

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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.



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

## SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 16, 1997

NORBERT HILL CENTER

RE: LOWER FOX RIVER, GREEN BAY AND LAKE MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENT  
1:30 P.M.

**Present:** Gary Jordan - Vice Chair, Kathy Hughes - Treasurer, Julie Barton - Secretary, Ernie Stevens, Jr, Leland Danforth, Tina Danforth - Council Members

**Others:** Kris Goodwill, Pat Pelky, Tom Nelson

**Excused:** Deborah Doxtator - Chair, Sandra Ninham, Shirley Hill - Council Members

**Called to Order by Gary Jordan at: 1:30 p.m.**

### Discussion:

Attorney Kris Goodwill stated the reason for this meeting was to get the Business Committee's opinion and approval on what Oneida's position would be as identifying themselves as Natural Resource "parties" vs. "trustees" within the language of the Draft MOU presented to them at this meeting. The MOU is still in draft form and would not be signed at a meeting that she'd be attending on January 17, 1997.

Kathy Hughes asked if authority language would remain as seen in IV. Parties & Advisors.

Kris Goodwill stated that's what the State's objection was and if Oneida could live with that.

Kathy Hughes responded "No" and asked if parties and advisors language changed.

Leland Danforth asked about Secretary Babbitt's letter to the states.

Kris Goodwill stated the letter was to put pressure on states.

Gary Jordan spoke of our Constitution which states "On or near Reservation".

Kris Goodwill stated that off reservation authority hadn't been exercised by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, only on the reservation.

Pat Pelky said states had to come on board in order for this to work and was happy that the state was finally coming on board.

Kathy Hughes asked if line 51 of draft MOU would remain.

Gary Jordan questioned if it remained in, was it necessary to have the last paragraph.

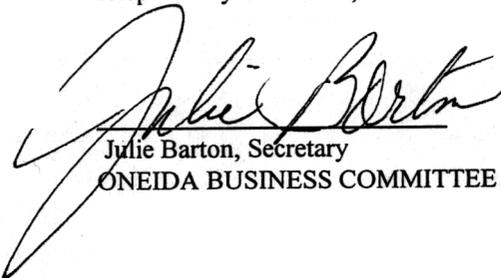
Kris Goodwill thought the MOU was clear cut enough if it remained or was cut. Stated the reason for the meeting was to address the question of trustee language , NADR language.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE OF “NATURAL RESOURCES PARTIES”, WITHIN THE DRAFT MOU BETWEEN THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (WDNR), THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI), ACTING THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVE, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (FWS), THE MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN (MITW), THE ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN (OTIW), THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVE THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA), AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES PARTIES, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO RECESS, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECESSED\ADJOURNED: 2:00 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Barton, Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE