



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 Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin**

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**



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.

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### **ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **MARCH 29, 2000**

#### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Gerald Danforth - Chair, Tina Danforth - Vice Chair, Judy Cornelius-Treasurer, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, Eugene Metoxen- Council Members

**EXCUSED:** Julie Barton - Secretary, Sandra Ninham, David Bischoff - Council Members

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Graham, Bill Graham, Shane Anton, Warren Skenandore, Charlene Greendeer, Karen Cornelius, Kitty Melchert, Roy DelaRosa, Shirley Hill, Barb Dickson, Glenn Skenandore, Mary Greendeer, Barb Truttman, Harlan King, Jennifer Webster, Erv Thompson, Pearl McLester, Ed Delgado, Cheryl Stevens, C. Metoxen, Sherry Longie, Bill Gollnick, Dorothy Skenandore, William Cornelius

**OPENING:** Paul Ninham, Judy Cornelius

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY GERALD DANFORTH AT 9:00 A.M.**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**B. DELETIONS:**

From Requests: & 2

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE DELETIONS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

Regular Business Committee Minutes of March 22, 2000

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE MARCH 22, 2000 MEETING, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Business Committee Minutes of March 23, 2000

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DISCUSS THE MARCH 23, 2000 MINUTES, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO TABLE THESE MINUTES UNTIL THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE, GAMING COMMISSION AND LAW OFFICE HAVE A MEETING ON THE PERMANENCY ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 3-23-00-A, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**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**
- C. ONEIDA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD - 3rd Wednesday of the Month -  
Debbie Danforth**
- D. HOUSING AUTHORITY - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Lois Powless**

- 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 LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION - 3rd Wednesday of the Month - Loretta V. Metoxen
- H. ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION: 1st Wednesday of the Month - Jeff Mears
- I. ONEIDA UTILITIES COMMISSION: 3rd Wednesday of the Month - (MONTHLY) - Jerry Skenandore
- J. ONEIDA NATION ELECTRONICS: 4th Wednesday of the Month - Sherri King
- K. TRAVEL REPORTS
- L. FOLLOW UP REPORTS/BC DIRECTIVES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Sandra Ninham, David Bischoff RE: M.A.S. Mtg

**Excerpt from February 23, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER FOR ONE WEEK FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED WITHIN THE REPORT, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. DAVID BISCHOFF ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Excerpt from March 1, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR FOUR WEEKS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due March 29, 2000

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REPORT EXCLUDING ITEM THREE, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON ITEM THREE OF THE TRAVEL REPORT FROM SUBMITTER, BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2 Vince DelaRosa RE: Request approval to bring on an associate attorney under the Brown & LaCount contract for advisory work for the LOC

**Excerpt from March 22, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING BROWN AND LACOUNT CONTRACT TO ADD AN ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY REGARDING THE CODIFICATION PROJECT UNDER LOC, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. VINCE DELAROSA ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO AMEND THE MOTION THAT APPROVAL IS CONTINGENT UPON A LEGAL REVIEW OF THE SCOPE OF WORK, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Sandra Ninham RE: Head Start Program - COLA. Quality Improvement Resolution

**Excerpt from March 22, 2000: MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO DIRECT SANDRA NINHAM TO WORK WITH THE HEAD START DIRECTOR TO BRING BACK CORRECT RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL ON MARCH 29, 2000, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 3-29-00-A IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,706.00, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Bill Gollnick RE: Status Report on Best Use Plan for Homes now being used as Offices

**Excerpt from February 2, 2000: MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO SEND THIS ISSUE TO THE GENERAL MANAGERS OFFICE FOR A REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS, AND TO ADD THE NEW YORK PROPERTY TO THIS REPORT, SECONDED BY DAVID BISCHOFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from March 16, 2000: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE A TWO WEEK DEFERRAL, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. VINCE DELAROSA**

**OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER AND JOHN BRENNINGER TO PROVIDE A DOCUMENTED WRITTEN REPORT ON THE STATUS ON TRIBAL PROPERTIES CURRENTLY BEING USED AS OFFICES, BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. VINCE DELAROSA OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

For the Record, Vince DelaRosa opposed because of the time frame that had previously been allowed.

5        General Manager                    RE: RE: Seek Private Foundation Funds for Medical Research on Leukemia and Cancer on the Oneida Reservation

**Excerpt from February 2, 2000: MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO REFER THIS ITEM TO THE GENERAL MANAGER AND REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from March 16, 2000: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE A TWO WEEK DEFERRAL, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. VINCE DELAROSA OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO WORK IN COORDINATION WITH GRANTS TO BRING BACK A LISTING OF PRIVATE, STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO HEALTH ISSUES, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6        Bill Gollnick                    RE: Preliminary Draft of Policy and Procedures for Creating or Phasing Out a Program

**Excerpt from February 16, 2000: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO DEVELOP A POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR CREATING OR PHASING OUT A PROGRAM, WITH A PRELIMINARY DRAFT IN 30 DAYS, SECONDED BY DAVID BISCHOFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO A JOINT GENERAL MANAGER'S MEETING IN APRIL, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Bill Gollnick RE: Final Report on ONCOA's request for a truck and a car to assist Elder Services personnel who're doing home chore assignments and fulfilling transportation requests

**Excerpt from March 22, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AS FYI AND DEFER THE FINAL REPORT DUE BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due March 29, 2000

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ACCEPT THE VERBAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS THE FINAL REPORT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

**B. REQUESTS**

- Leyne Orosco RE: Waive the BC appointment for a vacant position on the Gaming Commission

**DELETED**

2. Leyne Orosco RE: Request date be rescheduled for the Caucus prior to a Special Election. This Special Election is to fill normal vacancies on boards, committees and commissions. This is due to the resignation of the majority of present members

**DELETED**

Judy Cornelius RE: Question plans for DeCaster Properties

**MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO COMBINE THIS ITEM WITH FOLLOW-UP NUMBER FOUR, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Julie Barton RE: Approve posting 8 vacancies for the Environmental Resource Board

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO REFER THIS ITEM TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS MEETING WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD INVITED FOR DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Judy Cornelius RE: Request community meeting to discuss needs and concerns of the Anna John Nursing Home and Health Center

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE SECRETARY TO SCHEDULE A COMMUNITY MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Cathy Metoxen RE: Request for discussion policies, resolutions or processes that may exist for discussion on people who are not present during meetings

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DIRECT ATTORNEY JOANNE HOUSE TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION TO CATHY METOXEN AND DELETE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

**D. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Gerald Danforth RE: NCAI Mid-year Conference, Juneau, Alaska - June 24-29, 2000

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E. VACATION REQUESTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FOR APPROVAL**

Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2000

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2000 MINUTES WITH ACTIONS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**IX. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**X. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

**XI. TREASURERS REPORT- 4th Wednesday of the Month - Judy Cornelius**

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS**

**XIII. ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING**

**XIV. JOINT GENERAL MANAGER**

**XV. GAMING COMMISSION**

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. CURRENT ISSUES**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

1 JoAnne House RE: Review of Sign-off Authority as it relates to the Land Claims Commission and all other Boards, Committees and Commissions for uniformity

**Excerpt from March 1, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DIRECT THE LAW OFFICE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE SIGN OFF AUTHORITY ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO THE LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION AND ALL OTHER BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS FOR UNIFORMITY, BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 16, 2000**

**Excerpt from March 16, 2000: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE APRIL 17, 2000 BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Paul Ninham RE: Interim Gaming General Manager Contract

**Excerpt from March 16, 2000: MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from March 22, 2000: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO APPROVE THE INTERIM GAMING GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT PER GERALD HILL'S MEMO DATED MARCH 16, 2000 WITH AMENDED LINE THREE AND FOUR WHICH WILL INDICATE THE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE GRANTED TWENTY DAYS VACATION AND TEN DAYS OF PERSONAL TIME PER YEAR UNTIL EMPLOYEE REACHES NEXT LEVEL OF YEARS OF SERVICE, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO REQUEST THE GENERAL MANAGER TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION AND CLARIFICATION FROM HRD REGARDING THIS EMPLOYEE CONTRACT, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Judy Cornelius RE: Marketing Contract

**Excerpt from March 16, 2000: MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from March 22, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED**

**UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE JOINT GENERAL MANAGER'S MEETING, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Judy Cornelius RE: Budget Question

**Excerpt from March 22, 2000: MOTION BY EUGENE METOXEN TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO A SUBGROUP THAT CONSISTS OF PAUL NINHAM, GERALD DANFORTH AND VINCE DELAROSA, BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. PAUL NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Excerpt from March 22, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2000, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Julie Barton RE: General Managers Issues

**Excerpt from March 29, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY EUGENE METOXEN TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Gerald Danforth RE: OBC Issues

**Excerpt from March 29, 2000: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY DAVID BISCHOFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due March 29, 2000**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Bill Gollnick RE: Violence in Work Place Policy

**Excerpt from February 16, 2000: MOTION BY DAVID BISCHOFF TO FORWARD THIS ITEM TO THE GENERAL MANAGER TO INVESTIGATE VIOLENCE IN THE WORK PLACE POLICY AS IT RELATES TO THE TWO INDIVIDUALS AND ANY SECURITY PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT OCCURRED ON THAT DATE, TO BE BROUGHT BACK IN THIRTY DAYS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due March 29, 2000

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

Debra Danforth RE: Contract for Dr. Scott McGee - Endocrinologist

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Bill Gollnick RE: Carol Elder Bruce Report

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE CHAIR TO FOLLOW-UP, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Judy Cornelius RE: Request meeting with Oneida Gaming Commission

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DELETE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Tina Danforth RE: Chief Counsel Job Description

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTION PER THE SUBMITTED STRIKE OUT VERSION SUBMITTED BY THE VICE CHAIR AND TO DIRECT THE VICE CHAIR TO IMMEDIATELY**

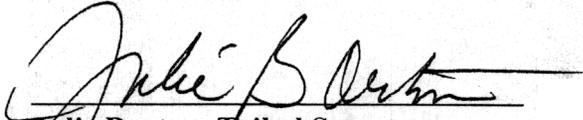
**FOLLOW UP WITH SCHEDULING, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D. ATTORNEY BRIEF**
- E. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**
- F. O.N.E. LITIGATION**

**XVIII. RECESS/ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON April 12, 2000.**

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