

# 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.

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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.

## ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MAY 20, 1998 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

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

**EXCUSED:** Gary Jordan - Vice Chair, Leland Danforth - Council Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alice Azure, Gail Orosco, Charlene Sanders, Dottie Krull, Shane Anton, Bill VandenHeuvel, Karen Brockman, Charlene Cornelius, Conrad King, Melinda Danforth, Daniel Thomas, Mary Greendeer, Frieda Clary, Rose Kirstetter, L. Danforth, Rita Lara, Pre Leverage, Christopher Johns, Cheryl Skolaski, Pearl McLester, C. Metoxen, Leyne Orosco, Sharon Horn, L. Oudenhoven

**OPENING:** Leander Danforth

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

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**TO RESOLUTIONS**

1. Chris Johns

IHS Self Governance Compact

**TO REQUEST**

2. Jo Swamp RE: Response to NWTC Tax Letter

**TO TRAVEL REQUEST**

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Washington, DC - Self Governance Meeting
3. Sandra Ninham RE: Retro Active approval for Great Lakes Intertribal Meeting in Lac du Flambeau
4. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: National Native Americans Finance Officers Assoc. Meeting

**TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

4. Kathy Hughes RE: Attorney Contract

**B. DELETIONS:**

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

**Regular Business Committee Minutes of May 13, 1998**

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**Special Business Committee Meeting Minutes of May 11, 1998 RE: OSBDC**

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

Gerald L. Hill Re: Cathy L. Metoxens request re: April 20, 1998 G.T.C.

**Excerpt from the April 29, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY ERNIE**

**STEVENS, JR. TO TABLE UPON LEGAL REVIEW, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. SHIRLEY HILL OPPOSED, TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response Due May 6, 1998.**

**Remains on the table**

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

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. TINA DANFORTH, SHIRLEY HILL ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **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**
- C. ONEIDA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD - 3rd Wednesday of the Month - Debbie Danforth**

**Response Submitted**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THIS ITEM UNTIL SOMEONE ARRIVES FROM THE ONEIDA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D. HOUSING AUTHORITY - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Frieda Clary**

**Deferred from April 22, 29, May 13, 1998 until someone from the Housing Authority arrives.**

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO ACCEPT THE ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- E. ONCOA - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Clifford Doxtator**

- F. ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION - (QUARTERLY:  
JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Jeff Metoxen**

**Deferred from the May 13, 1998 until someone from the Oneida Gaming Commission arrives.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION REPORT, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 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. Artley Skenandore

RE: General Manager assigned to coordinate with the school in regard to space need for the day care

**Excerpt from the April 15, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL THAT THIS REQUEST FOR SPACE FOR THE DAY CARE BE ASSIGNED TO THE GENERAL MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH THE SCHOOL IN REGARD TO THE SPACE NEED FOR THE DAY CARE BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. GARY JORDAN OPPOSED. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due April 29, 1998.**

**Excerpt from the April 29, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE A ONE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due May 6, 1998.**

**Excerpt from the May 13, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE A ONE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due May 20, 1998**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE A ONE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Artley Skenandore RE: Status Report and Implementation plan on the Debt Consolidation Program.

**Excerpt from the April 29, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO REPORT BACK IN ONE WEEK WITH A STATUS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due May 6, 1998.**

**Excerpt from the May 13, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK FOR PRESENTATION OF THE PROCEDURES AND TO ACCEPT THE WRITTEN STATUS REPORT, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due May 20, 1998**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Chris Johns RE: Indian Health Service Self Governance Annual Funding Agreement

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 5-20-98-A, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO HAVE CHRIS JOHNS BRIEF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON THE SELF GOVERNANCE COMPACT, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **B. REQUESTS**

1. Tina Danforth RE: Set GTC Date for Approval of 1998 Budget

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO DIRECT THE TRIBAL SECRETARY TO CONFER WITH THE TREASURER ON BRINGING BACK RECOMMENDED DATES AT THE NEXT BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. JULIE BARTON, KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Jo Swamp RE: Response to NWTC Tax Letter

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS ITEM UNTIL JO SWAMP ARRIVES, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE SENDING BOTH LETTERS, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

**D. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

1. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Retro Approval Washington, DC, May 11-13, 1998 - Tribal Leaders Meeting - NCAI

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO RETRO ACTIVE APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Washington, DC - Self Governance Meeting - June 6-11, 1998

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Sandra Ninham RE: Retro Active approval for Great Lakes Intertribal Meeting in Lac du Flambeau

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO RETRO ACTIVE APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. SANDRA NINHAM ABSTAINED.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: National Native Americans Finance Officers Assoc.  
Meeting June 2-4, 1998

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST,  
SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E. VACATIONS**

1. Gary Jordan RE: June 1-3, 1998

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE VACATION REQUEST,  
SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**X. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

1. FOR APPROVAL: Regular LOC Meeting Minutes of April 30, 1998

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE REGULAR LOC MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 1998, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. FOR APPROVAL: Special LOC Meeting Minutes of Friday May 8,  
1998 Regarding Resolution Regarding  
Memorandum of Agreement w/State of Wisconsin  
Regarding Environmental Issues and Statement of  
Effect and resolution regarding Renewal of the  
Oneida Tribe Gaming Compact and Statement of  
Effect.

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL LOC MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 1998, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. TINA DANFORTH  
ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. FOR APPROVAL: Public Hearing Meeting Minutes Regarding the

Investigation Policy of Thursday May 7, 1998

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION POLICY OF THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4 FOR APPROVAL: Special LOC Meeting Minutes of Monday May 1998 Regarding the Proposed Restoration Plan.

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL LOC MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 1998, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5 FOR APPROVAL Oneida Nation Museum Advisory Board By-Laws

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE ONEIDA NATION MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6 FOR APPROVAL Request for the approval of the Public Hearing date of June 11, 1998 regarding the Employee Protection Policy.

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF JUNE 11, 1998 REGARDING EMPLOYEE PROTECTION POLICY, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7 FOR APPROVAL Resolution and Statement of Effect regarding Rider I.

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO SEND THIS ITEM BACK TO LOC TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE AGENDA IN TWO WEEKS WITH THE REVISED RESOLUTION WITH STATEMENT OF EFFECT ATTACHED TO RIDER I, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

8 FOR APPROVAL: Resolution, Statement of Effect, LOC Attorney Opinion and Francis Skenandore's attorney Opinion regarding the Proposed Restoration Plan.

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF EFFECT FORWARDED BY THE LOC COMMITTEE TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL THAT A MEETING BE SET FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE GTC, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH.**

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. KATHY HUGHES, SHIRLEY HILL, TINA DANFORTH OPPOSED. TIED VOTE, CHAIR VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.**

For the Record, Tina Danforth opposed to tabling the GTC discussion meeting because it didn't need to be given more time. Either you wanted to have a discussion with GTC on this issue or you don't. Why do you need another week to decide whether or not you want to discuss something.

**MOTIONER RESCINDED HIS MOTION, SECONDER AGREED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

For the Record, Julie Barton stated that she has not been charged with anything up to this point as an individual. Four members have been identified as allegedly doing something unknown at this point. I have been charged with a governmental legacy that must be passed on intact to that next governmental body, whomever they may be. Until those constitutional rights are used in the proper way, I am officially the Tribal Secretary of this tribe and I will maintain that position until the processes are followed. It's the constitutional rights of this government to operate as we were elected to do. Until something else happens, I will stay in this office.

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR A SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS ON TUESDAY MORNING, SECONDED ERNIE STEVENS, JR.. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS - 1st Wednesday of the Month - Patty Hoeft**

**Patty Hoeft**

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE LITIGATION STRATEGY, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DIRECT GARY JORDAN TO FOLLOW UP ON THE THAMES REQUEST, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Jo Swamp RE: Samurai Ltd.**

**Weekly Up-date.**

**2. Artley Skenandore RE: MOA from Department of Corrections Follow-up**

**Excerpt from the April 15, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE MOA WITH FOLLOW UP FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due April 22, 1998**

**Excerpt from the April 22, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MOA AND THAT A FOLLOW-UP REPORT BE BROUGHT BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due May 6, 1998.**

**Excerpt from the May 13, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE A ONE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due May 20, 1998**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE A ONE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Jo Swamp RE: Compact Negotiation Team Update**

**Excerpt from the May 13, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY JULIE**

**BARTON THAT THE NEXT BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA INCLUDE A FOLLOW UP ON THE COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due May 20, 1998**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE REPORT, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Skenandore & Associates RE: TAS Update\TAS Appeal

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO AUTHORIZE SKENANDORE AND ASSOCIATES TO FILE THE NOTICE OF APPEAL BY MAY 30, 1998, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Cheryl Skolaski RE: Enrollments

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES AND THE ENROLLMENTS, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Ben Doxtator RE: Travel Expenses

**DELETED FROM THE AGENDA**

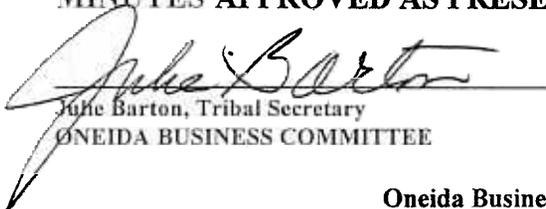
4. Kathy Hughes RE: Sharon House Contract

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE A 30 DAY EXTENSION TO THE SHARON HOUSE CONTRACT AND SKENANDORE AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACT, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XIII. RECESS/ADJOURN - 11:35 A.M.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO RECESS, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED/CORRECTED ON May 27, 1998 .**

  
Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE