



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

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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.

## SPECIAL MEETING

November 7, 1980

9:10 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Purcell Powless; V-Chairman Norbert Hill; Secretary Wanda Webster; Treasurer Wendell McLester; Loretta Metoxen, Edwin King Jr., Mark Powless.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Villegomez, Carl Rasmussen, Donna Bissell, Harriet Reiter.

Purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Commodity Program Director and go over some of the concerns in which the Supervisor of that program has.

### EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Joe presented a recommendation from the personnel department recommending Marilyn King as the Secretary for the E.O.C. Program. The second choice was Marianne Close.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the recommendation of Marilyn King for the position of E.O.C. Secretary. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention (Edwin). Motion carried.

Chairman Powless stated that Bruce King will be going to Washington and Norbert and Wendell will be going along, Norbert's travel will be coming out of CETA. The purpose of the trip will be to address revenue sharing and ITAC, they will be leaving on Sunday. The Chairman requested travel on behalf of Wendell and Norbert.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the request. Mark seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

### FOOD COMMODITY PROGRAM:

Donna Bissell stated that the USDA was suppose to meet here with us today, but could not make it. Donna stated the warehouse is not large enough, the USDA will not build a new building, but would renovate a building and the Tribe could collect rent on as long as the funds used to build that building were Tribal funds. Donna stated there should be no problem with the renovation of the present commodity warehouse, after the information is sent in by Bruce stating there were no federal funds used to renovate the warehouse. Carl stated that letter was sent in to Donna last month, Donna stated she in holding the letter, it was never sent in to the USDA, but it will be going in next week with a revised budget. She also stated that the rent for the warehouse should be no problem if justified.

Donna asked consideration in moving Nori to the warehouse as it would be much easier for the people receiving commodities. Harriet stated it better for the RNIP program as there is a lot of people being referred back and forth to those two programs. Donna stated the warehouse man is not doing his job, as there is around 125 cases of food missing, also, Robert gave food retro-active to clients on certain items. Discussion followed on the position of the warehouse man (Robert Schuyler).

It was decided to go over each item of concern.

1. (a) Certification Office be put with the Warehouse.

Motion was made by Loretta that Oneida request \$4.00 per square foot, equivalent to other approved budgets. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

Discussion on moving Nori to the warehouse, Wendell stated we should have something in writing to this effect from GLITC, as this is the first we have heard of some of these problems.

Motion was made by Wendell that we keep our same system as it is now, until such time when we will be re-imbursed for our efforts. Edwin seconded. Discussion: all social services programs should be together, there is currently no space for the RNIP program in this building. Also discussed was the rental space of Nori's office. Vote was 5 for with 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

Donna stated the amount of people receiving commodities is 700 plus.

1. (b). The Purchasing Agent has the signed rental agreement for the Van.

(c). Re-troactive rent and telephone monies for warehouse and certification office from July to October. (The Accounting Office and Program Director will work this out).

2. Authorization of renovation for the Warehouse.

Carl stated that Bruce had sent all the information in with a budget of \$82,000 for the renovation of the warehouse, once the USDA approves the budget, we can expand. Motion was made by Wendell to approve the renovation pending USDA approval. Donna asked if the Tribe would consider building a shell and renovate it into a building. Wendell withdrew his motion. Discussion on a possibly site for the commodity program.

Motion was made by Loretta that we request renovation funds to be included in the Food Distribution Program. Norbert seconded. Discussion: air conditioning, sliding doors, etc. should be included in the budget. Wendell asked to amend the motion to read "contingent on up front monies to do the renovation". Vote was 4 for with 1 abstention (Edwin) and 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

3. Local Administration Monies

Donna stated there are no administration monies, but it can be put in the budget. Discussion on any administration for that program which is done by the Tribe and on indirect costs. Loretta suggested putting 0-28% in the budget for indirect cost.

Motion was made by Loretta to request 14% indirect cost in the budget. Wendell seconded. Vote was 4 for with 1 abstention (Edwin) and 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

4. Responsibilities and Better Communication

Any information sent to Nori from GLITC a copy should be sent to Harriet Reiter, as she is the immediate supervisor, Harriet is to also sign all time sheets and travel requests. Donna stated in the future she will be making monthly visits to Oneida.

5. The Need for Two More Workers in the Food Commodity Program

Harriet expressed concern should Nori or Robert not be able to work. Donna stated that is why there are two secretaries included in the budget.

Discussion on Robert's capabilities as warehouse man, complaints should have been sent to his supervisor. Harriet stated there are some people that are receiving both commodities and food stamps at the same time. Wendell stated this is a personnel matter and should be handled by Personnel Manager to the satisfaction of the Business Committee.

Motion was made by Wendell to refer this matter to the Personnel Manager and the Compliance Officer until this matter is resolved. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

(Joe, Donna, and Harriet leave)

#### RE-ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Joe presented the designated assignments and requested that it be retroactive to October 1, 1980. There are some changes made which are: Wendell will serve as the liaison person to Bingo, Edwin will also have ANA Program and Mark will be the liaison person to the Income Maintenance Program along with their other programs.

Motion was made by Mark to adopt the structure of designated assignments and that it be retro-active to October 1, 1980, with the corrections that were made. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FARM LEASE

Discussion on the Farm Lease. Wendell stated the signing of the Lease should be done today, everything should be finalized today. If there the Lease is not signed today, action should be taken to evict the people from the premises within a period of time. Mark stated he will call the Farm and find out if the documents are ready to be signed, if not he will give them notice to evict the premises with in 30 days.

Meeting ended at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Wanda Webster, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee