

# **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**

### **DECEMBER 29, 2004**

### **Business Committee Conference Room**

**Present:** Tina Danforth - Chair  
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair  
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer  
Julie Barton - Secretary  
Trish King - Council member  
Curtis Danforth - Council member  
Brian Doxtator - Council member

**Excused:** Paul Ninham and Vince DelaRosa - Council members

**Others Present:** Dori Smith, Cara Smith, Stacy Born, Kathy Paulich, Linda VanderMuss, Patrice John, Lori Elm, Jim Van Stippen, Erv Thompson, Jim Martin, Pat Pelky, Gina Powless Buenrostro, Peril Huff and Karen Katch

**Opening Prayer:** Brian Doxtator

**Special Recognitions:** Recognition of the Oneida Health Center Dental Department by Brian Doxtator.

- 1 Call to Order by Kathy Hughes at 9:00 a.m.**
- 2. Oath of Office - Administered by Curtis Danforth**

**Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory Committee**  
Jennifer Hill-Kelley - Not Present

**Oneida Library Board**

Dellora Cornelius - Present

**Oneida Appeals Commission**

Gerald Cornelius - Present

**3. Approval of the Agenda  
a. Additions**

**To New Business, Requests:**

4. Julie Barton

RE: Oneida Appeals Commission  
Resignation

**b. Deletions - None**

**c. Moves**

**From New Business, Requests:**

11 John Bauman (Julie Barton, Sponsor)

RE: Location of the New  
Administration Building

**Moved to the Business Committee Agenda of January 12, 2005**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the agenda with the recommended changes and one addition, seconded by Mercie Danforth . Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Minutes to be Approved:**

Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2004

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Business Committee minutes of December 1, 2004, seconded by Trish King. Curtis Danforth abstained. For: Julie Barton, Brian Doxtator. Motion carried.

**5. Tabled Business - None**

**6. Reports - None**

**7. Travel Reports**

- 1 Kathy Hughes/Kevin Cornelius RE: Indian Health Care Improvement Act Preauthorization - Washington, DC

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the travel report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings - None**

**9. New Business**

**1. Resolutions - None**

**2. Requests**

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

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve posting one (1) vacancy on the Miss Oneida Committee, seconded by Curtis Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Julie Barton RE: Post two (2) vacancies on the Anna John Nursing Home Commission

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve posting two (2) vacancies on the Anna John Nursing Home Commission, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Julie Barton RE: Re-post nine (9) vacancies on the Oneida Hall of Fame Selection Committee

**Action:** Motion by Julie Barton to approve re-posting nine (9) vacancies on the Oneida Hall of Fame Selection Committee, seconded by Brian

Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Julie Barton RE: Post four (4) vacancies on the Oneida Personnel Commission

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to table this item, seconded by Julie Barton. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Julie Barton RE: Oneida Veterans Affair Committee Recommendations and re-post one (1) vacancy

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept the recommendation by Secretary Barton dated November 29, 2004 to appoint Loretta V. Metoxen, Dale Peters and Clifford Doxtator and to re-post one (1) vacancy on the Oneida Veterans Affair Committee , seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Julie Barton RE: Post one (1) vacancy on the Oneida Arts Board

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept the recommendation by Secretary Barton per the memo dated December 2, 2004 to post one (1) vacancy on the Oneida Arts Board, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Julie Barton RE: Accept a resignation and post one (1) vacancy on the Audit Committee

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the resignation of Sandra Thomas and to post one (1) vacancy on the Audit Committee, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Bill Gollnick (Julie Barton, Sponsor) RE: Waste Water Treatment Facility letter to the Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA)

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the letter authorizing the chairwoman's signature for the Waste Water Treatment Facility, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Julie Barton RE: Land Claims GTC Meeting date of March 12, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept the recommendation by Secretary Barton per the December 15, 2004 memo for the Saturday, March 12, 2005 Land Claims GTC meeting with an alternate date of Monday, March 14, 2005, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Julie Barton RE: Post three (3) vacancies and accept one (1) recommendation for the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Board

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept Secretary Barton's recommendation for the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Board of December 14, 2004 to re-post three (3) vacancies and accept the recommendation of December 6, 2004 to appoint Jo Swamp, seconded by Julie Barton. Motion carried unanimously.

11. John Bauman (Julie Barton, Sponsor) RE: Location of the New Administration Building

**Moved to the Business Committee Agenda of January 12, 2005**

12. Jim Van Stippen (Kathy Hughes, Sponsor) RE: Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation Board Recommendation

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to deny the request of Pat Lassila and

respectfully request the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation Board to bring back two (2) recommendations to the January 12, 2005 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Paul Ninham RE: Great Lakes Declaration

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to direct Councilman Ninham and Chairwoman Danforth to cooperate efforts on a final Great Lakes Declaration and if needed bring back a resolution to the January 12, 2005 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Julie Barton RE: Oneida Appeals Commission Resignation

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept Secretary Barton's recommendation of December 28, 2004 to place on the caucus one vacancy on the Oneida Appeals Commission for the January 3, 2005 Caucus, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Travel Requests - None**

**10. Finance Committee**

1 Regular Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2004

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the Finance Committee minutes of November 12, 2004, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Regular Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2004

**Action:** Motion by Julie Barton to approve the Finance Committee minutes of December 3, 2004, seconded by Curtis Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3 Special Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2004

Oneida Business Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2004

**Action:** Motion by Julie Barton to approve the Special Finance Committee minutes of December 27, 2004, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Curtis Danforth, Trish King. Brian Doxtator abstained. Motion carried.

**11. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC)**

For Approval

RE: Resolution adopting the Open Records and Open Meeting Law

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to table this item, seconded by Julie Barton. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Oneida Revenue Allocation Plan

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the prioritization of the Allocation Plan, seconded by Julie Barton. Motion carried unanimously.

Tina Danforth arrived at 9:32 a.m.

2. National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Membership Fee Resolution

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt resolution 12-29-04-A for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) fees in the amount of \$15,000.00, seconded by Curtis Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Treasurer's Report - None**

**14. Oneida Business Committee Planning - None**

**15. Joint General Managers Meeting - None**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to go into executive session, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**

**1. Tabled Business**

Carl Artman

RE: Casino Easement Extension

**Excerpt from October 20, 2004:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to table this item for two weeks with final recommendations by Chief Council, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from November 3, 17<sup>th</sup> and December 1, 2004:** Remains on the table

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to remove from the table, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept as FYI and delete this item from the agenda, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Old Business**

1 Bill Gollnick/Carl Artman

RE: Oneida Seal

**Excerpt from October 6, 2004:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to direct the General Manager and Attorney Artman to provide a joint recommendation followup at the October 20, 2004 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from October 20, 2004:** Deferred to the Business Committee Meeting of December 15, 2004.

**Response due December 15, 2004**

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to refer this item to the Joint General Managers meeting agenda and delete this from the agenda, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. New Business**

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA) Update

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to rescind the Business Committee action of October 20, 2004 to dissolve the Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA), seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept the amended By-Laws and the amended and restated Corporate Charter of the Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA) and direct Chief Counsel Artman to follow up regarding the amendments, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Julie Barton, Curtis Danforth, Trish King. Mercie Danforth abstained. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the appointment of Francis Skenandore, Joan Buckley, Scott Dacey and Gene Keluche to the Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA) Board of Directors, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Tina Danforth RE: Pardons

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to table the pardon of Kelly R. Braaten, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to adopt resolution 12-29-04-B granting a pardon to Eva M. Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to deny the pardons for Lawrence Fields, resolution 12-29-04-C, Wenona Miller, resolution 12-29-04-D and Koy Skenandore, resolution 12-29-04-E seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Attorney Brief

1. Business Committee as supervisor/manager - FYI

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer this personnel action to Councilman Doxtator for investigation and any follow up with legal counsel to include extension if necessary, seconded Julie Barton. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Offer to purchase - FYI

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to accept as FYI, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Midwest Fee to Trust Consortium

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the Chairwoman's signature of the Midwest Fee to Trust Consortium Memorandum of Understanding and further direct the Law Office to coordinate follow up and next steps for the Tribes participation, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Attorney William Cornelius Contract

**Action:** Motion by Julie Barton to approve the William Cornelius attorney contract, seconded by Curtis Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dan Hawk sentence - FYI

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to accept as FYI, seconded by Brian Doxtator. For: Julie Barton, Curtis Danforth, Kathy Hughes. Mercie Danforth abstained. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to amend the motion to respectfully request the Treasurer to follow up regarding the payment of \$22,286.37, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Legislative Affairs Update - None**

6. **Audit Committee**

1. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2004

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the Audit Committee minutes of October 28, 2004, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Land Claims/New York Project Update ( 3:00 p.m.) - None

**Recess/Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Brian Doxtator.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented on January 12, 2005.



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