



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



UGWA DEHOLUH YATENE

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.

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Approved as
Read
September 6, 1982

-SPECIAL MEETING-

JUNE 29, 1982

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Vice-Chairman.

Present: Norbert Hill, Wendell McLester, Gordon McLester, Howard Cannon, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Frank Cornelius.

Excused: Gary Metoxen

Others: Jean Johnson

ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Oneida Housing Authority is requesting action on the Resolution #6-29-82-A in order to continue the Resident Training and Counseling Program:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby supports and endorses the Oneida Housing Authority's proposal for a Resident Training and Counseling Program and agrees that the Oneida Housing Authority shall manage and implement this Program as successfully as possible."

Tony moved to approve. Howard seconded. Motion carried. Discussion on the July 5th monthly evening meeting. Frank moved to cancel the July 5 meeting because of the Holiday. Wendell seconded. Motion carried.

AIRPORT LAND (26 Acres)

Howard was asked to check on the comparable sales in the Airport area.

There were very few transfers of property in the vicinity of the Airport from early '50's to mid '70's. On June 11, 1974, a 5 acre tract in lot 4 of Section 5, T23N, R20E sold for \$29,000 or \$4,800 per acre computed from recording fee paid. On November 23, 1982, a 4.7 acre tract in Lot 4 of Section 8, T23N, R20E sold for approximately \$2,808 per acre as computed from recording fee paid. An average of these two figures amounts to \$4,304 per acre. Use and location has a bearing on selling price. The bids were closed on June 28, 1982 on the property the tribe might be interested in. Howard will continue to follow this up.

POST OFFICE PROJECT - Carl Rasmussen

Herbert Hoelter and Carl Rasmussen feel the Post office has tried to cut Oneida out of the competition. In the bid package, the Post office specified that all property tax costs will be passed through to them for payment. This removes the one major advantage Oneida had going into this bid competition.

Hoelter is appealing to the U. S. Postmaster General to recall the bid specifications, change the part related to pass through of property taxes and set a new bid date.

As evidence that we have not gone off the deep end, material that Hoelter had sent to the Post Office showing that the issue of property tax exemption has been openly presented to them since day one, has been enclosed. Nowhere along the way was there indication that the bid specifications would read as they do. The last page of Hoelter's April 7, 1980 letter is highly pertinent.

Frank moved to have a letter sent to the Post Master General to recall the bid specifications. This letter will be put together by the Law Office. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

SEMINARY ACQUISITION

Some members of the Oneida Tribe began research in 1973 on the entire history of the now known Sacred Heart properties. An Ad-Hoc Committee was formed, made several recommendations, did more research and there-after disbanded. The Oneida Law Office then pursued the effort with definitive research on points of law and the various development of a brief on behalf of the Oneida Tribe. Simultaneously, the Oneida Land Committee recommended a process for negotiations with the Diocese of Green Bay, which met approval of the Business Committee.

The Sacred Heart Center facilities have a replacement value somewhere between four and five million dollars. The diocese of Green Bay is asking \$1.35 million. It was felt their asking price can be negotiated down somewhat.

We are now hearing the proposal cycle for new requests. We missed this entire year simply because no one from the Tribe was designated nor assigned to seek additional acquisition funds.

The negotiating team consists presently of: Fr. David Kiefer, Mr. John Nelson, Administrator for Diocese of Green Bay, Attorney Phillip Brehm, Attorney Francis Skenandore, Loretta Metoxen. Last year, proposals were sent to at least ten foundations. Some responded. American Can Foundation recently contributed.

Kinnard Wright of the Lutheran Resources Commission - Washington - has been assigned the task of seeking resources for this project until it is finally acquired. However, he needs a local responsible person that is in daily contact with him, a coordinator and liaison between himself, the negotiating, various foundations, governmental representatives and agencies. Loretta V. Metoxen is proposing to be that person on a half-time basis.

BUDGET FOR 1 YEAR

1,040 Hours @ #12.40/hr.	\$13,000.00
Mileage: 300 mi/mox. 20 mi x 12 mo.	720.00
Out of State Travel/4 @ \$600.00	2,400.00
Phone: 40/mo. x 12 mo.	600.00
Supplies: 20/mo. x 12 mo.	240.00

Norbert referred the proposed budget to the Finance Committee. Howard will work with the Land Committee so they are fully informed.

Francis said the Tribe needs someone in the administrative area while he is working on the legislation area. The Green Bay Diocese has been very helpful about the

Seminary Land and the Bishop would like to finalize the issue before he retires.

O.T.E. TRANSFER TO TRIBAL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Loretta Webster in a memo dated June 28, 1982, gave her recommendations regarding the O.T.E. transfer. After discussion on the memo, the Business Committee took the following action. Frank made a motion to rescind the motion of May 7, 1982 which extended the Management Agreement with OTDC to the end of July, 1982.

Howard seconded. Gordon opposed. Motion carried. Frank made a motion to approve the Job Description of the Tobacco Manager. Wendell Seconded. Gordon opposed. Motion Carried. Mark moved to post the Job description of the Tobacco Manager. Frank seconded. Gordon Opposed. Motion carried. Tony made a motion that the Tribal Administrator do what was necessary to take a physical inventory of the O.T.E. starting at 4:30 P.M. on June 30, 1982. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

U.S. HOUSE AND SENATE HEARINGS: ANCIENT INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1982, JUNE 22nd and 23rd, 1982, WASHINGTON D.C.

This is a joint report on the above proposed pending legislation. The effect of this legislation, if passed, would be to totally exterminate, extinguish and forever close any future land claims by any Indian Tribe from that day forward or back. Land claim cases, currently active or pending would, in effect, be immediately stayed or transferred to the Secretary of Interior for a determination of the validity of the claim.

This bill was introduced and jointly sponsored by Senators Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and D'Amato of New York and Representative Gary Lee, 33rd district of New York in April, 1982. At that time, Gary Metoxen, Mark Powless, Francis Skenandore and Jerry Hill appeared to present the Tribe's opposition. After the introduction of the bill, the Business Committee developed the Tribe's official detailed written position specifying the legal points in opposition to the validity of the Bill. The Position Paper was sent to Wisconsin Senators and Congressman Toby Roth, as well as, key administration and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials. For purpose of these hearings, this position paper formed the basis of our prepared testimony before both the House and Senate Committees.

What was new about these hearings on this bill was that they had gotten this far at all. Four years ago, the Cunningham bill was introduced, which was even more repressive and dispossessory of Indian interests. The Cunningham Bill died in Committee then, whereas this Bill has been reported out for hearings. The principle reasons for this are the sponsorship by Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and the fact that this particular legislation has been drafted in a much more careful manner. A further development has been the support of the Reagan Administration.

At both House and Senate Hearings, the Reagan administration was represented by the Solicitor for the Department of Interior who favorably reported on the proposed legislation and the U. S. Department of Justice who assured the Committee that as written, contrary to our analysis and that of all the other attorneys for Indians present there, the proposed bill was constitutional. These assertions provoked several penetrating questions, including the inquiry whether the bill authorized the taking of aboriginal lands without compensation. That question was answered in the affirmative to the astonishment of the Indians, especially when considering this was a statement by the so-called Trustee.

Another development was the willingness of local citizens from New York and South Carolina to come in buses, over 50 persons, organized to lobby in favor of the bill. They were organized, adamant, and self-righteous in their opposition to the Indians. And, of course, they were encouraged by Allen Vangestle, who also testified before both Committee's.

The consensus is that this bill will fail again. However, it should be viewed as part of a process by which each new bill becomes more sophisticated and less objectionable to Indians. Finally, the Reagan administration has indicated that the following three amendments be made part of the proposed bills; (1) States should participate in any settlement to the extent of 50% of any Compensation to Tribes. (2) Any agreement should include the Secretary of Interior, the State and the Tribe as signatories, and, (3) The legislation should include the claims of all tribes throughout the United States.

DOCKET 301

The dismissal date is July 19, 1982

FUEL TANK AT ONEIDA ONE STOP

We will be going to court on the fuel tanks.

HOUSE REPAIRS - Vernon Jourdan

Francis is still checking on this problem

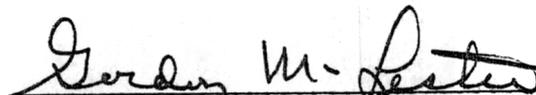
Business Committee Expense Voucher Policy was discussed. No action taken.

Howard moved to approve Norbert to go to Lac du Flambeau Meeting of GLITC. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Frank request July 2 vacation. Howard moved to approve. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Mark made a motion to recess. Tony seconded. Motion carried meeting adjourned at 1

Respectfully submitted,


Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary