



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



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1992

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

Excused: Lloyd Powless, Julie Barton -- Vacation

Others: Carol Kraft, Chris Doxtator, Bernice Elm

A Field Office study was completed on April 1 & 2 by the Minneapolis Area Office. They reviewed the process for streamlining. Solution is to hire additional staff to handle land acquisition. Because the Tribes are more economically sound, more tribes are acquiring lands to increase their land base. Other Tribes in Wisconsin are also acquiring lands. Each Tribe has their own priority.

The biggest hold up has been the environmental concerns. They need another Realty Specialist. The Archeological survey cannot be contracted by a Tribe.

9 - staff due probate, four short term.
4 - full time; 1 project lead.

Land Acquisition has been a priority with Oneida.

BIA Staffing:
Realty Officers and Program Assistant.
Leases and Right of Way Section - 3
Carol Kraft and one assistant.

Vann and Carleton Property status:
Environmental Assessment are in process.
Archaeological study was complete last week. Anticipate the land to be in Trust by the end of the year.

Process then is to go to the Agency, the Agency recommends to Area for approval Carol would recommend that the Agency be allowed to give preliminary approval.

After Area Office reviews then the Solicitors Office reviews.

Central office review is only in complicated situations, lands to be used for gambling, off reservation sites.

Present reviews as needed:

- Carol Kraft
- Containment
- Archaeological
- State requirements
- Environmental
- Local Community comments

After reviewed by Agency, they are sent to Minneapolis Area for review

Estimated 350-400 cases at Agency
40 cases pending for Oneida.

Land Acquisition is a political problem.

Option that Tribe provide funds to do Oneida land - Cost \$35,000.00

3 staff in Minneapolis area assigned to land

Hazard level one can only be done when there is no snow on the ground.

Training in Environmental Assessments will probably not be allowed out of the Agency.

Review proposal presented to Bureau of Indian Affairs in regard to Realty Department.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee