

# 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 4, 2006

Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair      Paul Ninham - Council member  
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer      Vince DelaRosa - Council member  
Patty Hoeft - Secretary      Melinda J. Danforth - Council member  
Edward Delgado - Council member

**Excused:** Gerald Danforth - Chair and Trish King - Council member

**Others Present:** Yvonne Metivier, Belinda Brenuan, Oscar Schuyler, Julie Denny, Jenny Kruse, Karen Katch, Wanda Diemel, John Bauman, Lori Elm, Peril Huff, Jeanette Ninham, Frieda Clary, Nathan King, Alice Skenandore

**Opening Prayer:**

**Special Recognitions:** None

1. Call to Order by Kathy Hughes
2. Oath of Office - None
3. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Additions

**To Travel Requests:**

2. Paul Ninham      RE: Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association - January 19-20, 2006

**To Executive Session New Business:**

2. Carl Artman RE: Outagamie Service Agreement

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

4. **Minutes to be Approved:**

**Regular Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2005**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the December 21, 2005 minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Tabled Business:**

1. Fred Muscavitch RE: Repeal Old Fee to Trust Resolution and replace with correct tax parcel number

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of December 21, 2005:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to table this item, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Response Submitted**

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

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt resolution I-04-06-A, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. John Bauman/Pat Wood RE: Construction Management Services Contract for the Administration Building - CIP Project #23-003

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of December 21, 2005:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to table this item, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Response Submitted**

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

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct General Manager to organize the presentation to the Business Committee at the January 10, 2006 Business Committee Planning meeting with an overview of the Administration Building project as well as all key construction projects and how they fit in with the concepts coming from the central Oneida project, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Reports:**

- a. Oneida Gaming Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Oscar Schuyler - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Gaming Commission's quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Land Commission quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- k. Oneida Police Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Mark King - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Report Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Police Commission quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Travel Reports**

1. Patty Hoeft RE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Haudenosaunee Conference,  
Syracuse, New York - November 18-20, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel report and the recommendations that the Business Committee send representation to the third annual Haudenosaunee Conference in 2006 to continue building relationships and remain a visible player in the reunification efforts and representation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Indian Country Law Conference February 23-25, 2006 should be entertained as well, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Oneida Gaming Commission RE: Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Control Regulations

**Excerpt from the Joint Business Committee/Gaming Commission meeting of October 13, 2005:** Motion by Jerry Danforth for Kathy Hughes and Paul Ninham to collect all e-mails and schedule a two hour meeting for the Business Committee with all the information to insure that everyone is well informed, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of November 9, 2005:** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the 30 day extension from Oscar Schuyler, Chair of the Oneida Gaming Commission regarding the Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Control Regulations. Due back to the Business Committee agenda December 7, 2005, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of December 7, 2005:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to direct the law office to provide a Statement of Effect, back in two weeks, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of December 21, 2005:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer this item to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Response Submitted**

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to the Joint Business Committee/Gaming Commission meeting of January 19, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. New Business**

**a. Resolutions**

1. Freida Clary RE: United States Department of Justice/Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt resolution 1-04-06-B, United States Department of Justice/Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization \$500,000.00 grant over two years with no match, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Frieda Clary RE: FY 2006 S.T.O.P. Violence Against

Indian Women/Oneida Domestic Violence  
Program

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt resolution 1-04-06-C, \$175,000.00 grant over two year with a 25% match, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Mercie Danforth RE: Memo to Syble Hopp supporting moving forward with requesting funds from our State Compact - Draft

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to defer for final draft in letter form to the Chairman's office with sign-off, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to direct Legislative Affairs to work with the General Manager's office to coordinate the request for an Oneida therapeutic pool to come from state compact revenues, seconded by Paul Ninham.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Ed Delgado RE: Western Indian Gaming Conference - January 11-12, 2006

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Mercie Danfort opposed. Motion carried.

2. Paul Ninham RE: ITMA Meeting - January 19-20, 2006

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve blanket travel for all ITMA meetings, as well as blanket travel for alternate, Melinda J. Danforth, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance Committee -None
11. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC)-None
12. Treasurer's Report-None
13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

1. Amended Business Committee Planning Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the amended minutes of December 13, 2005, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Executive Staff Meeting -None**

**15. Executive Session**

**a. Tabled Business- None**

**b. Old Business**

1. Lloyd Powless (Patty Hoeft) RE: Dental Care Clinic Follow up Report

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of November 23, 2005:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct management to provide the Business Committee with a report on the results of the management investigation by November 30, 2005 and that the Business Committee discuss the results of the report at the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from the Business Committee Meeting of December 7, 2005:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the report, direct management to continue with their work and that they provide a follow-up at the January 4, 2006 Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**Response due January 4, 2006**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the update and move this item to Executive Staff meeting of February 2, 2006 in Executive Session, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. New Business**

1. Carl Artman RE: NRDA Settlement with Appleton Papers, Inc and NCR Corp.

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to defer this item for two weeks, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Carl Artman RE: Outagamie Service Agreement

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to defer this item for two weeks, seconded by

Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Joint BC/Hobart meeting minutes of December 13, 2005
- 2.. HALO Meeting minutes of December 20, 2005

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept items 1-2 as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously..

3. Travel to Washington, DC January 18 - 20<sup>th</sup> Even Start Program, January 31 - February 2, 2006 for NIGA Class II regulations

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve travel for Kathy Hughes on January 18-20th for the Senate briefing, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Attorney Brief**

1. Letters to Town/County regarding submission of fee-to-trust properties

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the letter to Outagamie County Executive that doesn't reference intergovernmental agreement; and to approve the letter to the Town of Oneida, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Wagnon v Prairie band of Potowatomi Nation

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trial and Appellate Case Summary

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Personnel action

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to authorize the law office to represent the Business Committee and Geraldine Danforth, seconded by Paul Ninham. Ed Delgado opposed. Motion carried.

**f. Audit Committee**

1. Audit Committee minutes of October 27, 2005

**Action :** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the October 27, 2005 Audit minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month)**

**Action :** Motion by Ed Delgado to accept as FYI, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented on January 18, 2006**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

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