

# 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 FEBRUARY 17, 1999 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

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

**EXCUSED:** Deborah Doxtator - Chair, Ernie Stevens, Jr - Counsel Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dottie Krull, Shane Anton, Kitty Melchert, John Berringer, April Volpe, Jeff Carlson, Heidi Frechette, Arleen Elm, Vince DelaRosa, Pearl McLester, Erv Thompson, Roy Metoxen, Donna Richmond, Leyne Orosco, Mary Greendeer, Jeff Budzban, Linda Danforth, Debbie Danforth, Paul Witek, Chaz Wheelock, Lee Ninham

**OPENING:** Leander Danforth

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

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**TO TRAVEL REPORT:**

1. Gary Jordan RE: Governor's Conference

**TO RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Grants RE: Performing Arts Network to bring in performing artists in the Oneida Concert Series

**TO REQUESTS:**

7. Gary Jordan RE: GTC Date for Madelyn Genskow Petition

**TO VACATION REQUESTS:**

3. Gary Jordan RE: March 17-24, 1999  
4. Gerald L. Hill RE: February 25-26, 1999  
5. Shirley Hill RE: March 21 - April 1, 1999

**B. DELETIONS:**

**TRAVEL REQUEST #2**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

**Regular Business Committee Minutes of February 10, 1999.**

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

Gary Jordan RE: Procedures for administering the OSBDC grant fund.

**Excerpt from the December 2, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DIRECT THE VICE CHAIRMAN TO FURTHER DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING THIS GRANT FUND IN AN EQUITABLE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER AND REPORT BACK TO THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE IN 45 DAYS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. GARY JORDAN, LELAND DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response Due January 27, 1999.**

**Excerpt from the January 27, 1999 Business Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND REFER TO LEGAL COUNSEL FOR REVIEW, BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due February 3, 1999**

**REMAINS ON THE TABLE 3, 10, 17, 1999**

**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**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE ONEIDA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD REPORT, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DO A REPORT FOR THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGARDING THE EDUCATION CLASS AT LAKELAND COLLEGE SPECIFICALLY IF A REIMBURSEMENT IS REQUIRED IF A CERTAIN GRADE POINT AVERAGE IS NOT ACHIEVED, IS THE CLASS A REQUIREMENT, HOW MANY ARE ATTENDING THE CLASS, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION TO BE BROUGHT BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- D. HOUSING AUTHORITY - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Lois Powless**

**Report Submitted**

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

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DIRECT THE TRIBAL SECRETARY TO RESEND THE FORMAT FOR MONTHLY REPORTS, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES.**

**JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- E. ONCOA - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Warren Skenandore**
- F. ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION - (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Jeff Metoxen**
- G. ONEIDA AIRPORT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD: (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Gary Metoxen**
- H. ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION - (MONTHLY) - Loretta V. Metoxen**
- I. ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION: 1st Wednesday of the Month - Jeff Mears**
- J. TRAVEL REPORTS**

Gary Jordan                      RE: Governor's Conference

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REPORT, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- K. FOLLOW UP REPORTS/BC DIRECTIVES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1      Janice Hirth                      RE: Indian Roads Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

**Excerpt from the January 6, 1999 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO DIRECT THE TRIBAL GENERAL MANAGER TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO SOLICIT NAMES FOR THE INDIAN ROAD NEGOTIATED RULE MAKING COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Submitted**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE LEANNE DOXTATOR, BRUCE DANFORTH AND MIKE FINN AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE ONEIDA NATION ON THE RULEMAKING COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Sandra Ninham

RE: Oneida Health Center Task Force update.

**Excerpt from the February 10, 1999 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due February 17, 1999**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO REFER THIS ITEM TO THE FEBRUARY 22, 1999 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS MEETING AS A PRIORITY AND THAT THE CFO BE PRESENT, AND TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED REPORT, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Skenandore & Associates

RE: Legal Representation.

**Excerpt from the November 25, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO REFER THIS ITEM TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS, BACK IN 30 DAYS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. SHIRLEY HILL OPPOSED, TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response Due January 6, 1999.**

**Excerpt from the December 6, 1999 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO HAVE A LEGAL OPINION BACK FROM GENERAL COUNSEL (SKENANDORE & ASSOCIATES) BACK IN THIRTY DAYS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. LELAND DANFORTH OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response Due February 17, 1999.**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Grants

RE: Performing Arts Network to bring in performing artists in the Oneida Concert Series

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2-17-99-A, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. REQUESTS**

1. Gary Jordan Re: Name Change Committee Resolution Request

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF ASSIGNING GERALD L. HILL TO DEVELOP A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NAME CHANGE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Keith Summers Re: Approval to start work on the Arts Program Space Request

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO DENY THE REQUEST, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. JULIE BARTON OPPOSED. LELAND DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Gary Jordan Re: Board Recommendation to the Oneida Finance Committee

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTING WENDELL MCLESTER TO THE ONEIDA FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Gary Jordan Re: Board Recommendation to the Oneida Utilities Commission

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION OF DAVID G. SKENANDORE TO THE ONEIDA UTILITIES COMMISSION, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Julie Barton Re: Oneida Personnel Commission Vacancy

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE POSTING OF ONE VACANT POSITION FOR THE ONEIDA PERSONNEL COMMISSION, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Cristina Danforth Re: Request to rescind the motion regarding GM & GGM made on 2-10-99

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DENY THE REQUEST, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. TINA DANFORTH, SHIRLEY HILL OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

For the record, Julie Barton clarified that she denied the rescinding of the motion only.

7. Gary Jordan RE: GTC Date for Madelyn Genskow Petition

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DIRECT THE TRIBAL SECRETARY TO COME BACK WITH A GTC DATE, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO HAVE THE OPINIONS FROM LOC AND ATTORNEYS BE EXPEDITED SO THAT A DATE COULD BE SET, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. TINA DANFORTH, SHIRLEY HILL ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE LOC COMING BACK WITH A PLAN IN 90 DAYS FOR ADDING A PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE ELECTION IN 2003, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. SHIRLEY HILL OPPOSED. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

For the Record, Shirley Hill opposed because she felt GTC could decide the issue.

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON THAT THE POLLING SITE FOR THE JULY 1999 ELECTIONS BE HELD AT THE ONEIDA TURTLE SCHOOL, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

D. TRAVEL REQUESTS

1 Ernie Stevens, Jr. Re: Tuscon AZ, 1999 NIGA Annual Mtg & Trade Show Convention April 25-29, 1999

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. SHIRLEY HILL, TINA DANFORTH OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

For the Record, Tina Danforth opposed because he was a part of the Recruitment Committee and he hasn't been participating, she didn't want to see anymore traveling until this was taken care of.

2. Gary Jordan Re: Tucson , AZ NIGA Annual Meeting Elections  
for Chairman and Secretary April 24-27, 1999

**DELETED**

**E. VACATIONS**

- 1 Ernie Stevens, Jr. Re: March 11-12, 1999

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE VACATION REQUEST,  
SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Kathy Hughes Re: March 5-15, 1999

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE VACATION REQUEST,  
SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION  
CARRIED.**

- 3 Gary Jordan RE: March 17-24, 1999

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE VACATION REQUEST,  
SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Gerald L. Hill RE: February 25-26, 1999

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

5. Shirley Hill RE: March 21 - April 1, 1999

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

**VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**IX. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**X. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

1. FOR APPROVAL RE: LOC Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January  
28, 1999

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE LOC MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1999, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. FOR APPROVAL

RE: Request a Public Hearing Date of Thursday, April 1, 1999 re: Oneida Small Business Development Resolution

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF THURSDAY APRIL 1, 1999 REGARDING THE ONEIDA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RE: Early Return to Work Policy clarification from the Occupational Health Department

**XI. TREASURERS REPORT- 4th Wednesday of the Month - Kathy Hughes**

**TRIBAL GENERAL MANAGER**

**GAMING GENERAL MANAGER**

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS**

Meeting Minutes of February 8-9, 1999

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. LELAND DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**XV. ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING**

**OFFICERS MEETING**

**XVII. GAMING COMMISSION**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Skenandore & Associates RE: Linda Danforth Legal Issues

**Excerpt from the February 10, 1999 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO REQUEST EXPLANATION FROM SKENANDORE AND ASSOCIATES IN REGARDS TO THE REPRESENTATION BY HIS ASSOCIATION ON THIS ISSUE REGARDING ITEM 2, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Skenandore & Associates RE: Linda Danforth Legal Issues

**Excerpt from the February 10, 1999 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO SEND ITEM 3 AND 4 TO SKENANDORE AND ASSOCIATES FOR A LEGAL OPINION, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bill Gollnick RE: Strategic Plan for the 106th Congress

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Tina Danforth. RE: Follow-up to General Managers

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO HAVE AN INFORMAL INTERVIEW WITH THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE WITH THE TOP CANDIDATE FOR THE GENERAL**

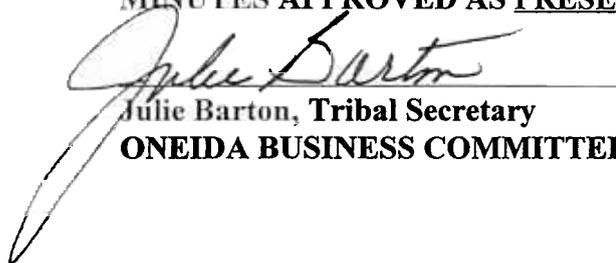
**MANAGER AND THE TOP CANDIDATE FOR THE GAMING GENERAL MANAGER ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1999 AT 1:30 P.M. WITH A QUORUM OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE WITH NO INTERRUPTIONS, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. ATTORNEY BRIEF**

**XIX. RECESS/ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO RECESS, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED/CORRECTED ON February 24, 1999 .**

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