

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 made possible

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FEE TO TRUST CASES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1993

Present: Deborah J. Doxtator-Chairperson, Loretta V. Metoxen-Vice Chairperson, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Julie Barton-Secretary, Ernest Stevens, Jr., Gary Jordan, Sandra Ninham, Russell Metoxen, Shirley Hill-Council Members

Others: Bernice Elm, Chris Doxtator, Harriet Talevera, Robin Jaeger, Larry Morin, Bureau of Indian Affairs: Pat Hayes, BIA-DC Sam Rock, Dave Terra, Jim Morin, Carol Kraft, Phyllis Johnson, Carla Clark, Mike Finney, Vera Wilson, Marj Stevens, Kathy Hughes, Mike Lokensgard-Attorney

PROCESS OF FEE TO TRUST

Background process - Bernice Elm

6,134 acres purchased, 3,321 acres in trust, approximately 2,800 acres not in trust. 56 properties need to be put in trust. Taxes: 1992=\$119,000, anticipate 1993=\$200,000.

Checklist - Tribe can complete steps up to the environmental assessments. (27 cases acting on at present). Some need further research, priority lists (see attached).

Pat Hayes: IPA position funded by Tribe is permissible to expedite fee to trust.

Kathy Hughes: What work needs to be done at tribal level.

Robin Jaeger: Compliance with Environmental reviews/surveys prolong the process. Reorganization at agency level but doesn't appear that there will be additional resources. Possible to do Memorandum of Understanding with Oneida to implement position. Will avoid going through the Personnel process which would cause further delays. An Oneida Tribal member would be employed full time at Ashland Office and be under supervision of Carol Kraft's office.

Memorandum of Understanding can be signed by agency superintendent, tribal chairpersons and tribal secretary.

Legislation of Menominee allows them to bypass most systems and go directly to Minneapolis Office. Can we do similar legislation.

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- Possible severe reduction in Bureau of Indian Affairs Realty Department funding.

Fee to Trust regulations currently more liberal with present administration.

Department of Justice also has delaying factors, Ashland office has to comply with (such as requirements, etc.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Memorandum of Understanding: to be developed by; Mike Lokensgard, Chris Doxtator, Shirley Hill, Bernice Elm, Carol Kraft, Jim Morin, Dave Farrar, Realty Office in Ashland, within 30 days.

Send letter to Area Director requesting access to Field Solicitor from Ashland Agency on an interim basis.

Priority put on developing job descriptions as soon as possible.

Meeting recessed at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee