

# **Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin**

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**



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.

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**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2002**  
**BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Tina Danforth - Chair, Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Julie Barton - Secretary, Mercie Danforth - Treasurer, Paul Ninham, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King and Curtis Danforth - Council Members

**EXCUSED:** Brian Doxtator - Council Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barb Skenandore, Brad Graham, Erv Thompson, Wayne Metoxen, Kitty Melchert, Karen Cornelius, Barb Dickson, Jim Martin, Susan White, Janice Hirth, Mary Greendeer, Earl Metoxen, John Bauman, Frieda Clary and Jeff Metoxen

**OPENING:** Amelia Cornelius

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY KATHY HUGHES AT 8:05 A.M. FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Note:** Tina Danforth chaired regular session

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**TO NEW BUSINESS, REQUESTS:**

Kathy Hughes

RE: Delegates for the Oneida Pardon  
Screening Committee

**B. DELETIONS:**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE  
ADDITION, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IV MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2002

Page 6 of 13: Second motion from the top of the page, insert "from the table"

Page 12 of 13: Last motion at the bottom of the page, correct the word "alternatie" to "alternate"

Tina Danforth was present during the continuation of the meeting on Thursday after her  
conference call.

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2,  
2002 WITH NOTED CHANGES, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. FOR: JULIE  
BARTON, TRISH KING, PAUL NINHAM, VINCE DELAROSA. CURTIS DANFORTH  
ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

Janice Hirth

RE: Monthly Progress Reports on Tribal  
Members Management Trainee Positions

**Excerpt from October 2, 2002: MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO TABLE UNTIL THE  
GENERAL MANAGER IS PRESENT, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. FOR: TRISH  
KING, VINCE DELAROSA, MERCIE DANFORTH, JULIE BARTON. BRIAN  
DOXATOR OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due October 9, 2002**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO TAKE THIS ITEM FROM THE TABLE,  
SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND APPROVE THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QUARTERLY FOLLOW UP REPORTS, SECONDED BY  
PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Eric McLester

RE: RFQ for Human Resource Consultant -  
Project 01-02

**Excerpt from October 2, 2002: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TABLE,  
SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due October 9, 2002

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO TAKE THIS ITEM FROM THE TABLE,  
SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO DELETE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA,  
SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Note: LOC has agreed to accept the information to work on the issue.**

## **VI. REPORTS**

- A. APPEALS COMMISSION - (JAN 10/APR 10/JULY 10/OCT 9)  
2nd Wednesday of the Month - Leland Wigg-Ninham**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ACCEPT THE APPEALS COMMISSION  
REPORT, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION - (QUARTERLY:  
JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Louise Cornelius**

**Report Submitted**

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

**K. TRAVEL REPORTS**

Oneida Business Committee

RE: Lobbying, Washington, D.C.  
September 17-20, 2002

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ACCEPT THE TRAVEL REPORT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY TRISH KING TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOW UP ACTIONS ON PAGE 2, EXCLUDING NUMBER 5:**

- 1.) SEND TO AURENE MARTIN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, A LIST OF PARCELS WE HAVE WAITING TO BE PLACED INTO TRUST.**
- 2.) ASK MAST TO SUPPORT A REGIONAL PERSON IN THE BIA REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF PLACING LAND INTO TRUST.**
- 3.) INVITE THE FOLLOWING TO THE OPENING OF THE HEALTH CENTER: NCAI LEADERSHIP, REPRESENTATIVE RON KIND, SENATOR FEINGOLD, SENATOR KOHL, AURENE MARTIN, IHS AND REPRESENTATIVE DAVE OBEY.**
- 4.) INVITE NCAI TO ATTEND RALLY IN MADISON ON GAMING COMPACT ISSUES, AND**
- 6.) DEVELOP TESTIMONY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON IRR.**

**SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**L. FOLLOW UP REPORTS/BC DIRECTIVES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mercie Danforth

RE: Trust Department Requesting Business Committee to consider purchasing minimum shares in Peabody Energy

**Excerpt from September 25, 2002: MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ACCEPT THE UPDATE AND APPROVE A TWO WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due October 9, 2002**

**Response Submitted**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CHAIR CONTACT THE HOPI AND NAVAJO NATION CHAIRS TO DISCUSS HOW WE MAY SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Eric McLester/Bobbi Webster (Paul Ninham) RE: Oneida Nation Great Lakes Classic 2003 - Title Sponsorship Proposal

**Excerpt from September 25, 2002: MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO REFER THIS ITEM TO THE GAMING MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR DUE DILIGENCE FOR CONSIDERATION WHETHER ONEIDA SHOULD BE A TITLE SPONSOR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS BACK OCTOBER 9, 2002, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due October 9, 2002

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DENY THE TITLE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE ONEIDA NATION GREAT LAKES CLASSIC 2003, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. FOR: MERCIE DANFORTH, CURTIS DANFORTH, VINCE DELAROSA, PAUL NINHAM. TRISH KING ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RESOLUTIONS**

- 1 Brian Doxtator RE: Grants Process Resolution

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO LOC FOR A STATEMENT OF EFFECT, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Tina Danforth RE: NCAI Delegate Resolution

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 10-9-02-A, APPOINTING TINA DANFORTH AS THE NCAI DELEGATE AND PAUL NINHAM, TRISH KING AND CURTIS DANFORTH AS ALTERNATES WITH THEIR TITLES LISTED IN RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. FOR: MERCIE DANFORTH, JULIE BARTON, VINCE DELAROSA. PAUL NINHAM, CURTIS DANFORTH AND TRISH KING ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## B. REQUESTS

1. John Bauman/Pat Wood

RE: Approval of the Poultry Processing and Vegetable Wash Facility, CIP Project #22-410

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE POULTRY PROCESSING AND VEGETABLE WASH FACILITY, CIP PROJECT #22-410 TO BE FUNDED BY USDA GRANT MONIES, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. FOR: JULIE BARTON, MERCIE DANFORTH, CURTIS DANFORTH, TRISH KING. PAUL NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Wayne Metoxen/Pat Wood

RE: Approval of the Norbert Hill Center Phase III Renovation, CIP Project #23-001

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE ACTIVATION OF THE NORBERT HILL CENTER PHASE III RENOVATION, CIP PROJECT #23-001, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Kathy Hughes

RE: Delegates for the Oneida Pardon Screening Committee

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS POWLESS, DANIEL F. HOUSE, JACK R. MEHOJAH AND LISA M. SCHWARTZ TO THE ONEIDA PARDON SCREENING COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO AMEND THE MOTION TO APPOINT KATHY HUGHES AS THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE DELEGATE FOR THE PARDON SCREENING COMMITTEE, SECONDED PAUL NINHAM. FOR: MERCIE DANFORTH, CURTIS DANFORTH, VINCE DELAROSA, TRISH KING. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## C. TRAVEL REQUESTS

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Columbus Day Rally- October 14, 2002 and James Doyle Fundraiser - October 17, 2002, Madison, WI

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR ANY INTERESTED BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AND OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> EVENTS, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. VACATION REQUESTS**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO RECESS FOR 15 MINUTES, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**IX. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

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

**Present for the Treasurer's Report: Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Julie Barton, Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham, Trish King and Curtis Danforth  
Brian Doxtator is out on travel**

**XI. TREASURERS REPORT- 4th Wednesday of the Month - Mercie Danforth**

**Excerpt from September 25, 2002: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due October 9, 2002**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 2002 TREASURER'S REPORT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO REQUEST A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF WHY THE HEALTH EXPANSION FUND IS BEING OVER -EXPENDED AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO ALLEVIATE THIS FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE, TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NEXT TREASURER'S REPORT IN NOVEMBER, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XII. ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING**

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Executive Session was called to order at 8:05 a.m.**

Present for Executive Session: Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Julie Barton, Curtis Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham and Trish King

Excused: Brian Doxtator

A. TABLED BUSINESS

B. OLD BUSINESS

Julie Barton

RE: Request Business Committee Final Recommendation on John Pawley Reinhart Boerner, Van Deuren S.C. Upper Management Structure Report

Excerpt from October 2, 2002: MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM THAT THIS UPPER MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE REPORT BE PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S BUSINESS COMMITTEE AGENDA, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Response due October 9, 2002

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE UPPER MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE REPORT AS FYI FROM JOHN PAWLEY FROM REINHART, BOENER, VAN DEUREN S.C. AS FYI AND REQUEST THE SECRETARY TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH MR. PAWLEY PROVIDED THAT THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL COSTS AND THAT THE REPORT BE SHARED WITH MANAGEMENT AS FYI, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Paul Ninham/Curtis Danforth

RE: Comprehensive Report on Observation Reports and Facility License Issues

Excerpt from August 28, 2002: MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT SUBMITTED BY GAMING MANAGEMENT TO REFLECT OBSERVATION REPORTS AND FACILITY LICENSE ISSUES AND THAT REPORT BE SUBMITTED TO THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE AND THE ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 PRIOR TO A JOINT MEETING WITH THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE, GAMING COMMISSION AND GAMING GENERAL MANAGER TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2002, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Excerpt from September 11, 2002: MOTION BY TRISH KING TO ASSIGN THIS ITEM TO PAUL NINHAM AND CURTIS DANFORTH TO FOLLOW UP, BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from September 25, 2002: MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE A TWO WEEK DEFERRAL, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due October 9, 2002**

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

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

Terry Cornelius

RE: Bear Claw Gaming Associates Contract

**MOTION BY TRISH KING TO TABLE THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Kathy Hughes

RE: Retro approval of GTC Parliamentarian Fee

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO RETRO APPROVE THE GTC PARLIAMENTARIAN FEE FOR JO ANN HOUSE, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. ATTORNEY BRIEF**

Stipends - Employment Taxes - FYI

2. Cordish Agreements - Verbal Update

3. Legal Representation

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DIRECT THE LAW OFFICE TO PREPARE THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE A PRO AND CON RECOMMENDATION ON THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION, BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Draft letter to Governor McCallum

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR WITH CHANGES SUBJECT TO THE CHAIRS FINAL APPROVAL TO BE HAND DELIVERED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Draft letter on proposed Internet Gaming Legislation

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE LETTERS WITH THE NOTED CHANGES TO STATE WE WANTED EQUITY AND TO PREPARE FOR THE CHAIRS SIGNATURE, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. United Tribes Update

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE ONEIDA TRIBE'S RESPONSE TO THE SEVEN QUESTIONS, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE ATTORNEY BRIEF, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **E. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Items 1-4 are FYI.

Donated Imaging Camera to Town of Hobart

Invitation to Governor's Reception

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Meeting

Consideration of Addendum to Tenuta-Hermes Contract: Increase Purchase Order by \$5,561.97.

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE REPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND THE REQUESTED ITEMS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

#### **F. NATIVE AMERICAN BANK CORPORATION REPORTS (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT)**

**G. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

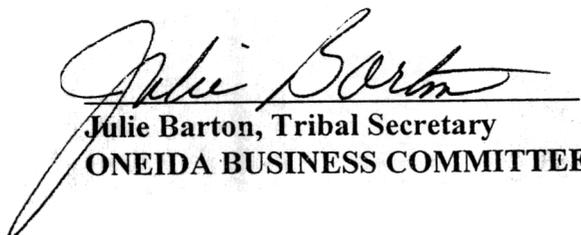
**H. LAND CLAIMS/NEW YORK PROJECT UPDATES (3:00 P.M. WEEKLY)**

**I. GAMING COMPACT NEGOTIATION UPDATES**

**XV. RECESS/ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS CORRECTED ON October 16, 2002.**

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