



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**  
**JANUARY 2, 2002**  
**BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Tina Danforth - Vice Chair, Julie Barton - Secretary, Judy Cornelius-Treasurer, David Bischoff, Sandra Ninham, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, Eugene Metoxen- Council Members

**EXCUSED:** Gerald Danforth - Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eleanora Cornelius, Barbara Skenandore, Kitty Melchert, Racquel Hill, Janice Hirth, Karen Cornelius, Lloyd Powless, Shane Anton, Louise Cornelius and Jim Martin

**OPENING:** Paul Ninham\Judy Cornelius

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

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**TO NEW BUSINESS, TRAVEL REPORTS:**

Tina Danforth

RE: Native American Bancorporation Quarterly Meeting, Las Vegas, NV - December 13-14, 2001

**TO NEW BUSINESS, REQUESTS:**

3 Bill Ver Voort

RE: Retro-approval of letter for The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

4 Business Committee

RE: Rescheduling of GTC Annual Meeting of January 7, 2002 and cancellation of Business Committee meeting of January 9, 2002

**TO VACATION REQUEST:**

1 Tina Danforth

RE: February 1-8, 2002

**TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, NEW BUSINESS:**

2 Tina Danforth

RE: New York Land Claims/Casino Development

3 Mary Wasurick

RE: Gannett Wisconsin Newspapers Contract

**B. DELETIONS:**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2001

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 19, 2001 MINUTES, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. PAUL NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Business Committee Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2001

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 21, 2001 MINUTES, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. JUDY CORNELIUS ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2001

**Excerpt from December 19, 2001: MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO TABLE THE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2001, SECONDED BY DAVID BISCHOFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due January 2, 2002

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

**MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2001 MINUTES, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. PAUL NINHAM 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 - Leland Wigg-Ninham**
- C. ONEIDA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD - 3rd Wednesday of the Month - Edward Delgado**
- D. HOUSING AUTHORITY - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Lois Powless**
- E. ONCOA - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Dellora Cornelius**
- F. ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION - (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Mark Powless**
- G. ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION: 1st Wednesday of the Month - Jeff Mears**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2001 MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY DAVID BISCHOFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- H. **ONEIDA SEVEN GENERATION CORPORATION (QUARTERLY: JAN APR\JULY\OCT) - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday - John Kromer**
- I. **BAY BANK (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT): 4th Wednesday of the Month - Bill Menacher**
- J. **TRAVEL REPORTS**

Tina Danforth

RE: Native American Bancorporation Quarterly Meeting, Las Vegas, NV - December 13-14, 2001

**MOTION BY TO SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REPORT AND TO GIVE THE VICE CHAIR PERMISSION TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING FOR THE FEBRUARY 25, 2002 EVENTS AND APPROVAL TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO ATTEND BOTH NCAI AND NAB MEETINGS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

1 Sandra Ninham

RE: Chief Financial Officer Job Description

**Excerpt from July 18, 2001: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS ITEM BACK TO SANDRA NINHAM AND TERRY CORNELIUS FOR FINAL RECOMMENDATION AND THAT IT INCLUDE THE BUDGET LINE ITEM, BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. PAUL NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Deferred July 25, 2001 and August 1, 15 and 29, 2001 and October 10 and 24, 2001**

**Excerpt from November 14, 2001: MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR THIRTY DAYS, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from December 19, 2001: MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY DAVID BISCHOFF. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due January 2, 2001**

**MOTION BY EUGENE METOXEN TO APPROVE A TWO WEEK DEFERRAL,**

**SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS . JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

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RE: Small Business Follow up Report

**Excerpt from December 12, 2001: MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ACCEPT THE REPORT WITH A FOLLOW UP REPORT BACK IN THREE WEEKS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. TINA DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Response due January 2, 2002

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

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RESOLUTIONS**

Frieda Clary/Jeff Scofield

RE: Discovery Farm Program Grant

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-02-02-A, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **B. REQUESTS**

Vince DelaRosa

RE: Meeting Request for January 24, 2002  
regarding Organizational Issues

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ASSIGN THE SECRETARY TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING ORGANIZATION ISSUES DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Julie Barton

RE: Oneida Gaming Commission Resignation

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO SEND THIS ITEM TO LEGAL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS, BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Note: Sandra Ninham excused herself from the room.

3. Bill Ver Voort RE: Retro-approval of letter for The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO RETRO APPROVE THE LETTER FOR THE HARVARD PROJECT ON AMERICAN INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Business Committee RE: Cancellation of Business Committee meeting of January 9, 2002

**MOTION BY DAVID BISCHOFF TO CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY 9, 2002 BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 5 Business Committee RE: Rescheduling of GTC Annual Meeting of January 7, 2002

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE GTC ANNUAL MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2002, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL GTC MEETING, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **C. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

- Paul Ninham RE: Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Meeting, Bad River, WI - December 13, 2001

**MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO ACCEPT AS FYI THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. PAUL NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **D. VACATION REQUESTS**

- 1 Tina Danforth RE: February 1-8, 2002

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE VACATION REQUEST, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**IX. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

**Present at 1:30 p.m. Tina Danforth, Judy Cornelius, Julie Barton, David Bischoff, Eugene Metoxen, Paul Ninham**

**X. GAMING GENERAL MANAGER REPORT - (Monthly at 1:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT, SECONDED BY EUGENE METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING**

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

David Bischoff (Gerald Danforth)

RE: General Manager/Assistant General Manager Temporary Duties

**Excerpt from December 19, 2001: MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO ACCEPT THE ATTORNEY'S OPINION AS INFORMATION, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from December 19, 2001: MOTION BY JUDY CORNELIUS TO DIRECT DAVID BISCHOFF TO PREPARE A LIST OF DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS BY JANUARY 2, 2001, FOR THE OFFICE OF LAND CLAIMS RESOLUTION SUPPORT PERSON, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. DAVID BISCHOFF ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due January 2, 2002**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM AT 2:30 P.M. FOR FINALIZATION, WITH THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE GIVEN FEED BACK TO**

**DAVID BISCHOFF, SECONDED BY JUDY CORNELIUS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Powless

RE: Sharon House Contract

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO SEND THIS ITEM TO THE LAW OFFICE FOR LEGAL REVIEW, BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. SANDRA NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2 Tina Danforth

RE: New York Land Claims/Casino Development

**MOTION BY DAVID BISCHOFF TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO A 2:30 P.M. BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3 Mary Wasurick

RE: Gannett Wisconsin Newspapers Contract

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE GANNETT WISCONSIN NEWSPAPERS CONTRACT, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. ATTORNEY BRIEF**

**D. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REPORT FOR PAUL NINHAM AND KEVIN CORNELIUS, SECONDED DAVID BISCHOFF. PAUL NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO RECESS UNTIL 1:30 P.M., SECONDED BY DAVID BISCHOFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E. OAK RIDGE PLAZA AT 3:45 P.M.**

**F. NATIVE AMERICAN BANK CORPORATION WEEKLY UPDATES**

**G. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**XV. RECESS/ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY EUGENE METOXEN TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON January 17, 2002.**

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