate all of their hard work. Thank you.

Amendment to the motion to strike Native American Bank contribution from the budget, seconded by PaulNinham.

Amendment fails with four oppositions and one abstentions:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, David Jordan, Patty Hoeft

For the record: Greg wants to state why abstained on the amendment and it was based upon, I feel the GTC has a right to make that decision based upon information given at the regular budget meeting. The vote of support to move the budget forward to reflect the same, this is a GTC action that needs to be approved.

**XV. Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of Oct. 25, 2011**

**A. Executive Managers reports**

**1. New York land claims settlement/negotiations update with Oneida Land Claims Commission**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chairman and the treasurer to bring back to the committee, a proposal on how to pursue next steps with the New York Land Claims, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried with one abstention:

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

Abstained: Tina Danforth

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal report as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**2. Chief Financial Officer bi-monthly report**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**3. Chief Counsel report**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the report on the status of the constitutional amendments and to direct a follow-up report on the next Oneida Business Committee agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

Abstained: Tina Danforth

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to have the Chair send notice of the Hobart workshop to Wisconsin Tribal leaders, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**B. Audit Committee**

**C. Follow-ups/BC directives**

**1. Federal Lobbyist status**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick

*Excerpt from Sept. 28: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the proposed concepts surrounding the revamp of the Federal lobbyist and request that the Legislative Affairs Director bring back a final proposal at the Oct. 26, 2011 BC meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the contract with the new Federal Lobbyist contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

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

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve proposal option number two and to have the Chair and Treasurer work with HRD to implement the proposal, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

Motion by Brandon Stevens to have Legislative affairs director bring back a legislative action plan within two months, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

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

#### **D. New Business/Requests**

##### **1. Approve to extend Bank of America Merrill Lynch credit agreement for 30 days**

Sponsor:Larry Barton

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the credit agreement and it contains a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

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

##### **2. Pardon Resolution-Kenton King**

Sponsor:Patty Hoeft

Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt the resolution to grant a pardon to Kenton King, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

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

##### **3. Pardon Resolution-Shane Skenandore**

Sponsor:Patty Hoeft

Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt the resolution granting Shane Skenandore a pardon, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

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

##### **4. Pardon Resolution-William Jourdan**

Sponsor:Patty Hoeft

Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt the resolution to grant a pardon to William Jourdan, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

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

##### **5. Pardon Resolution-Glenn Biddell**

Sponsor:Patty Hoeft

Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt the resolution to grant a pardon to Glenn Biddell, seconded by Brandon Stevens.  
Motion carried unanimously:

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

**6. Pardon Resolution-Randall Denny**

Sponsor:Patty Hoeft

Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt the resolution to grant a pardon to Randall Denny, seconded by Paul Ninham.  
Motion carried unanimously:

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

**7. Pardon Resolution-Carlos Cantu**

Sponsor:Patty Hoeft

Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt the resolution to deny a pardon to Carlos Cantu, seconded by Brandon Stevens.  
Motion carried unanimously:

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

**8. Pardon Resolution-Tyler Torres**

Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt the resolution to deny a pardon to Tyler Torres, seconded by David Jordan.  
Motion carried unanimously:

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

**E. Additions**

**1. 90-day contract for a private investigator to look into a personnel matter**

Motion by Brandon Stevens to defer to the next meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

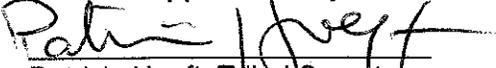
Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan,  
Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

**XVI. Adjourn**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn at 2:27 p.m., seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

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

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on November 9, 2011.**

  
Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE