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# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



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

April 27, 1981  
9:10 A.M.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Francis Skenandore, Jerry Hill, Kathy Hughes, Alma Webster, Sandra Ninham, Kate Stevens, Lloyd Powless, Dick Shikoski.

The Bingo Committee had requested a special meeting to discuss a new bingo building or remodeling of the Civic Center gym. Sandra stated the Bingo Committee needs direction from the Business Committee as to go ahead with plans to construct a bingo building or take over the gym. Norbert asked Francis where we are with the bingo complaint, Francis stated the motion to dismiss looks favorable, the trial will determine the future of bingo. Wendell stated all the plans for a bingo building were drawn up before Christman, the only information lacking was a financial statement. Discussion on lending institutions and building a bingo building. Myron stated if we build a building, we need to consider the Tribe's deficit we are now in, and if we borrow we need to pay back a certain amount back per month. Mark suggested to hold bingo building plans in abeyance until the Tribe is in a good financial status, he is not in favor of renovation of the Civic Center gym. Wendell stated he would work with the Bingo Committee to follow up on lending institutions and come back with a proposal of how much of a loan is needed, the interest, time of loan, and the cost per month and year. Discussion on where a bingo building would be built. The Bingo Committee stated they could get the needed information from the Banks within a week. Sandra stated the gym floor needs to be repaired.

Motion was made by Loretta to fix the gym floor at the Civic Center. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wendell that we delay final decision on a bingo building for two weeks until necessary information is completed as to if a new bingo building is feasible, based on the information from lending institutions. Loretta seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention (Mark), and 1 opposing (Myron). Motion carried.

Sandra asked who will have the authority to get bids for the gym floor, Lloyd stated he would assist the Bingo Committee on getting estimates.

Motion was made by Norbert to direct OTDC to assist the Bingo Committee is getting estimates for floor repairs. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the rent that the Bingo operation pays the Civic Center, Sandra stated they pay \$155.00 per session for maintenance. Sandra stated they had a person working at bingo but had to let him go as he was a non-tribal member.

Motion was made by Myron to hire back the person they had working at bingo, that funds be put into civic center funds to pay his wage. No second, motion dies for lack of support.

Sandra stated that the revised policies for the bingo workers have not been approved by the Business Committee.

Motion was made by Loretta to take action on the policies sometime this week. Mark seconded. Discussion: The revised copy was not given to the Business Committee, Sandra will provide

The Business Committee a copy. Vote on the motion was 6 for with, with 1 abstention (Mark). Motion carried.

Discussion on instant bingo, Sandra stated there is no set policy for this, Loretta stated she is in favor of the Museum having a instant bingo night, they may be funded by Fort Howard. Alma stated the Business Committee should make decisions on instant bingo.

Motion was made by Loretta to request the Museum staff to keep the Museum open and that their hours be reimbursed contingent on receiving a grant. Wendell seconded. Vote on the motion was 3 for, 3 oppose, 1 abstention. Chairman votes in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Moratorium is on programs receiving instant bingo. Wendell stated he would like to meet with the bingo committee at 1:00 P.M. today.

REQUEST FROM JUDY CORNELIUS:

Request from Judy Cornelius to hold a special meeting on May 9, 1981 at the Seminary. It was decided to schedule it in one of the Business Committee weekly meetings, May 11, 1981 at 9:00 A.M.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:

Joe stated he would come in whenever he is needed, new job descriptions for the Business Committee are done.

Motion was made by Loretta that Joe be included in the 2 meetings per week. Norbert seconded. Vote on the motion was 6 for with 1 abstention (Mark). Motion carried.

TOBACCO ENTERPRISE:

The two requests for tobacco licenses was discussed, Edwin stated he thinks the Business Committee should not make a decision on this request at this time.

Discussion on tax rule 9.08, and how it would effect Indian tobacco operations. Also discussion on the Tribe controlling the cigarette operation. Mark stated he would like to talk with the other Wisconsin tribe's on cigarette operation.

Motion was made by Mark to get on the agenda for the next GLITC meeting to address Oneida's tobacco operation and bingo, and that the Menominee Tribe also attend. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Next GLITC meeting will be 5/21/81 at the Oneida Health Center).

Discussion on the amount to charge for a license, Loretta stated she is in favor of issuing a license, but she will not vote on this as she is part owner of a business that is requesting a license. Wendell stated we should consider an increase in excise tax and also set a license fee, also those applying should come before the Business Committee to answer questions if needed. Mark suggested a license fee of \$500 a year. Jerry stated a fee should be set, but there is no application form yet. It was decided to have Lloyd Powless present at the afternoon meeting.

Wendell stated he had found out that a new Program Director had made a loan to an individual from program funds. The funds came from transportation funds and is to be paid back in two installments of \$50 each. (Loan was for \$100.00).

Motion was made by Loretta that the Senior Citizen's Coordinator be informed of processing of loans, and a memo be written by the Personnel Director, and if there are any questions he come before the Business Committee. Norbert seconded. Vote on the motion was 6 for with 1 opposing (Myron). Motion carries.

Motion was made by Loretta to notify all Program Director's that individual loans are not to be made out of program funds. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the Tribal enterprises having their own policy and procedures, Dick stated a few of the Enterprise's are taking the good parts of the Tribe's policies and putting it in their own policies and procedures and coming out good. The Tribe should have one set of policies and procedures and all programs and Enterprises should use them.

Motion was made by Mark to recess until 2:00 P.M. today. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting recessed at 11:25 A.M.

MEETING CONTINUES AT 2:06 P.M.

Discussion on cigarette licenses. Francis stated those applying for a license need to submit an audit of their business, a fee needs to be set, and those applying need to renew their license each year. Lloyd stated if those applying get a license, they should stay at the same level OTE is at in terms of prices per pack, carton.

Motion was made by Myron to set a license fee of \$100.00 a year and that OTE control the 20% of cigarette sales. Norbert seconded. Vote was 4 for with 2 abstentions (Loretta and Wendell). Motion carried. Wendell stated the Tribe should increase the tax by 1¢ per pack. The Law Office will handle the notification on the action that was made.

It was decided to take up the Land policy during one of the day meetings, this was scheduled for 5/4/81 at 7:00 P.M. Land Policy will be put on the agenda for 5/4/81 9:00 A.M.

Motion was made by Loretta that Lloyd provide additional information on Oneida Tobacco Enterprise within 14 days to the Business Committee. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


Francis stated licenses are limited to on going Indian owned/operated businesses.

PRIORITY OF PROGRAMS:

Discussion on reorganization. Joe stated whatever decisions we make, we will have to assume we will collect all the indirect cost on programs. Discussion on the separation of administration and governmental functions. Joe stated he will work up another organizational chart and present it to the Business Committee at their meeting on 4/30/81.

Meeting ended at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Wanda Webster, Secretary