

# **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**  
**JANUARY 22, 2003**  
**BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

**EXCUSED:** Tina Danforth - Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kitty Melchert, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Susan Daniels, Brad Graham, Dottie Krull, Dr. Carol Cornelius, Judi Jourdan, Corinna Williams, Racquel Hill, Nathan King, Michael Finn, Chris Doxtator, Pearl McLester, Erv Thompson, Janice Hirth, Loretta V. Metoxen, Leyne Orosco and LeeAnn Skenandore.

**OPENING:** Brian Doxtator

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY KATHY HUGHES AT 9:00 A.M.**

**Loretta V. Metoxen gave a brief historical background regarding events that lead up to the current MOA Agreement between the Fox Railroad and the Oneida Tribe. Fox Railroad gave 133 acres of railroad land back to the Oneida Tribe in 2003.**

## OATH OF OFFICE

### **Oneida Election Board - Administered by Curtis Danforth**

Bev Anderson-NOT PRESENT

Debbie Webster-PRESENT

Leyne Orosco-PRESENT

Justine Skenandore-NOT PRESENT

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### A. ADDITIONS:

#### TO NEW BUSINESS, TRAVEL REQUESTS:

4. Julie Barton RE: ITMA Board of Directors Meeting & Retreat, Scottsdale, AZ - January 29-31, 2003

#### TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, NEW BUSINESS:

2. Trish King RE: Service Agreements Work Team Update

### B. DELETIONS:

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:

Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2003

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2003 MINUTES, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

**ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION: 1st Wednesday of the Month - Jeff Mears**

**Excerpt from January 8, 2003: MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY TO CONTACT THE LAND COMMISSION THAT THEIR REPORT IS DUE, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from January 15, 2003: MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO TABLE THE LAND COMMISSION REPORT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due January 22, 2003**

**Response Submitted**

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

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

**VI REPORTS**

**A. HOUSING AUTHORITY - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Linda Torres**

**Report Submitted**

**TABLED AT REQUEST OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**B. ONCOA - 4th Wednesday of the Month - Dellora Cornelius**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE ONCOA REPORT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. BAY BANK (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT): 4th Wednesday of the Month - Bill Menacher**

**Report Submitted**

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

**J. TRAVEL REPORTS**

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

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

**B. REQUESTS**

Julie Barton

RE: Oneida Health Board Recommendations

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF SUSAN HOUSE, SANDRA NINHAM AND RICHARD B. MOSS TO THE ONEIDA HEALTH BOARD, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Julie Barton

RE: Anna John Nursing Home Commission Recommendation

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF HOLLY BEHM TO THE ANNA JOHN NURSING HOME COMMISSION AND THE POSTING OF ONE VACANT POSITION, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Tina Danforth

RE: First AI/AN Program Branch Regional Head Start and Early Head Start Conference, Washington, D.C. - February 20-22, 2003

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2 Tina Danforth

RE: Native American Bancorporation Board Meeting, Lakewood, CO - January 21-22, 2003 (**Retro-approval**) and Blanket Travel for Native American Bancorporation Meetings

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO RETRO-APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3 Trish King

RE: 2003 Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair, Las Vega, NV - February 18-21, 2003

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. FOR: PAUL NINHAM, VINCE DELAROSA; MERCIE DANFORTH, JULIE BARTON. TRISH KING ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

4 Julie Barton

RE: ITMA Board of Directors Meeting & Retreat, Scottsdale, AZ - January 29-31, 2003

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. VACATION REQUESTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

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

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2002 TREASURER'S REPORT, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XI. ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING/CAUCUS**

Business Committee Planning/Caucus Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2003

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 14, 2003 MINUTES AND ACTIONS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. TABLED BUSINESS**

1 Chris Luttrell RE: Alternative Social Security Plan Update

**Excerpt from January 15, 2003: MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Response due January 22, 2003

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

**MOTION BY CURTIS DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLAN BEING IN THE 401k USING THE GOVERNMENTAL STATUS PLAN FOR REPORTING TO THE IRS AND TO APPROVE 7.65% AS THE RATE FOR DEDUCTIONS WITH 7.65% THE MATCHING CONTRIBUTION, RETRO-ACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2003. SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

Danielle Tubby

RE: Carin Lacount, O.D. Contract

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR CARIN LACOUNT, O.D. SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Trish King

RE: Service Agreements Work Team  
Update

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT UPDATE REPORT DATED JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> WITH THE NEXT STEPS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. ATTORNEY BRIEF**

**1. Public Relations Compacting Strategy**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE COMPACTING SUMMARY CONCEPT, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE MEMO FROM THE COMMUNICATION'S DIRECTOR GO OUT TO THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND THAT IT GO TO THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, INTERIM GAMING GENERAL MANAGER, ASSISTANT GAMING GENERAL MANAGER, TRIBAL SECRETARY AND GENERAL MANAGER, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Hobart Lawsuit**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO DIRECT THE LAW OFFICE TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION REGARDING THE HOBART LAWSUIT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. Stipends**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE OPTION 2 AND DIRECT THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO WORK WITH ATTORNEY BITTORF FOR ANY FINAL PROCEDURAL CHANGES THAT MIGHT NEED TO OCCUR, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO DIRECT THE LAW OFFICE TO DEVELOP A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE STIPEND OPINION FOR DISTRIBUTION, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY TRISH KING TO APPROVE THE ATTORNEY BRIEF, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

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

**G. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1 Julie Barton

RE: Class II & III Financial Statements

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE CLASS II & III AUDIT FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS PREPARED BY DELOITTE AND TOUCHE AND THAT THOSE LETTERS BE PREPARED FOR DISBURSEMENT BY THE GAMING COMMISSION, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

1. Chief Negotiators for Land Claims

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-22-03-A, THAT CHANGES THE LAND CLAIMS CHIEF NEGOTIATORS TO THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND ONE COUNCIL MEMBER, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. FOR: TRISH KING, MERCIE DANFORTH, CURTIS DANFORTH. BRIAN DOXTATOR OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

For the Record, Brian Doxtator supported the resolution, but would have preferred all parties to be present for discussion before amending the resolution.

**I. GAMING COMPACT NEGOTIATION UPDATES**

**XV. RECESS/ADJOURN**

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

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON January 29, 2003.**

  
Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE