



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 NOVEMBER 12, 2003 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

**EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Graham, Pat Lassila, Sheri Forgette, Erv Thompson, Lori Elm, Mike Finn, Linda Torres, Kitty Melchert, Dottie Krull, Melinda Danforth, Peril Huff, Dionne Jacobs, Racquel Hill and Laura Manthe.

**OPENING:** Brian Doxtator

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

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

**Oneida Land Commission - Administered by Julie Barton on November 10, 2003**  
Deborah J. Thundercloud

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**TO TRAVEL REPORTS:**

Tina Danforth

RE: MAST Meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
October 28-29, 2003

**TO NEW BUSINESS, REQUESTS:**

5. Julie Barton

RE: Shirley Hill Petition regarding Oneida  
Business Committee Wage Increase

**TO NEW BUSINESS, TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

2. Tina Danforth

RE: NCAI, Albuquerque, NM - November  
16-21, 2003

**TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, NEW BUSINESS:**

4. Tina Danforth

RE: Falmouth Institute Compensation Study  
Files

**B. DELETIONS:**

**FROM NEW BUSINESS, REQUESTS:**

2. Tina Danforth

RE: Bowman Performance Consulting  
Presentation

3. Tina Danforth

RE: International Cultural Exchange  
Program

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY  
TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2003

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2003, SECONDED BY TRISH KING . MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

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

**Excerpt from October 22, 2003: MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO NOVEMBER 5, 2003, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Excerpt from November 5, 2003: MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO TABLE THIS REPORT, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due November 12, 2003**

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

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. HOTEL CORPORATION - (QUARTERLY: NOVEMBER/ FEBRUARY/ MAY/AUGUST) 2nd Wednesday of the Month - Pat Lassila**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO ACCEPT THE ONEIDA HOTEL CORPORATION QUARTERLY REPORT, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**J. TRAVEL REPORTS**

Tina Danforth

RE: MAST Meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, MI -  
October 28-29, 2003

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REPORT WITH THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: 1) TO RECOMMEND VICE CHAIRWOMAN KATHY HUGHES TO BE DELEGATE FOR THE MINNEAPOLIS REGION SELF-GOVERNANCE; 2) RETRO-APPROVAL OF THE NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRWOMAN KATHY HUGHES AS DELEGATE AND COUNCIL MEMBER TRISH KING TO SERVE AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TTAG) TO ASSIST IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS); 3) FORWARD FINANCIAL REQUEST OF TOM TAHMAHKERA TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND 4) THAT THE ONEIDA NATION HOST A MAST WINTER MEETING IN JANUARY, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

1 Mike Finn

RE: Cemetery Road Project - Contract  
CTF55T43348

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 11-12-03-A, FOR THE CEMETERY ROAD PROJECT - CONTRACT CTF55T43348, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2 Tina Danforth/Kevin Cornelius

RE: NCAI Delegates/Alternates and  
Membership

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 11-12-03-B, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. REQUESTS**

1. Sheri Forgette RE: Donation of the Smoke House to the  
Town of Oneida

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LAW OFFICE IN DEVELOPING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ONEIDA, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Tina Danforth RE: Bowman Performance Consulting  
Presentation

**DELETED**

3. Tina Danforth RE: International Cultural Exchange  
Program

**DELETED**

4. Paul Ninham RE: Joint Oneida Business Committee/  
Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes of  
November 4, 2003

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ACCEPT THE JOINT BUSINESS COMMITTEE/GAMING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2003, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Julie Barton RE: Shirley Hill Petition regarding Oneida  
Business Committee Wage Increase

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

1. Neil Cornelius RE: NIGC Training, Keshena, WI -  
November 18-19, 2003

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2 Tina Danforth

RE: NCAI, Albuquerque, NM - November  
16-21, 2003 - Procedural Exception

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PROCEDURAL EXCEPTION FOR TRAVEL, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. FOR: VINCE DELAROSA, MERCIE DANFORTH, CURTIS DANFORTH AND JULIE BARTON. BRIAN DOXTATOR OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO AMEND THE MOTION TO DIRECT THE TRAVEL OFFICE WITH THE COORDINATION OF THE LOC OFFICE TO REVIEW THE TRAVEL POLICY AND BRING BACK RECOMMENDED CHANGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LAST MINUTE SUBMISSIONS, BACK IN SIXTY DAYS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. FOR: JULIE BARTON, CURTIS DANFORTH, VINCE DELAROSA AND TRISH KING. BRAIN DOXTATOR ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. VACATION REQUESTS**

**VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**IX. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

1 For Approval

RE: Legislative Operating Committee  
Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2003

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO ACCEPT THE LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2003, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. For Approval

RE: Environmental Resource Board  
Amended By-Laws

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR THREE WEEKS, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3 For Approval

RE: Small Business Grant Program Memo

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING/CAUCUS MEETING, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**X. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

1. Update on Federal Issues
2. Representative Krawczyk Fund Raiser November 17, 2003
3. Democratic Party of Wisconsin - American Indian Caucus - FYI
4. 2004 Elections - FYI
5. American Indian Chamber of Commerce Thank you Letter - FYI

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ACCEPT THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. FOR: PAUL NINHAM, MERCIE DANFORTH, CURTIS DANFORTH AND JULIE BARTON. BRIAN DOXTATOR ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING/CAUCUS**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO RECESS FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. TABLED BUSINESS**

1. Janice Hirth/Bill Gollnick (Attorney Update) RE: Unemployment benefits for YES Advocates

**Excerpt from November 5, 2003: MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM MANAGEMENT, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. FOR: TRISH KING, PAUL NINHAM, VINCE DELAROSA, MERCIE DANFORTH, JULIE BARTON. BRIAN DOXTATOR OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response due November 12, 2003**

**REMAINS ON THE TABLE**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Julie Barton RE: Roles and Responsibilities for Business Committee Standing Meetings

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO REFER THIS ITEM BACK TO THE JOINT GENERAL MANAGER'S AGENDA AND DIRECT THE SECRETARY, VICE CHAIR AND CURTIS DANFORTH TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS, BACK IN THREE WEEKS, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. FOR: TRISH KING, MERCIE DANFORTH, PAUL NINHAM. CURTIS DANFORTH OPPOSED. JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Tina Danforth RE: World Gaming Expenses

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Bruce King RE: Smith Affiliated Capital Investment Manager Agreement

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Tina Danforth RE: Falmouth Institute Compensation Study Files

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE INFORMATION WHEN THE DOCUMENT AND PLAN ARE COMPLETE AND FINAL, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. FOR: BRIAN DOXTATOR, PAUL NINHAM, MERCIE DANFORTH, CURTIS DANFORTH. TRISH KING ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. ATTORNEY BRIEF**

1. License Bed Assessment

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO ACCEPT AS FYI WITH A REPORT BACK IN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Rebecca Webster Contract Amendment

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE WEBSTER CONTRACT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Summary of October 2003 Contract Activity

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO ACCEPT AS FYI, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT AS FYI, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ACCEPT THE ATTORNEY BRIEF, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- 1 SBC Contract Termination and Conversion Process

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT AS FYI, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Federal and State Spending Plan

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO TABLE THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Gaming Survey

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE GAMING SURVEY, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY CURTIS DANFORTH TO ACCEPT THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

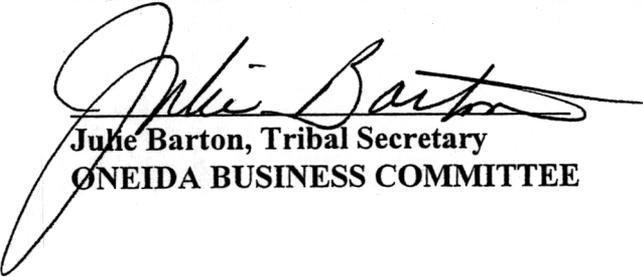
**F. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

**XV. RECESS/ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON November 25, 2003.**



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