



# 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 AUGUST 11, 2004 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

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

**EXCUSED:** Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Frieda Clary, Fred Muscavitch, Lori Elm, Brad Graham, Bill Menacher, Pat Lassila, Racquel Hill, Jim Van Stippen, Dottie Krull, Gina Powless Buenrostro, Justin Skenadore and Louise Cornelius.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Brian Doxtator

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

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

II. OATH OF OFFICE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. ADDITIONS:

B. DELETIONS:

**C. MOVES:**

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2004

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**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE JULY 28, 2004 MINUTES WITH THE NOTED CHANGES, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. TABLED BUSINESS:**

**REPORTS**

- A. HOTEL CORPORATION - (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month - Pat Lassila**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO APPROVE THE ONEIDA HOTEL CORPORATION REPORT, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. APPEALS COMMISSION - (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month - Winnifred Thomas**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY CURTIS DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE APPEALS COMMISSION REPORT, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- C. ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION - (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT) 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month - Louise Cornelius**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION REPORT, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D. ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION: (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT)  
1st Meeting of the Month - Jeff Mears**

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO DEFER THIS REPORT TO AUGUST 25, 2004, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- E. ONEIDA NATION ELECTRONICS: (QUARTERLY:  
JAN/APR/JULY/OCT): 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the month - Jeff House  
Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO ACCEPT THE ONEIDA NATION ELECTRONICS REPORT AND DIRECT THE SECRETARY TO WORK ON THE REPORTING SCHEDULE CHANGES, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- F. ONEIDA POLICE COMMISSION: (QUARTERLY:  
JAN/APR/JULY/OCT): 1<sup>ST</sup> Meeting of the month - David Webster**

**Report Submitted**

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO ACCEPT THE ONEIDA POLICE COMMISSION REPORT AND DIRECT THE SECRETARY TO SCHEDULE A MEETING BETWEEN THE ONEIDA POLICE COMMISSION AND THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE WITHIN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- G. BAY BANK (QUARTERLY: JAN/APR/JULY/OCT): 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the  
Month - Bill Menacher**

**Report Submitted**

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

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO ALLOW COUNCIL WOMAN KING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SCHEDULING A MEETING IN TWO MONTHS BETWEEN**

**THE BAY BANK BOARD AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**H. ONEIDA SEVEN GENERATION CORPORATION (QUARTERLY: JAN APR\JULY\OCT) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month - John Kroner**

**Report Submitted**

**Excerpt from July 28, 2004: MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2004, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response due August 11, 2004**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE ONEIDA SEVEN GENERATIONS CORPORATION QUARTERLY REPORT, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**M. TRAVEL REPORTS**

Tina Danforth

RE: Native American Bank, NA Executive Board Meeting, Denver, CO - July 14-16, 2004

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

? Curtis Danforth/Kevin Cornelius

RE: IHS Lobbying, Washington, D.C. - July 12-14, 2004

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REPORT AND DIRECT THE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: 1. PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR OBEY'S OFFICE TO ENTER IN THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL IF THERE IS NO RESOLVE TO OUR ISSUES WITH IHS; 2. LETTER FROM CMS STATING THEY SUPPORT OUR RECEIVING 100% REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUR NURSING HOME, 3. LETTER FROM STATE (MEDICAID) STATING THEY SUPPORT OUR RECEIVING 100% REIMBURSEMENT; AND 4. ANSWERS TO CONCERNS FROM IHS, TO LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND THE GENERAL MANAGER, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Frieda Clary (Julie Barton, Sponsor) RE: Oneida Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program Grant

**MOTION BY VINCE DELAROSA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 8-11-04-A THE ONEIDA TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 OVER TWO YEARS, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. REQUESTS**

- Julie Barton RE: Post one (1) vacancy on the Miss Oneida Committee

**MOTION BY PAUL NINHAM TO APPROVE THE POSTING OF ONE VACANT POSITION FOR THE MISS ONEIDA COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Tina Danforth RE: Oneida Gaming Commission vacancy

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO POST FOR ONE VACANCY FOR THE ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. FOR: BRIAN DOXTATOR, VINCE DELAROSA, MERCIE DANFORTH, JULIE BARTON. TRISH KING ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

- 1 Kathy Hughes/Carl Artman/Chris Johns RE: MAST Summer Meeting, Grand Portage, MN - August 19-20, 2004

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST AND THE VICE CHAIR MEETING WITH BIA REGIONAL DIRECTOR TERRY VIRDEN, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Note: No procedural exception is needed due to three persons per department policy procedure.

2. Julie Barton/Brian Doxtator/Carl Artman RE: National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Fort Lauderdale, FL - October 10-15, 2004 (Procedural Exception)

**MOTION BY MERCIE DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE PROCEDURAL EXCEPTION TRAVEL REQUEST WITH NO FURTHER PROCEDURAL EXCEPTION TRAVEL REQUESTS ALLOWED REGARDING NCAI CONFERENCE OF OCTOBER 10-15; 2004, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. FOR: PAUL NINHAM, TRISH KING, BRIAN DOXTATOR. JULIE BARTON, CURTIS DANFORTH ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Carl Artman (Mercie Danforth, Sponsor) RE: Republican National Convention, New York, NY - August 30 - September 3, 2004

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. BRIAN DOXTATOR OPPOSED. VINCE DELAROSA, PAUL NINHAM ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Brian Doxtator stated for the record he opposed because of the amount of time spent on travel.

Tina Danforth states specifics of travel where worked out this week for Carl Artman, the chair and legislative affairs.

4. Carl Artman (Curtis Danforth, Sponsor) RE: Developing Tribal Utilities Conference, Minneapolis, MN - October 21-22, 2004

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

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

- 1 Julie Barton RE: August 16-20, 2004

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ACCEPT THE VACATION REQUEST AS FYI, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **IX. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

**X. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

1. Retro approval for letters to Senators Feingold and Kohl regarding opposition to William Myers to Ninth Circuit Court

**MOTION BY CURTIS DANFORTH TO RETRO APPROVE THE LETTERS TO SENATORS FEINGOLD AND KOHL REGARDING OPPOSITION TO WILLIAM MYERS TO NINTH CIRCUIT COURT, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Initiatives Scheduled Events

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ACCEPT AS FYI, SECONDED BY CURTIS DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Legislative Report - 108<sup>th</sup> Congress

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO ACCEPT THE 108<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS REPORT, SECONDED BY BRIAN DOXTATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XI. TREASURERS REPORT- Mercie Danforth**

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLANNING**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY TRISH KING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. TABLED BUSINESS
- B. OLD BUSINESS
- C. NEW BUSINESS
- D. ATTORNEY BRIEF

- 1 Clarification on Chief of Staff job description

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO DIRECT THE CHAIRWOMAN TO POST THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF ACCORDING TO HUMAN RESOURCE PROCESSES AND WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE LAW**

**OFFICE, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

For the record, after the position has been worked through, it will be brought back to the Business Committee for final approval.

2. Oneida Ltd. v. Oneida Indians of Wisconsin settlement agreement

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE ONEIDA LTD. V. ONEIDA INDIANS OF WISCONSIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY PAUL NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. City of Sherrill v. Oneida amicus - request for information

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO DIRECT THE LAW OFFICE TO COLLECT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE TRIBE, PURSUANT THE REQUEST FROM THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT REGARDING THE CITY OF SHERRILL V. ONEIDA AMICUS, SECONDED BY MERCIE DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

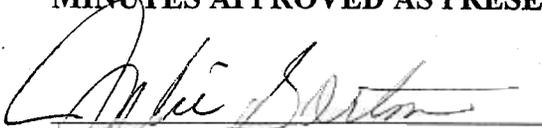
**F. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

**XIV. RECESS/ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY BRIAN DOXTATOR TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY VINCE DELAROSA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON August 25, 2004 .**



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

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