

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
Monday, September 3, 1997
Norbert Hill Center
2:30 p.m.
Re: Land Acquisition

- PRESENT:** Deborah Doxtator-Chair, Gary Jordan - Vice Chair, Julie Barton, Secretary,, Shirley Hill, Leland Danforth, Tina Danforth -Council Members
- EXCUSED:** Ernie Stevens, Jr., Sandra Ninham - Council members, Kathy Hughes- Treasurer
- OTHERS:** Ken Metoxen, Norma Flauger, Carla Clark, Brenda Kindness, Mary Adams, David Bischoff, Jean Webster, Ralph Powless, Wayne Skenandore, Cecil Skenandore, Kenneth Skenandore, Diane Wilson, Beverly Skenandore, Phyllis Johnson, Glenn Skenandore, Pat Cornelius, Chris Doxtator, Harriet Kindness, Barb Silva, Linda Davis, Bernice Elm, Laura Hill, Maggie Fermanich, Eleanora Cornelius, Karen Wurth, Diane House, Georgiana Shepard

2:30 P.M. Opening

CALL TO ORDER: Deborah Doxtator

II. Presentation

Various Land Commission members gave a presentation to the Business Committee and those in attendance on why a Land Acquisition budget should be approved to achieve 51% ownership during the next 5 years.

Some topics of the presentation included:

Written Strategy: Purchase land parcels before development, aggressively target Outagamie while still intact, develop tribal pricing by sections, place high priority near Duck Creek interceptors.

Mission Statement: It is the intent of the Division of Land Management to reacquire all lands within the original 1838 Oneida Indian Reservation Boundaries of Wisconsin and to preserve e, maintain and utilize such lands according to the needs of our people.

The Oneida Land Acquisition Plan: Originally presented and approved in 1987, it describes the goals and objectives for pursuing the reacquisition of the Oneida Reservation of Wisconsin. The Land Acquisition Plan

states that the Oneida Tribe shall treat land acquisition as the first priority

The Goal: To acquire all of the reservation lands by the year 2020, to achieve 51% ownership within five years
51% is based upon an acceleration of Oneida Ownership.

Why 51% Ownership: Tribal jurisdiction, tribe has controlling interest, more leverage on other issues

Why is 51% Ownership of the Reservation Important? Three governments have jurisdiction within the Oneida Reservation because of the checkerboard ownership of land. The jurisdiction of the tribal government is strongest on land owned and managed by the Oneida Nation, 51% gives the controlling interest within the reservation to the tribal government. Now the controlling interest is with the state, 51% does not eliminate all balancing of governmental interests within the reservation, but it gives the nation's negotiating teams more leverage, no matter what issue is being discussed

Tribal Jurisdiction over Reservation lands: The following table shows the varying level of tribal jurisdiction within the Oneida reservation as compared to the state. Plus (+) means strong jurisdiction and minus (-) means little or no jurisdiction.

Land Ownership	Tribe\State
Trust lands owned by the nation and members	+ \-
Fee lands owned by the nation	+ \+ (only property taxes)
Fee lands owned by the nation members	+ \+ (concurrent)
Fee lands owned by non members	- (except for Montana) \+

Oneida Reservation District Map: The Oneida reservation district map was grouped into quadrants by natural boundaries, the lowest cost for land is estimated from a range of \$800 to \$7,000 an acre.

Real Estate Properties owned by the Oneida Tribe: As of December 31, 1996: Total acres in Brown and Outagamie counties = 10,139, the Oneida tribe owns 15% of the reservation.

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Brown County*	Acres
In trust	1,285
In Fee (taxable)	1,908
Total Acres	3,193

* Includes Pittsfield, DePere, City of Green Bay, Town of Hobart and Ashwaubenon

Outagamie County*	Acres
In trust	4,441
In Fee (taxable)	2,505
Total Acres	6,946

* Includes Town of Oneida and parts of Seymour

Total Acres in Brown and Outagamie counties = 10,139

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How much land reach 51%? Outagamie County ,832, Brown County 9,767 Total acres = 21,599

Previous Land Acquisition Budget:

1992	\$ 500,000
1993	750,000
1994	1,000,000
1995	16,500,000
1996	14,800,000
1997	8,000,000

To reach 51% ownership: 21,500 acres at an estimated cost of \$57,848,500. With the recommendation of a 5 year period at a cost of \$11,569,700

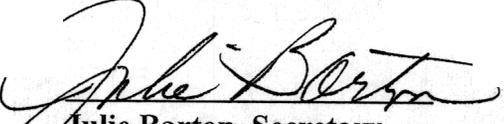
There was a question and answer period by the members in the audience and discussion on the tax issues. After the question and answer period ended, the Business Committee made the following motion regarding the resolution that was presented in the previous mailed out GTC packet for which there was no quorum present at the August 18, 1997 meeting regarding Land Acquisition Budget:

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO TABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17, 1997 AND REFER THE RESOLUTION TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS OR A SPECIALLY SCHEDULED CAUCUS OF THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE AND RETURN FOR A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION ON THAT DAY OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1997, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment - 4:10 P.M.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectively Submitted,


Julie Barton, Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE