

# 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.

## ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 1997- 9:00 A.M. BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

**PRESENT:** Deborah Doxtator - Chair, Gary Jordan -Vice Chair, Julie Barton-Secretary, Kathy Hughes- Treasurer, Sandra Ninham, Shirley Hill, Ernie Stevens, Jr., Tina Danforth, Leland Danforth-Council Members

**EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clifford Doxtator, Ben Vieau, Erv Thompson, Dottie Krull, Lloyd Powless, Jr., Shane Anton, John Bauman, Mary Greendeer, Fred Muscovitch, Dale Wheelock, Pearl McLester, Heidi Frechette, Kathy Bourin, Dawn Mineau, Darlene Neconish, Yvonne Meteoror, Karen Cornelius, Linda Danforth, Gerald L. Hill

**OPENING:** Leander Danforth

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY GARY JORDAN AT 9:00 A.M.**

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

**Oneida Pow-Wow Committee : (Interim) -administered by Sandra Ninham**

-Lisa Oudenhoven-**PRESENT**  
-Jean Webster-**PRESENT**  
-Lloyd Powless-**PRESENT**  
-Ben Vieau-**PRESENT**  
-Darlene Neconish-**PRESENT**  
-Laura Cornelius-**NOT PRESENT**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**TO REQUESTS:**

4. Art Skenandore RE: Annual Fish Harvest - Pamperin Park

**TO TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

2. Deborah Doxtator RE: Gerald L. Hill Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Atmore Alabama April 4-5, 1997

3 Deborah Doxtator

RE: San Diego, CA NIGA Election Gephardt Reception March 31-  
April 1, 1997

**TO RESOLUTIONS:**

2. Shirley Hill

RE: Rescind resolution 3-19-97-A

**TO EXECUTIVE SESSION NEW BUSINESS**

2. Gerald L. Hill

RE: Attorney Correspondence

3. Gary Jordan

RE: Press Conference

**B. DELETIONS:**

Number 5 from Tabled Business

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

**Regular Business Committee Minutes of March 19, 1997.**

Change language emergent to language emersion

Approved travel for Sandra Ninham to travel to Minneapolis- for the record, she did not go.

**APPROVED AS CORRECTED**

**Special Business Committee Minutes of March 18, 1997**

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

1 Gerry Kurowski/Pat Wood

RE: Activation of \$28,400.00 from the budgeted amount for  
Water & Sewer Archaeologic Studies & transfer \$28,400.00  
to Community Wells & Septic.

2. Gerry Kurowski/Pat Wood

RE: Activation of \$214,000.00 from the budgeted amount for  
Water & Sewer Demolition Projects & transfer of the  
\$214,000.00 to Community Wells & Septic.

3 Paul Witek/Pat Wood

RE: Activation of \$25,000.00 from the \$300,000.00  
budgeted amount for Our Lady of Charity Renovation -  
Project # 94-012. This \$25,000.00 will be used to coordinate  
Engineering Services for the asbestos abatement and  
abatement design.

4 Allen King/Pat Wood

RE: Activation of \$1,400,000.00 from the budgeted amount for Replacement Homes Housing Development - Project # 95-015.

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO LEAVE ITEMS 1-4 ON THE TABLE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5 Wayne Metoxen/Pat Wood

RE: Activation of \$80,000.00 from the budgeted amount for the Nursing Home Renovation - Project # 96004 & transfer of the \$80,000.00 to the budget of Community Wells & Septic. The money will be updating the on-site waste system of the Nursing Home so that it meets the code.

**Excerpt from the March 19, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TABLE REQUEST ITEMS 2-6 FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO TAKE THIS ITEM FROM THE TABLE, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DELETE THIS ITEM FROM THE TABLE BECAUSE THE TRANSFER PROCESS HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VI. REPORTS**

- A. HOTEL CORPORATION-1st Wednesday of the Month - Pat Lassila
- B. APPEALS COMMISSION-(QUARTERLY: JAN 10/APR 10/JULY 10/OCT 9)  
2nd Wednesday of the Month - Carol Liggins
- C. ONEIDA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD - 3rd Wednesday of the Month - Debbie Danforth
- D. HOUSING AUTHORITY-4th Wednesday of the Month-Evelyn Elm

Report Submitted.

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- E. ONCOA-4th Wednesday of the Month-Clifford Duxtator

Report Submitted.

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO ACCEPT THE ONCOA REPORT, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- F. ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION- (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT)  
2nd Wednesday of the Month - Rochelle Powless
- G. ONEIDA AIRPORT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD - (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Gary Metoxen

## H. TRAVEL REPORTS

## I. FOLLOW UP REPORTS/BC DIRECTIVES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Skenandore & Associates RE: G.T.C. Election Petition Final Recommendation

**Excerpt from the March 5, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO SEND THIS ITEM TO FRANCIS SKENANDORE FOR AN OPINION BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. KATHY HUGHES, SANDRA NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due March 19, 1997

**Excerpt from the March 19, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE VERBAL UPDATE AND REQUEST THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due March 26, 1997

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER UNTIL SKENANDORE & ASSOCIATES ARRIVE, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON.**

**MOTION WITHDRAWN BY FIRST AND SECONDER.**

Deborah Doxtator arrived to chair the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST TO MOVE THIS ITEM INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Artley Skenandore RE: Overall analysis on cost of building and renovation compared to normal standards

**Excerpt from the December 18, 1996 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO HAVE AN ANALYSIS DONE IN REGARD TO THE OVERALL COST OF BUILDING AND RENOVATION COMPARED TO NORMAL STANDARDS, BACK IN THREE MONTHS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due March 19, 1997

**Excerpt from the March 19, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due March 26, 1997

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEK, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

**A RESOLUTIONS**

Holly Melchert

RE: Proclamation of "National Nursing Home Week" in conjunction with the Wisconsin Association of Homes for the Aging for the Week of May 11-17, 1997.

**MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 3-26-97-A, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Shirley Hill

RE: Motor Vehicle Resolution 3-19-97-A

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 3-19-97-A AND SEND BACK TO LOC FOR CLARIFICATION BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. REQUESTS**

Keith Summers

RE: Recommendations on Proposals involved with South Africa.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION BY ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL MANAGER NOT TO SUPPORT THE INVESTMENT PROPOSAL IN SOUTH AFRICA BASED ON ELEMENTS OF RISK AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT, DATED MARCH 13, 1997 AND CURRENT FISCAL CONSIDERATION OF NEED WITHIN THE ONEIDA NATION, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. SHIRLEY HILL ABSTAINED, TINA DANFORTH, JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED.**

For the Record, Tina Danforth abstained due to a lack of clear communication between the parties and the presentations received were biased. That did not provide her with the ability to make an informed decision

For the Record, Linda Danforth stated prior to making that type of decision by the Business Committee, she thought it would have been appropriate on their part to ask the individuals that worked for gaming or had worked for gaming with previous management and skills if they's be interested in doing something like that. (Chair replied they already had). She felt it would have been a good idea to go forward for the fact being that you could have asked individuals if they were willing to take into consideration all the risks if they would be willing to go over there to represent the tribe. Secondly, I know that the money is a factor, but she knew for a fact that the gaming management is sitting on a schedule in the black jack department that would save 2.5 million a year. That's the amount that your talking about. I was the assistant director of blackjack, so I know what I'm talking about. And it's sitting there, that's the information I brought forth Saturday and maybe that's the information you should discuss with Mr. Neil Cornelius.

For the Record, Deborah Doxtator complimented the Development Division because they did a very through job in doing the feasibility studies on these businesses that come forward. I don't believe they take these matters frivolously, they look at all the factors that are going to affect the tribe before they come forward with a decision for the Business Committee or a recommendation for the Business Committee. They received as many materials as they possibly could and they reviewed them all. Unfortunately they didn't recieve everything that they needed to address all of the questions. The parties that were to supply the information had plenty of opportunity to do that. I want to compliment them on a job well done.

Deborah Doxtator

RE: Two board recommendations appointed to the Personnel Commission.

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT PAMELA NOHR, CATHY L. CREAPEAU AND CHRIS C. MELCHERT TO THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. LELAND DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Kris Goodwill

RE: Request for signature on amended Outgamie & Brown Counties Farm Service Agency Power of Attorney forms signed by the Chair.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE ON AMENDED OUTGAMIE AND BROWN COUNTIES FARM SERVICE AGENCY POWER OF ATTORNEY FORMS SIGNED BY THE CHAIR, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH.**

**MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO TABLE FOR ONE WEEK FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM THE LAW OFFICE, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. SHIRLEY HILL ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Art Skenandore

RE: Annual Fish Harvest - Pamperin Park

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TABLE THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TAKE THIS ITEM OFF THE TABLE AND APPROVE THE PLAN WITH APPROPRIATE CHANGES OF 1. SHOULD READ " THE OPENING FISHING SEASON" 2. THAT THE INTERNAL COMMUNICATION SHOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, 3. DEPENDING ON THE TIMING OF THE OPENING SEASON, TO TRY TO GET THE MEDIA TO TAKE AN IN DEPTH LOOK COULD ALSO OCCUR IMMEDIATELY, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Deborah Doxtator

RE: Gerald L. Hill Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Atmore Alabama April 4-5, 1997

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS PAY FOR THE COST, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

#### **D. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota for I.H.S. Pre-negotiations on April 1, 1997.

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Deborah Doxtator

RE: San Diego, CA NIGA Election Gephardt Reception March 31 April 1, 1997

**MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST WITH THE CONTINENCY THAT ERNIE STEVENS, JR. REPRESENT THE TRIBE IF HE IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. SHIRLEY HILL OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

For the Record, the Chair stated that Ernie Stevens, Jr. just arrived from giving a welcome speech for the National Gaming Association at the Radisson.

**E. VACATIONS**

**VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**IX. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**X. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS - 1st Wednesday of the Month - Patty Hoefl**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

Jo Swamp

RE: Samurai, Ltd.

Weekly Up-date.

**NO ACTION TO TAKEN**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

Skenandore & Associates

RE: G.T.C. Election Petition Final Recommendation

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE OPINION AND RECOMMENDATION BY SKENANDORE AND ASSOCIATES AND FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THE ELECTION BOARD RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS OF LINDA DANFORTH WITHIN 30 DAYS AND SCHEDULE A GTC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ELECTION BOARD RESPONSE AND WHETHER OR NOT FURTHER LEGISLATION IS APPARENT OR NEEDED TO FACILITATE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTION BOARD REGARDING PAST ELECTION COMPLAINTS AND ELECTION PROCESS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE ONEIDA TRIBAL CONSTITUTION, LAWS, CODES AND ORDINANCES, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO REFER THIS TO THE CAUCUS MEETING FOR THE SECRETARY TO BRING GTC MEETING DATES, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO AUTHORIZE FRANCIS SKENANDORE TO RELEASE HIS MEMO DATED 3-26-97 REGARDING THE GTC ELECTION PETITION TO LINDA DANFORTH AND THE ELECTION BOARD AS PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SECONDED BY**

**SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Julie Barton

RE: GM Contract

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DIRECT KATHY HUGHES TO DEVELOP A NOTICE LETTER FOR ALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE SIGNATURES TO BE SEND OUT CERTIFIED MAIL BY FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1997, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO REFER THE GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT REVIEW DISCUSSION TO THE APRIL 14, 1997 PLANNING AGENDA, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Gerald L. Hill

RE: Attorney Correspondence

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF COUNSEL TO CONTACT THE ITF ATTORNEY REGARDING A DENIAL OF A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE GTC DATE, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Gary Jordan

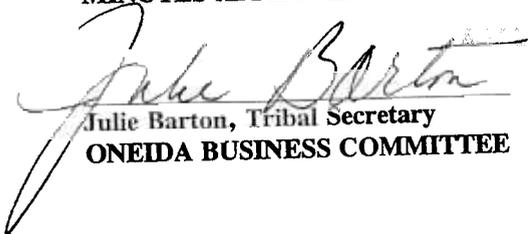
RE: Press Releases

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**XIII. RECESS/ADJOURN - 3:20 P.M.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO RECESS, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED/CORRECTED ON April 2, 1997.**

  
Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**