

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.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14, 1998 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: David Doxtator, Kitty Melchert, Dottie Krull, Conrad King, G.Powless, Heidi Frechette, Shane Anton, Karen Cornelius, Jim Martin, Jeff Budzban, Patty Hoeft

OPENING: Leander Danforth

I. CALL TO ORDER BY DEBORAH DOXTATOR AT 9:00 A.M.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

Oneida Utilities Commission: - DELETED

-Matt Cornelius

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. ADDITIONS:

TO TRAVEL REPORTS:

2. Ernie Stevens, Jr.

Re: Washington, DC -

TO REQUEST:

4. Deborah Doxtator RE: W-2 Fraud Investigation Referral
5. Kathy Hughes RE: Oneida AMVETS Community Service Award Banquet

TO TRAVEL REQUEST:

2. Sandra Ninham RE: Minneapolis, MN Head Start Performance Standards Training Workshop - Feb. 16-19, 1998
3. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Washington, DC National Tribal Leaders Meeting Jan. 25-26, 1998

TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2. Gerald L. Hill RE: Appeals Decision
3. Skenandore & Associates RE: TAS Litigation Update

B. DELETIONS:

1. Frieda Clary/Lloyd Powless RE: Grant application to the U.S. Dept. Of the Interior B.I.A./Litigation Support Funds which have long-range "Seventh Generation" potential.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:

Regular Business Committee Minutes of January 7, 1998.

Approved as presented

V. TABLED BUSINESS:

VI. REPORTS

A. HOTEL CORPORATION - (QUARTERLY):

NOVEMBER/FEBRUARY/MAY/AUGUST) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Pat Lassila

- B. APPEALS COMMISSION - (JAN 10/APR 10/JULY 10/OCT 9)
2nd Wednesday of the Month - Stan Webster**

Report Submitted.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. ONEIDA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD - 3rd Wednesday of the Month - Debbie Danforth**
- D. HOUSING AUTHORITY - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Evelyn Elm**
- E. ONCOA - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Clifford Doxtator**
- 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**

1. Cristina Danforth RE: N.C.A.I. Conference - Santa Fe, New Mexico - Youth on Red Road Conference, St. Croix, WI.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE BOTH TRAVEL REPORTS, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: NCAI Executive Committee

MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO ACCEPT THE TRAVEL REPORT, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

I. FOLLOW UP REPORTS/BC DIRECTIVES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Kelly Stevens RE: Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Oneida Probation/ Parole and Pardons Program.

Excerpt from the November 5, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO TABLE THIS MOA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE AND THAT THERE BE MORE SUPPORT AND INPUT FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN REFERENCE TO THE MOA BEING PROPOSED, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due November 12, 1997.

Excerpt from the November 26, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO REFER THIS ITEM BACK TO PARDONS AND PAROLES FOR FURTHER REVIEW, BACK IN THIRTY DAYS, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Response Due January 7, 1998.

Excerpt from the January 7, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: ALL FOLLOW-UPS REMAIN ON THE AGENDA

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO REFER THIS ITEM TO THE GENERAL MANAGER'S BI-WEEKLY MEETING, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. LOC RE: O.S.B.D.C. Review By-Laws

Excerpt from the October 8, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM THAT THE BY-LAWS BE FORWARDED TO LOC FOR REVIEW TO BE BROUGHT BACK IN THREE WEEKS, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due October 29, 1997.

Excerpt from the October 29, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due November 5, 1997.

Excerpt from the November 5, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE A THREE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due November 26, 1997.

REMAINS UNDER FOLLOW-UPS - UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 12, 1997 MEETING OCCURS.

Excerpt from the December 17, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DEFER THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT BUSINESS COMMITTEE AGENDA OF JANUARY 7, 1997, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due January 7, 1998.

Excerpt from the January 7, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: ALL FOLLOW-UPS REMAIN ON THE AGENDA

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO REFER THIS ITEM TO THE GENERAL MANAGER'S BI-WEEKLY MEETING, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. Frieda Clary/Lloyd Powless RE: Grant application to the U.S. Dept. Of the Interior B.I.A./Litigation Support Funds which have long-range "Seventh Generation" potential.

DELETED BY REQUEST OF SUBMITTER

2. Cheryl Stevens RE: The Oneida Tribe of Indians, Dept. Of Veterans Affairs, apply to the WI. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs for monies available to improve the coordination of services.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-14-98-A, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Cheryl Stevens

RE: Grant application to the Avon Breast Health Access Fund to provide outreach services to better reach our Oneida women in order to educate and provide referral and screening services.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-14-98-B, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Michael Lokensgard

RE: Central Brown County Water Commission resolution.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-14-98-C WITH CHANGE IN THE FIFTH WHEREAS: CHANGE "MEMBERS" TO "MEMBER" AND CHANGE "TO ABILITY" TO "THE ABILITY," SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

B. REQUESTS

1. Julie Barton

RE: Posting (1) vacant position for the Oneida Nation Museum Advisory Board.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE POSTING THE ONE VACANT POSITION OF THE ONEIDA NATION MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Patricia Brzezinski

RE: Permission to Perform Marriage Ceremony.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. GARY JORDAN ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Keith Summers

RE: Approval to submit proposals to U.S.P.S. for relocation expansion options of Post Office in Oneida.

MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO THE U.S.P.S. FOR RELOCATION EXPANSION OPTIONS OF THE ONEIDA POST OFFICE WITH PROPOSED CONTINGENCIES TO ENSURE ONEIDA GETS A REASONABLE PROFIT AND/OR RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR THE 40

YEAR LEASE, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TINA DANFORTH, SHIRLEY HILL OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

For the Record, Tina Danforth felt they weren't getting cost efficiency for the property that was being proposed in Lot 1 & 2. In regard to expansion, she didn't feel there was enough detail given to what would happen to the Enrollment office. We can't leave a tribal program hanging if we don't know where they'd be placed. She has not seen some of the amendments and it's her understanding that they have not been included in the proposal.

For the Record, Shirley Hill was opposed because she didn't see a problem with the expansion if it were detailed. She hasn't seen a problem with the existing parking space and the existing facilities.

MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH THAT THEY INCLUDE THE RFP AMENDMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR FOLLOW-UP IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Deborah Doxtator

RE: W-2 Fraud Investigation Referral

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE W-2 FRAUD INVESTIGATION REFERRAL, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Kathy Hughes

RE: Oneida AMVETS Community Service Award Banquet - January 29, 1998

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO LEAVE IT UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE ANY AMOUNT FEASIBLE THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO CONTRIBUTE, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. KATHY HUGHES, ERNIE STEVENS, JR. OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

For the Record, Ernie Stevens, Jr. supported the intention of the motioner to have us dig into our pockets for support of this program but I think the Business Committee should be supportive on the record so that the Tribe understands that even though we have chosen to pay for our table from our personal funds, we are in support as the Business Committee.

For the Record, Julie Baron supported their efforts, other tribal organizations have similar fund raising efforts that have an excellent turn out, some precedence has already been set for people to make these contributions back to the community that are done on a personal basis.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO NOTIFY THE ORGANIZATION THAT THEY HAVE THE DISCRETION TO USE PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR BUDGET FUNDS, WHICHEVER IS FEASIBLE, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

D. TRAVEL REQUESTS

1. Cristina Danforth RE: Wellness and Women Conference,
March 8-12, 1998 in San Diego, CA.

MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR UP TO THREE BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Sandra Ninham RE: Minneapolis, MN Head Start
Performance Standards Training Workshop -
Feb. 16-19, 1998

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Washington, DC National Tribal
Leaders Jan. 25-26, 1998

MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR UP TO FOUR BUSINESS COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 Hoefft

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Kathy Hughes/Bruce King RE: Due Diligence Procedures on Investment Projects.

Excerpt from the November 12, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO REFER THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCEDURES ON INVESTMENT PROJECTS TO THE CFO AND TREASURER WITH A REPORT BACK IN THIRTY DAYS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Response Due December 31, 1997.

Excerpt from the January 7, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: ALL EXECUTIVE BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS REMAINS ON THE AGENDA

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO REFER THIS THIS ITEM TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH A REPORT BACK IN SIXTY DAYS, SECONDED SANDRA NINHAM. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Gaming.

Excerpt from the October 29, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE AND DIRECT THE PRESENT SUB COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AND SCHEDULE A DATE AND TIME TO REVIEW THE EVALUATION WITH THE GAMING GENERAL MANAGER AND HAVE THIS COMPLETED WITHIN 30 DAYS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due December 10, 1997.

Excerpt from the December 10, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due December 31, 1997.

Excerpt from the January 7, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: ALL EXECUTIVE BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS REMAINS ON THE AGENDA

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENT THE 3RD YEAR TERMS OF THE CONTRACT AND FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO DETAIL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS WITHIN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED. SHIRLEY HILL OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

For the record, Shirley Hill opposed because she felt our Gaming was not showing any advancement as it should and we should compensate accordingly.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO DIRECT THE TREASURER AND VICE CHAIR TO PURSUE SATISFACTION OF THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. KATHY HUGHES, GARY JORDAN ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Gerald L. Hill RE: Constitutional Issues.

Excerpt from the December 3, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due December 10, 1997.

Excerpt from the December 10, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due December 17, 1997.

Excerpt from the December 17, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: Remains under old business.

Excerpt from the January 7, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: ALL EXECUTIVE BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS REMAINS ON THE AGENDA

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR TO APPROVE CHIEF COUNSEL'S VERBAL UPDATE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Jo Swamp

RE: Contract

Excerpt from the November 26, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TABLE CONTRACT LANGUAGE DISCUSSION PENDING REPORT FROM GENERAL COUNSEL BACK IN TWO WEEKS, AND THE CONTRACT LANGUAGE DISCUSSION BACK IN THREE WEEKS, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response Due December 17, 1997.

Excerpt from the December 17, 1997 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE GAMING GENERAL MANAGER GIVES AN UPDATE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Excerpt from the January 7, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: ALL EXECUTIVE BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS REMAINS ON THE AGENDA

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO GIVE THE GAMING GENERAL MANAGER A DEADLINE OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1998 TO REPORT BACK ON THIS ISSUE, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Jo Swamp

RE: Samurai Ltd.

Weekly Up-date.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO ACCEPT THE VERBAL UPDATE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Deborah Doxtator

RE: General Manager Contract.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO REFER THE GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT BACK TO THE CHAIR'S OFFICE TO CLARIFY SPECIFIC DATES, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Gerald L. Hill

RE: Appeals Decision

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO DIRECT KATHY HUGHES TO SEND A RESPONSE LETTER, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL EXECUTIVE CAUCUS MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1998 AT 10:30 A.M., SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Skenandore & Associates RE: TAS Litigation Update

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

XIII. RECESS/ADJOURN

MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED/CORRECTED ON January 21, 1998 .


Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE