

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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



UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE  
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

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## REGULAR MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1991

Present: Rick Hill-Chairman, Loretta V. Metoxen-Treasurer, Amelia Cornelius-Secretary, Lloyd Powless, Russell Metoxen, Mark Powless, Shirley Hill-Council Members

Excused: Julie Barton (NIGA-Tampa, FL)

8:45 a.m. Meeting with members of the Commission on Aging and VFW.

Others: Chester Smith, Howard Cannon, Leslie Danforth, Woodrow Webster, Norris Skenandore, Phillip Skenandore, Carl Parker, Ernie Stevens Sr., Norbert Skenandore

Discussion on flying the US Flag and the Oneida Tribal Flag at Norbert Hill Center.

Amelia Cornelius moved to fly the American Flag for the next 60 days at the Norbert Hill Center and to look at purchasing another pole for flying the Tribal Flag.

PRAYER: Chairman Rick Hill

Others: Ernie Stevens Sr., Debbie Powless, Kathy King, Bryan Marozas, Chris Johns, Lorayne Bargman, Matt Powless, Alan King, Diane Wilson, Gerald Doxtator, Norbert Skenandore, Margaret King, Attorney Hill, Don Hill, Arlene Benson, Sue Paremski, Michell Cornelius, Dorothy Powless, Mark A. Powless, Ernie Stevens Jr., Kathy Metoxen, Chas Wheelock.

I. CALL TO ORDER 9 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Debbie Doxtator moved to adopt the agenda, Shirley Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Point of Order - General Tribal Council Poster for March 4, 1991 meeting.

Debbie Doxtator moved that the Secretary repost the posters to reflect the Agenda Items in order, and to add "Refreshments Will Be Served". Also provide a list of locations for posting, Shirley Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEES: Karen Antone, Carmen Danforth, Marvel Denny

IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED: None Scheduled

TABLED UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

REPORTS

1. ~~HUMAN RESOURCES~~
  - A) Approval Requested for:
  - B) Hiring Information:
    - 1) Mental Health Psychotherapist - Mary Vvalther
    - 2) Receptionist-Optical Dept.-Diane doxtator
  - C) Transfers/Promotions/Reassignments
2. TRAVEL REPORTS
  - A) Bryan Marozas - New York - GIS

256,532 in claim areas. Bryan needs to meet with Litigation Committee to discuss the need and scope of work. Rick Hill recommends weekly meetings with the Litigation Committee.

3. OTHER REPORTS

- A) Bill Kelly - First Americans Dev. Corp. of Milwaukee  
(Report will be handed out at meeting)

Shirley Hill moved to table until next week, Debbie Doxtator seconded Motion carried.

- B) NCAI Documentation RE: former NCAI Exec. Director

Loretta Metoxen moved to take the NCAI Executive Director Issues from the Table, and the Resolution. Amelia Cornelius seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #2-22-91-A:

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, is and has been a long time member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and

RESOLUTION #2-22-91-A (Continued)

WHEREAS, the present Executive Director of NCAI has reported information to the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, of misfeasance and mismanagement by the prior Executive Director, Suzanne Harjo, and

WHEREAS, such action may have irreparably damaged the reputation, financial security and administrative continuity of the National Congress of American Indians.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin support the National Congress of American Indians Board of Directors to have the Executive Director meet with legal counsel and present a report to the NCAI Board on possible civil action that may be taken against Suzanne Harjo while she was Executive Director.

Loretta Metoxen moved to approve - Oneida Tribe and adopt Resolution #2-22-91-A, Debbie Doxtator seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd Powless moved to have Attorney review the Resolution to protect the Tribe, Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTIONS

A) Oneida Community Library Application for Family Literacy Project Resolution #2-22-91-B - Chris Johns

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has demonstrated a strong and consistent support of the Oneida Community Library both fiscally and in the programs it provides; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin considers reading and writing skills to be essential to the development of strong individuals and families who are the lifeblood of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin recognizes the need to improve the literacy skills of children, young adults and older persons in a way that is consistent with the special and unique culture of the Oneida People.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin supports the application of the Oneida Community Library to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction LSCA Title I Grant Program for funds to operate the Oneida Family Literacy Project.

Loretta Metoxen moved to adopt Resolution #2-22-91-B, Debbie Doxtator seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Oneida Planning Dept. Application for FmHA Housing Grant Assistance Resolution #2-22-91-C

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has determined that safe, sanitary and affordable housing for Tribal members on the Oneida reservation is a problem and a priority issue; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has declared its intent to seek and secure assistance to improve the housing conditions of Tribal members living on the Oneida Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin supports the application of the Oneida Planning Office to the Farmers Home Administration for grant assistance under the FmHA Housing Preservation Grant Program for Fiscal Year 1991.

Amelia Cornelius moved to adopt Resolution #2-22-91-C, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Plummer is providing information for commetary opportunity by hand distribution.

2. REQUESTS

A) Finance & Appropriation Recommendations of February 20, 1991 - Loretta Metoxen

No action on Finance & Appropriation recommendations until after review of Budget modifications.

B) Resignation of Personnel Commission Member

Amelia Cornelius moved to approve the resignation of Personnel Commission Member Ron Skenandore, and to repost the vacancy. Russell Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

Shirley Hill opposed, as to the process of hiring the Personnel Manager.

C) Oneida Gaming Commission Recommendations of February 18, 1991.

Lloyd Powless moved to defer until this afternoon, Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried.

D) Environmental Resource Board Recommendations of 2/20/91 - Marvin Lucas

Amelia Cornelius moved to refer the Environmental Resource Board's recommendation to the General Manager for a recommendation. Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- E) Urgent Status of President Bush's cutback of Indian Housing Requests for 1992 - Loretta Metoxen

Loretta Metoxen moved that Shirley Hill, and Julie Barton will meet with the Oneida Housing Authority to develop a letter/position to provide testimony. Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- F) Oshkosh Native American Council Request for donations

Amelia Cornelius moved that Lloyd Powless and Russell Metoxen work on this request with Marlin Mousseau, Debbie Doxtator seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wisconsin Action Coalition Request for Renewal of Membership.

Lloyd Powless moved to approve membership renewal, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tribal Policy, Flying the American Flag - Howard Cannon

Previously acted on in the beginning of meeting.

- I) Request for Five (5) Bingo Passes for Mohawk Fundraiser - Kathy King

Shirley Hill moved to approve five Bingo passes for the Mohawk Fundraiser, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mohawk Fundraiser Talent Show is on March 5, 1991.

### 3. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- A) Broydricks & Associates Contract

Shirley Hill moved to have Amelia Cornelius and Attorney Hill develop a contract and bring back to the Business Committee next Friday, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- B) Form for Consultant/Contract Agreement Sign-off Procedures.

Lloyd Powless moved to take the form to the next Directors meeting for more feedback, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried.

- C) Information: Consultant Agreement with Lisa Ericson, MSN & Deanna Bauman

- D) Information: Consultant agreement with Elizabeth Dennison & the Oneida Community Library

4. TRAVEL REQUESTS (Include Cost Estimates)

- A) Request to give testimony at the Minneapolis Area Conservation Officers Association, and Travel Expenses to attend in Washington, D.C.-March 13 & 14, 1991 - Mike King. This trip will be partially refunded by Minneapolis Area Conservation Association.

Lloyd Powless moved to support Mike King and have him work with the General Manager to put travel expenses together, Loretta Metoxen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- B Loretta Metoxen - Arlington, VA. 3/3/91-3/10/91, for NCAI Executive Council Meeting (Total expenses \$990.40). Also the House Appropriations Sub-committee on Interior and Related Agencies has scheduled hearings for tribes to give testimony.

Attorney Hill will assist in development of a testimony. Deferred until this afternoon.

- C) Rick Hill, Julie Barton, Shirley Hill, Madison, WI for Conference on Native American Issues. (Free Registration, Banquet cost \$14.00, Use Tribal Vehicle)

Amelia Cornelius moved to approve travel for the Business Committee members to attend and to share travel expenses, Mark Powless seconded Shirley Hill abstained. Motion carried.

5 VACATION REQUESTS

VIII. OTHER

- A Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Services & Resolution #2-22-91-E

Lloyd Powless moved to approve the wastewater except for Section 6 concerning waivers of sovereign immunity, and to adopt Resolution #2-22-91-E. Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2-22-91-E Reads as Follows:

WHEREAS, the contamination of the soils, surface water and groundwater from failed, inadequate or non-existent sewage waste disposal systems in the central community of Oneida has been documented, and

WHEREAS, the expansion of housing, public facilities and economic development opportunities within the central portion of the reservation has been restricted by lack of wastewater treatment, and

WHEREAS, a facilities plan has recommended constructing a sewage collection system and connecting said system to the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewage District, and

RESOLUTION #2-22-91-E (Continued)

WHEREAS, an agreement between the Oneida Tribe, Oneida Utilities Commission and Green Bay Metropolitan Sewage District has been negotiated, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is intended to supersede all previous agreement whether written or verbal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Business Committee does hereby approve the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Services and authorizes the Chairman and Tribal Secretary to sign said agreement on behalf of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

B. Vacation Request

Amelia Cornelis moved to approve vacation for Kathy King, Feb. 28 thru March 4, 1991, Russell Metoxen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Travel

Russell Metoxen moved to approve travel for Shirley Hill to Madison on February 28, 1991 for Housing Meeting, Amelia Cornelius seconded. Shirley Hill abstained. Motion carried unanimously.


IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. RECESS/ADJOURN

Amelia Cornelius moved to recess until 1:30 p.m., Debbie Doxtator seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Deferred Items:

- \* Jerry M. Hill Contract
- \* Gaming Agreement
- \* Business Plans
- \* Cash Flow
- \* Travel - NCAI

  
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Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee