

# 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 APRIL 20, 2005 Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:**

Tina Danforth - Chair	Trish King - Council member
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair	Paul Ninham - Council member
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer	Vince DelaRosa - Council member
Julie Barton - Secretary	Curtis Danforth - Council member
	Brian Doxtator - Council member

**Excused:**

**Others Present:**

**Opening Prayer:** Jonathan House

**Special Recognitions:** None

1. **Call to Order by Tina Danforth**
2. **Oath of Office administered by Curtis Danforth**

**Oneida Cemetery Board**

Linda Delgado-Barajas-Not present

**Oneida Arts Board**

Laura Laitinen -Not present

**Oneida Personnel Commission**

Bridget A. Mendolla-Cornelius - Administered by Julie Barton on April 7, 2005

Eric R. Krawczyk - Administered by Julie Barton on April 15, 2005

**Southeast Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board**

Kim M. Reyes -Not present

Alan D. Fabian-Not present

**Oneida Nation Electronic Corporation Board of Directors**

James Petitjean-Present

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**a. Additions**

**To New Business, Requests:**

- 6. Carl Artman (Mercie Danforth, Sponsor) RE: Fee-to-Trust Application Letter to the Village of Hobart and Ashwaubenon
- 7. Vince DelaRosa RE: Community Meeting dates of May 21, 2005 and June 4, 2005 regarding the Draft Constitution

**To Executive Session, New Business:**

- 4. Carl Artman (Mercie Danforth, Sponsor) RE: New York Land Claims Settlement Agreement Letter to local municipalities
- 5. Mercie Danforth RE: Nature's Way Tissue

**b. Deletions - None**

**c. Moves - None**

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the agenda, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trish King that the Land Claims discussion take place at the end of the meeting, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Minutes to be Approved:**

1. Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2005

Pg. 8 of 11: Insert application for Medicare certification

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the April 6, 2005 minutes with the corrected change, seconded by Julie Barton. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Special Business Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the April 6, 2005 special meeting minutes with the correction of the name "Brian", seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. Tabled Business:**

1. Oneida Land Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Jeff Mears - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of April 6, 2005:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to table due to not receiving a report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to take this item from the table, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the Land Commission quarterly report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Oneida Police Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
David Webster - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of April 6, 2005:** Motion by Julie Barton to table this item, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

### **No Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to take this item from the table, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to respectfully request the Treasurer to stop all stipend payments to the Police Commission until a quarterly report is submitted, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Trish King, Vince DelaRosa, Curtis Danforth, Julie Barton. Mercie Danforth abstained. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to defer this item to the next Business Committee meeting because a report has not been received, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **6. Reports:**

- a. Oneida Tribal School Board (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Debbie Danforth - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

#### **Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the School Board Quarterly Report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Oneida Housing Authority (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Mark Stanchik - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

#### **Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Housing Authority Quarterly Report, seconded by Brian Doxtator. For: Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Curtis Danforth, Julie Barton. Brian Doxtator, Mercie Danforth opposed. Motion carried.

For the record, Brian Doxtator opposed due to more dialogue was needed on the report.

- c. Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Dellora Cornelius - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the ONCOA Quarterly Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
John Kroner - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Report Submitted**

Paul Ninham arrived at 9:50 a.m.

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Seven Generations Corporation's quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Trish King, Brian Doxtator, Kathy Hughes, Curtis Danforth, Julie Barton. Paul Ninham abstained. Motion carried.

**7. Travel Reports**

- 1. Curtis Danforth RE: Tribal Leaders Economic Forum  
- March 21-22, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve and send the travel report to the Assistant General Manager for follow-up with the American Indian Resources Institute for contact information, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Julie Barton. Curtis Danforth abstained. Motion carried.

**8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings**

- 1. Kathy Hughes/Brian Doxtator RE: Draft Resolution allowing for  
multiple degrees

**Excerpt from Joint General Managers Meeting of February 10, 2005:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to direct the Vice Chair and himself to draft a resolution with complete analysis that allows for multiple degrees, back at the first Business Committee Meeting in March, 2005, seconded by Julie Barton. Motion carried.

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of March 23, 2005:** Motion by Trish

King to defer this item back to the April 6, 2005 Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Curtis Danforth, Brian Doxtator. Mercie Danforth, Julie Barton opposed. Motion carried.

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of April 6, 2005:** Motion by Paul Ninham to defer this item for two weeks, seconded by Julie Barton. For: Trish King, Mercie Danforth, Curtis Danforth. Brian Doxtator, Vince DelaRosa opposed. Motion carried.

## **Response due April 20, 2005**

### **Response Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to forward this item to the May Business Committee planning meeting and that the General Manager inform and invite all interested parties, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Resolutions**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Host a VISTA Volunteer

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to retro approve Resolution 4-20-05-A to host a VISTA volunteer, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mercie Danforth RE: Revenue Allocation Plan for FY 2005

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to adopt Resolution 4-20-05-B, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to amend the motion to direct Chief Counsel to forward the Revenue Allocation Plan and resolution to the appropriate parties, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Requests**

1. Julie Barton RE: Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory Committee

Recommendation and re-post one (1) vacancy

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the appointment of Lori Elm to the Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory Committee and to re-post one vacancy, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Wayne Metoxen (Jt. GM Mtg. of 4-7-05) RE: Main Casino Master Plan - CIP Project #23-404 (**Retro approval**)

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to retro approve CIP project 23-404 in the amount of \$836,000.00 from the FY04 CIP funds, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Julie Barton RE: Accept resignation and post one (1) vacancy on the Oneida Nation Electronics Board

**Action:** Motion by Julie Barton to accept the resignation of David Bischoff and approve the re-posting of one vacant position, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Julie Barton RE: Oneida Land Commission Recommendation

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept the Secretary's recommendation per memo dated April 4, 2005 to appoint Melinda K. Danforth to the Oneida Land Commission, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mercie Danforth RE: Honor the Elder Luncheon

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to accept the Treasurer's recommendation per memo dated April 12, 2005 to:

- FY05 have a luncheon for the elders at the end of July with recommendations of only a meal and possible entertainment
- FY06 combine funds and have only a Christmas party (December 2005).
- May 2005 send out the resolution honoring the elder and encourage staff and community to take an elder to lunch on their own. Business Committee request Enrollments to provide a list of the oldest elders and Committee take these elders to lunch, if elder cannot go to lunch, provide them with flowers. This continues each year thereafter.

- Recommend Radisson donate the room
- Place article in DRUMS and Legislative Review to explain what is occurring.

seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Trish King, Paul Ninham, Kathy Hughes, Curtis Danforth, Julie Barton. Vince DelaRosa abstained. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt resolution 4-20-05-C, for Honor the Elder Luncheon Week, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Carl Artman (Mercie Danforth, Sponsor) RE: Fee-to-Trust Application Letter to the Village of Hobart and Ashwaubenon

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Fee-to-Trust application letter to the Village of Hobart and Ashwaubenon, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Vince DelaRosa RE: Community Meeting dates of May 21, 2005 and June 4, 2005 regarding the Draft Constitution

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the additional dates of May 21, 2005 (Chicago) and June 4, 2005 (Milwaukee) community meeting dates regarding the draft constitution; provide lunch for attendees; request the Secretary to administer a regional mailing of the Constitution Community Meeting flyers to include directions and authorize Chair or Vice Chair to send letter to the Oneida constituency informing them of these additional meetings, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Trish King RE: NCAI/NIGA Tribal Leaders Task Force Meeting - March 23-25, 2005 (**Retro approval**)

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to retro approve the travel request, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Carl Artman (Mercie Danforth, Sponsor) RE: 2005 State Bar Annual Convention, Milwaukee, WI

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Finance Committee

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the March 11, 2005 minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. For Consideration RE: Legislative Operating Committee Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2005
2. For Consideration RE: Legislative Operating Committee Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2005
3. For Consideration RE: RE: Legislative Operating Committee Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2005
4. For Consideration RE: RE: Legislative Operating Committee Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2005
5. For Consideration RE: RE: Legislative Operating Committee Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the LOC meeting minutes 1-5, seconded by Brian Doxtator. Motion carried unanimously.

6. For Consideration RE: Public Hearing date of May 31, 2005 for the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the public hearing date of May 31, 2005 for the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**13. Oneida Business Committee Planning**

1. Business Committee Planning Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Julie Barton to approve the March 16, 2005 minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Joint General Managers Meeting**

1. Joint General Managers Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the April 7, 2005 minutes, seconded by Brian Doxtator. For: Paul Ninham, Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth, Curtis Danforth, Julie Barton. Trish King opposed. Motion carried.

For the record, Trish King opposed because the comments are made in first and third party statements and is unclear.

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to recess until 1:30 p.m., seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Executive Session**

a. **Tabled Business - None**

b. **Old Business - None**

c. **New Business**

1. Mercie Danforth RE: Hilton San Diego Agreement (**Retro Approval**)

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to retro approve the Hilton San Diego Agreement for the room, seconded by Trish King. For: Paul Ninham, Brian Doxtator, Vince DelaRosa, Curtis Danforth, Julie Barton. Mercie Danforth abstained. Motion carried.

2. Susan White (Mercie Danforth, Sponsor) RE: Southwest Securities, Inc. Contract

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the Southwest Securities Inc. Contract, and authorize the Trust Director to sign routine contracts with Bay Bank for a period of two years and that the contract remain on file in the Treasurer's office for continual review, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kathy Hughes RE: Chief of Staff Contract

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the contract and authorize the Vice Chair to follow up with the resignation and all other processes required by HRD with a final update back at the May 4, 2005 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Carl Artman (Mercie Danforth, Sponsor) RE: New York Land Claims Settlement Agreement Letter to local municipalities

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to approve the letter drafted by Chief Counsel and the release of the memo when appropriate with the recommended changes. Furthermore, request Chief Counsel to develop a bullet point discussion sheet and memo from the Chairwoman to the Village of Hobart Board for a follow-up meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mercie Danforth

RE: Nature's Way Tissue  
Request

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to authorize the Treasurer to review the questions for answers for Seven Generations Corporation and any other parties she deems necessary prior to the May 14 GTC meeting, seconded by Julie Barton. For: Paul Ninham, Trish King, Brian Doxtator, Vince DelaRosa, Curtis Danforth. Mercie Danforth abstained. Motion carried.

d. **Audit Committee - None**

e. **Land Claims/New York Project Update ( 3:00 p.m.)**

#### **Recess/Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion by Brian Doxtator to adjourn, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented on May 4, 2005.**



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