




Onondas 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, Inc.

*Approved at Council*  
9/5/78



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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.

Regular Meeting  
August 21, 1978  
8 p.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Patricia Misikin, Members: Margaret Doxtater, Myron Smith, Edwin King, Jr., Mark Powless, Treasurer Chester Smith (absent)

Chairman Powless called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. Prayer was said by Mark Powless. Secretary took the roll call; quorum present.

Myron asked if it were possible to have a Parliamentarian present for our meetings. Reply indicated that we could pursue that idea but that no one locally could act as such, at least not to anyone's knowledge.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Myron that we table the report to the special meeting with Pat Smith & Nancy Nelson on September 11 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Margaret. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes of August 7, 1978, had no corrections or additions so they were approved as written. Motion was made by Myron that Chester Smith resign or be sworn in tonight. Motion died for lack of a second. Minutes of August 14, 1978, had no corrections or additions so were approved as written.

OTDC: Myron moved to table the OTDC report to the special meeting on September 23, 1978, at 7 p.m. at the Tribal Building. Motion died for lack of a second. Discussion ensued on contacting OTDC to set a meeting date. Decided that the Business Committee calls meetings and requires attendance as such. Myron moved to set that meeting for Monday, August 28 at 7 p.m. at the Tribal Building. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Higher Educ./Employ. Asst.: Suggested that the reports be tabled to discussion of Education later on the agenda.

Laurie King: Request regarding back wages referred to the Personnel Director to follow through.

Litigation Committee: Per Myron, they decided not to send anyone to the meeting in Syracuse on August 26 because they do not want to get involved with internal problems. It was also indicated through a phone conversation that Aschenbrenner had advised that we keep track of the suit now going on and that he did not feel it necessary that we attend the meeting. Direction was given to the Litigation Committee to reply to Robert Burr's letter to inform them we will not attend. Chas presented a letter proposing the

alternative dates of October 7 or October 14. Mark made a motion to accept the letter to Robert Burr and that it be sent under the name of the Litigation Committee. Myron seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Copy will be given to the Tribal Secretary.

Land: Request made to approve Land Committee reports of 7/21 and 7/28 with the payment schedule of Frank & Margaret Doxtater attached. Myron moved to approve and Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued on action taken on August 18, 1977, that all land matters be referred to the Land Committee. Question raised that land acquisition is not going through the Land Committee. Reminder made that all land transactions be coordinated with the Land Committee and the Land Office prior to approval by the Business Committee. Margaret made a motion that we get a report from that section of land (15 acres located at H & Ranch) to find out from the Land Committee what is going on. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ted White: He presented a memo dated 8/17/78 concerning reorganization of the Personnel Selection Committee. The memo contained a request that this reorganization be considered on tonight's agenda and that the proposed reorganization of the PSC be composed of four members: the program director whose program has the vacancy, the Personnel Manager, a CETA employee counselor (who would serve as EEO Officer) and one member of the present PSC. Norbert moved to approve the requests. Edwin seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed. Myron requested that his name appear whenever he votes against. Motion carried. The record will state that the vote was 5 for and 1 opposed (Myron).

Ted also presented a memo on Food and Nutrition Programs asking what direction the Tribe wishes to take so that we could submit our proposal by August 31, 1978. Question was raised about duplication of funding and/or services. There would be no duplication. Mark moved to support the request and Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Housing Authority: Pat Flynn said he represented OHA per their request. Asked approval of a resolution regarding the Barbara Mendolla parcel. Resolution corrects the description as first lease was on the wrong parcel. Norbert moved to approve. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Myron moved to approve the Housing Authority report for July. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Memos from Amelia: First memo dealt with questions about assistance from HIP, CD/Weatherization and IHS wells and septic. Motion made by Norbert to refer the memo to the Land Committee. Motion seconded by Mark. Motion carried unanimously. Second memo concerned a request for reimbursement for the recount results. Norbert moved and Edwin seconded a motion that they be compensated. Vote was 2 for and 4 against. Motion not carried.

CETA: Margaret made a motion to approve three positions with the Museum contingent upon sufficient CETA allocations for FY '79. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Margaret made a motion to approve the termination of David Danforth from the Garbage Collector position and to repost the position. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Tony asked for a Business Committee replacement to the Manpower Board which meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8:30 - 12:00. Myron requested that the minutes read that Mark volunteered to fill the replacement that Amelia filled while on the Council. Mark made a motion to approve the recommendations contained in a memo concerning the CETA Review Process, namely, that the Oneida CETA Program continue to be under the review of the Oneida CETA Manpower Council as required by law and that the Oneida Tribe GED Program file a monthly report to the Oneida Education Board. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Tony presented a diagram of proposed office space for the CETA offices after Headstart moves out. Prior discussion with the Bookkeeping Department indicates that they do not feel the space would be adequate because of wiring needs and also because of inadequate security. Cost of CETA using the space would run approximately \$2500-\$3000 but they would be able to negotiate increased rent of up to \$900-\$1000/month. They are currently paying \$600/mo. Myron suggested that we sometime in the future look into having a meeting room for Tribal meetings/functions. Norbert moved to concur with the request for CETA. Edwin seconded. Vote was 5 for-1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried.

Longest Walk: Presentation was made regarding the Longest Walk and what it means to the Indian Community. Chas announced that there would be a Feast on Friday, August 25, 1978, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall in honor of the Longest Walk people. The community is invited; festivities include dancing and speakers.

Agriculture: Chas presented a status report on his project. He suggested that we establish a fund for short-term loans. Also indicated that the Project is now down to one avenue for funding. Margaret made a motion that we pursue the alternative of trading our forklift for the agricultural equipment that Chas' project needs. Edwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Andrew & Evelyn Cornelius: Myron made a motion that Andrew and Evelyn be taken care of as soon as possible. Seconded by Norbert. (Secretary and Chairman will contact IHS.) Discussion about finding funding elsewhere brought a suggestion that we try OTDC but will take up the issue at the special meeting with them. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Arlene Summers: Myron moved that we add their name to the list. Discussion that we service the elderly first. Mark seconded the motion. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Tribal Secretary Request for Wages: Request asked for \$12,500/year. There was lengthy discussion concerning justification of salary in that amount. Previous Secretary had a salary of \$10,070 set on January 1, 1978. Myron read portion of the Constitution and Bylaws concerning the Secretary's duties. Myron made a motion to set up a meeting of the Business Committee and the Secretary to define the duties and responsibilities of that position, with the meeting being held Wednesday, August 23 at 1 p.m.

There was no second so motion died for lack of support. Mark made a motion that the Secretary be paid at the amount she requested. Norbert seconded. Vote was 3 for-2 opposed (Myron)-1 abstention. Motion carried.

Education Board: Rochelle Primeau presented the proposed Education Board Policies and indicated that she had spoken with the majority of the program directors indicated on the memo asking for their feelings about being included under the Education Board. CETA per Tony requested that they be deleted under the Education Board but that the GED Program make monthly reports to the Education Board. Discussion ensued on how the other programs felt. Rochelle reiterated that she spoke with all the directors of the programs and told them to attend tonight's meeting if they had any problems with the proposal. Myron made a motion to delete CETA, Kali Wisaks and IAT from the policies per their requests. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Margaret to approve the Education Board Policies. Edwin seconded. Vote was 5 for-1 abstention. Motion carried. Margaret made a motion that all Program Directors be informed in writing of the action taken by the Business Committee and that any further questions be brought before the Committee for review. Myron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Youth Program: Request was made to approve a trip to Wisconsin Dells because they need permission to take trips over 100 miles. Pat moved to approve the request. Myron seconded. Motion amended to include approval for trip taken in July that was approximately 120 miles. Direction was given to get prior approval for these requests hereinafter. Motion carried unanimously.

Health Board: Request was made to approve the personnel policies of the Oneida Tribal Refuse Service. Mark made a motion to approve. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Request made to approve the posting for a Clinic Administrator. Norbert moved to approve. Pat seconded. Myron asked about duplication of duties on a day-to-day basis with the Health Director. Vote was 5 for-1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried. Request was made to approve the flow chart as presented. Norbert moved to approve. Pat seconded. Vote was 5 for-1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried. Request of Allan King for three drivers to act also as supervisors for other members of the crew and to be responsible for maintenance of truck and assigned routes. Mark made a motion to approve the request. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for-1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried. Request made to approve Prudence Doxtator to replace Pat Misikin on the Health Board. Norbert moved to approve and Myron seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Pat corrected the Health Board minutes to state that she offered to buy the supplies from the Board and that she did not, therefore, request to "keep" the supplies.

Cleo Peters: Request was made to use the old school building on Highway J next to the senior citizen buildings for the Oneida Girls Club. Myron made a motion to approve. Edwin seconded. Vote was 4 for-2 opposed. Motion carried.

Request from Para-Legal: They requested two people to serve on the Client Council Committee. It was suggested that two of the new para-legal members could serve. It was also suggested that an advertisement be placed in the Kali Wisaks. Names of interested persons are to be submitted to the Tribal Secretary. There will be an orientation meeting on October 9, 1978, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart.

701 Planning: Margaret made a motion to approve the travel request of Carl Rasmussen to attend a two-day conference on August 29-30 in Lacrosse. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Norbert to accept the resignation of Steve Milquet. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Norbert was seconded by Pat to approve the posting of Community Planner. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mark that the Business Committee notify the Land Committee, Education Board, Housing Authority, Recreation Committee, Health Services, Youth services and the Commission on Aging that their Goals and Objectives lists must be completed and turned in as soon as possible. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mark made a motion to approve the diagram showing the renovation plans for the Boys and Girls Club building in the Flying Leaf Sub-division. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried.

IAT: Pat made a motion to approve the final budget revision for FY'78. Seconded by Margaret. Motion carried unanimously. Norbert moved to approve a 40¢/hr. raise to \$7.00/hour for John Russell, electrical instructor effective October 1, 1978, and that this be considered an annual raise. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GLITC Nutrition - JoAnne Pruitt: She requested approval of a resolution endorsing GLITC to submit a P.L. 93-638 funded Child and Family Outreach Proposal which would assist tribes to control the placement of tribal members in non-tribally foster and adoptive care. Motion by Mark that the Tribe adopt the resolution. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Second request asked for approval for a resolution to support a proposal to the Federal Government from the GLITC, Inc. for funds to implement a Nutritionist Program to address the multi-dimensional needs for a nutritionist specialist to provide consultant application to assist local Indian communities in developing nutritional programs. Norbert moved to adopt the resolution. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

White House Pre-Conference on Indian Library & Info Services: Myron moved that the material be referred to the Education Board. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Norbert made a motion to contact the Solicitor regarding the airport improvement project. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Audrey asked for four days vacation. Margaret moved to approve. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Norbert made a motion to approve the 93-638 renewal contracting for the Health Center in the amount of \$1,460,000. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Parking Lot Behind Civic Center: Motion by Norbert to implement the previous action to get started on the parking lot behind the Civic Center. Seconded by Pat. Motion carried unanimously. Secretary will send a letter to Sonny King.

Margaret made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Pat. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Patricia Misikin, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee