



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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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

January 30, 1981
9:30 A.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ted White, Jerry Hill, Francis Skenandore, Ben Vieau.

Ben had requested a special meeting with the Business Committee for an opinion concerning his non-involvement in Tribal activities.

The Attorneys suggested we meet separately before meeting with Ben. Francis brought the Committee up to date as to what has happened with Ben since the last meeting with him. Ben had paid back the refuse program the \$72.00 he had collected from pick-ups in Issar, but had put a stop payment on it, so the check came back marked "non sufficient funds". The Law Office is currently getting documents from the Health Center and Accounting Office on this. Ben is asking if the Business Committee will drop their decision concerning his participating in Tribal activities.

Loretta stated a time limit needs to be considered and put on Ben's case for him not participating in Tribal activities.

Motion was made by Loretta that Ben provide restitution of \$72.00 to the refuse service, immediately, if he has not done so, and that the previous action apply to him for the duration of one year (from July 8, 1980). Wendell seconded. Discussion: Jerry recommended that we hear from Ben before action is taken on the motion.

(Ben arrives).

Question was asked if the refuse program actually got re-imbursed, Ben stated he had talked with his Lawyer, who advised him that he was to pay back the money to the individuals in Issar himself, as he was the one that received the money. That's why he stopped payment on the check to the refuse service. Ben stated the people in Issar wanted a continuation of refuse service, and he was going to do this on his own, he had a verbal agreement with them. Ben stated he is prepared to re-imburse the people. Ben stated he would like to get back in tribal activities. (Ben leaves).

Jerry stated the Business Committee should consider that Ben is willing to repay the people, the damage is to the refuse service, not to Ben. Discussion followed as to the dates that were in the letter from Audrey, and also the fact that Ben has been nominated for the Education Board. The Law Office will send a memo to Ben on the action that was taken today. Mark recommended that the Lawyers should include in the letter that Ben should withdraw his name from the position he was nominated for, Education Board.

Vote on the above motion was 3 for, with 1 abstention (Wanda) and 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

It was decided to meet with the BIA concerning the 639 proposal, and reconvene back at 2:00 P.M. for the Campaign for Human Development Proposal. Mark asked if the Lawyers could stay for the meeting with BIA officials.

THOSE ALSO PRESENT WERE: Luke Abrahms, Frank Cornelius, Dean Blue and Loretta Webster.

Loretta Webster briefed everyone on what has happened with Oneida's 638 proposal so far. The first proposal that was sent in, the BIA could not fund an economic development project. Because it is over \$100,000 it has gone to the Solicitors Office. Frank stated he has not received any information on this. Mark stated why are we having this conflict with the BIA, is the BIA going to determine what the Tribe wants? Luke read the rules and regulations for 638 proposals, he also stated that we will probably not get our proposal funded, if it is not funded, we can appeal the decision, rewrite the proposal. Luke also stated 638 funds cannot be used to provide economic development.

Motion was made by Loretta that the Law Office request an immediate response from the Area Office on the 638 Grant. Wendell seconded. Vote was 4 for with 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

Luke stated the 638 proposal can be re-written to the satisfaction of the BIA, but we need an answer from the Area Office first.

Discussion on the new 638 Resolution which was earlier tabled.

Motion was made by Wendell to take the Resolution off the table. Loretta seconded. Vote was 4 for with 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wendell to adopt the new 638 Resolution. Loretta seconded. Vote was 3 for with 2 opposing (Mark and Edwin). Motion carried.

Loretta had some information on CAP funding, she stated a Tribal Government can determine who can serve on the board, NCAI will work with a Tribe in writing a proposal.

Motion was made by Loretta that we apply for funds for a CAP Agency, and to work with NCAI for technical assistance. Mark seconded. Discussion: Mark stated we need to have something in writing on CAP funds, Loretta Metoxen will provide that information to the Business Committee and also to Loretta Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Powless stated he has received a call from WFRV-TV and from WDUZ radio station to participate in a talk show which will be on Sunday morning. Mark stated he would recommend that whoever interviews provide a set of questions before the interview, and that it not be taped.

Edwin requested a closed session with Ted White. (Everyone else leaves).

Ted stated the ANA proposal is just about complete now, just a few more objectives need to be added. Ted also stated that on 1/29/81 around 4:30 P.M., Ann Bowker called and he informed her that the proposal would be in by 2/6/81, in the conversation that followed, Ann stated that the Tribe is in violation of nepotism, being Wendell is on the Business Committee and Mary is the Director of the ANA program. Ted stated that Joe will come up with some recommendations as to what to do, as Ms. Bowker needs to know what the Tribe plans to do about this by Monday.

Wendell requested Ted to document the chain of events as to how this came about for the Business Committee, and the Committee should have known about this or it should have been brought to our attention sooner.

Motion was made by Mark to request a waiver of nepotism. Loretta seconded. Vote was 4 for, with 1 abstention (Wendell). Motion carried.

Discussion followed as to transferring Mary to work with Arts and Crafts at the Museum, when the new ANA proposal starts.

Motion was made by Mark to recess until 2:00 P.M. today.

MEETING CONTINUED AT 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Purcell Powless, Secretary Wanda Webster, Mark Powless, Edwin King Jr., Loretta Metoxen.

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Hill and Francis Skenandore.

Francis presented a letter he had in draft form to Ben Vieau of the action which taken at the meeting this morning.

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Francis presented a letter from Bob Thomas asking if the Tribe would purchase Thomas Oil through a grant from the BIA, or if the Tribe would buy Kelloggs Bank portion of the SBA loan in the amount of \$27,250 or what would the Tribe buy it from him, not money but through other arrangements.

Mark stated he would stick to the action that was taken in this matter, Loretta stated she would like to know more about a loan of this sort through the BIA. Motion was made by Loretta to table this for more definite information from the BIA. Edwin seconded. Vote was 3 for with 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried. Mark will get information on this.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL:

Motion was made by Edwin to approve the CHD proposal. Loretta seconded. Discussion: There is no indirect cost included in the budget, and also on the in-kind services the Tribe contributes. Motion carried unanimously.

Francis gave an oral report on the hearing on Bingo, he stated they had proved all points to get an injunction issued, there is no deadline for the Judge to make a decision.

Meeting ended at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda Webster, Secretary