



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 MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MARCH 15, 2006 Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Gerald Danforth - Chair  
Patty Hoeft - Secretary  
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer  
Vince DelaRosa - Council member  
Edward Delgado - Council member

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Trish King, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth - Council members

**Others Present:** Bill VerVoort, Gary Jordan, Eleanora Smith, Justine Souto, Wanda Diemel, Geraldine Danforth, Jim Martin, Russell Metoxen, Roy Metoxen, Dottie Krull, Ron Hill, Linda Glaser, Kitty Melchert, Frieda Clary, Julie Denny, Twilight Moore, Carol Silva, Gina Buenrostro, Louise Cornelius, Oscar Schuyler, Wayne Metoxen, Don Denny, Rae Skenandore, Peril Huff

**Opening Prayer:** Ed Delgado

**Special Recognitions:** None

1. Call to Order by Gerald Danforth
2. Oath of Office - Administered by Patty Hoeft

AIRPORT HOTEL CORPORATION BOARD  
Steve Yanke - NOT PRESENT

ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION  
Gary Jordan- PRESENT

**3. Approval of the Agenda**  
**a. Additions**  
**b. Deletions**  
**c. Moves**

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

**4. Minutes to be Approved:**

Regular Business Committee Minutes of March 1, 2006

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the March 1, 2006 minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Tabled Business:**

Oneida Nation Electronics Corporation (Quarterly Report)

**Excerpt from March 1, 2006:** Motion by Ed Delgado to table this item to the next Business Committee Meeting of March 15, 2006, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the O.N.E. Report and direct the Secretary to schedule a meeting with O.N.E. before the end of April for a review, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Reports:**

**7. Travel Reports**

1. Trish King RE: Las Vegas, NV Feb. 6-9, 2006 2006 National  
Reservation Economic Summit and American  
Indian Business Trade Fair

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the travel report, seconded by Mercie Danforth.  
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Washington, DC February 21-24, 2006, TTAG Meeting

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the travel report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Re-Post one vacancy on the Oneida Audit Committee

**Excerpt from March 1, 2006:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item to March 15, 2006 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to re-post one vacancy for the Oneida Audit Committee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Lloyd Powless RE: Oneida Community Health Center Monthly Update

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Oneida Community Health Center Monthly Report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. LOC RE: New Boards, Committees and Commission Law

**Excerpt from March 1, 2006:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item March 15, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth. Opposed: Paul Ninham, Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to reject this proposal and send it back to LOC for more work and that they bring back a new proposal, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Mercie Danforth. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

## 9. New Business

**a. Resolutions**

1. Frieda Clary RE: Approval to apply for the 2006 TYP-Juvenile Accountability Grant

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 3-15-06-FF to apply for the 2006 TYP-Juvenile Accountability Grant program for the amount of \$300,000.00 over a three year period, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Frieda Clary RE: Approval to apply for the 2006 ANA/SEDS grant

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 3-15-06-GG to apply for the 2006 ANA/SEDS grant in the amount of \$900,000.00 over a three year period, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Paul Ninham RE: Joint BC/OGC Minutes of February 9, 2006

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the revised joint Business Committee/Oneida Gaming Commission minutes of February 9, 2006, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Dan Skenandore RE: Approval of activation of \$500,000.00 from FY05 for the Assisted Living/New Anna John Nursing Home CIP Project #98-005

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve activation of funds for the assisted living/new Anna John Nursing Home CIP Project #98-005 in the amount of \$500,000.00 from FY2005, seconded by Patty Hoef. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Paul Witek/Pat Wood RE: Approval to activate and transfer \$970,000.00 from FY06 Sewer & Water Projects Matching Funds to Waste Water Treatment Facility CIP Project #21-009

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve activation and transfer of \$970,000.00 from FY06 Sewer and Water Projects matching funds to Waste Water Treatment Facility CIP Project #21-009, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. James Martin RE: Letter of Support for Benefit Concert  
May 18, 2006

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the request for a letter of support for the May 18, 2006 benefit concert, with the striking of "Oneida Programs" from the letter, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to prepare a recommendation to the Business Committee by April 1, 2006 that shows how Oneida can best support and participate in the benefit for the National Native American Veteran's Memorial, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Racquel Hill RE: Approval of 2006 Election Timetable

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Election Boards 2006 Election Timetable, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Fred Muscavitch RE: Approval of 30 Fee to Trust  
Applications, 2.) Rescind Resolution 5-04-  
05-L and approval of corrected resolution,  
3.) Approval of 5 Restrictive Covenant  
Acknowledgments

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt 30 Fee to Trust Applications resolutions A-DD, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind resolution 5-04-05-L, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mercie Danforth adopt Fee to Trust Resolution 3-15-06-EE for former Gary DeCaster Property, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve 5 Restrictive Covenant Acknowledgments for Rondou, Beausoleil, Baugh, McGurie and Cornelius, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Patty Hoeft RE: Accept Resignation of Colleen Cottrell  
and re-post one vacancy to the Oneida

Personnel Commission for remainder of term ending October 4, 2008

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the resignation and re-post one vacancy for the Oneida Personnel Commission for the remainder of term ending October 14, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Ed Delgado RE: BC approval to include in the FY07 budget, a 4.1% COLA increase for employees excluding the Business Committee

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to send the 4.1% COLA request to the budget team for consideration for the FY07 budget, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to submit a report at the Executive Staff meeting of May 4, 2006 that explains and identifies Oneida's income trends over the last 15 years; the gap between the lowest, middle and highest income wage earner; and an analysis of trend of growth between the lowest, middle and highest wage earner, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Lloyd Powless RE: Approval of letter from Chairman to IHS informing them of our new contacts for the Residential Well & Septic Program and the Community Sewer & Water Systems and infrastructure

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the IHS letter for the Chair's signature, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Melinda J. Danforth RE: 2006 Indigenous Games, July 1-10, Denver, CO to support Oneida Youth in Attendance

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King RE: Retro-approval for travel to Orientation

to Federal Indian Lands Conference, Palm Springs, CA, March 6-8, 2006

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to retro approve the travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kathy Hughes RE: Retro approval for HHS Budget Consultation February , 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to retro approve the travel request, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mercie Danforth RE: 2006 Native American Finance Association (NAFA) Conference May 3-5, 2006, Las Vegas, NV

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bill Gollnick/Lloyd Powless RE: Procedural Exception to NIGA, April 2-5, 2006 for Bill Gollick, Matt Kunstman

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the NIGA procedural travel exception for Bill Gollnick, Matt Kunstman, Loretta V. Metoxen, Jeff House, Louise Cornelius, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Ed Delgado. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

## 10. Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2005  
Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2006

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the October 15, 2005 Finance Committee Minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the January 13, 2006 Finance Committee Minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC)

### FOR CONSIDERATION

LOC Minutes of February 13, 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the February 13, 2006 LOC minutes,

seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

LOC Minutes of February 20, 2006

Action: Motion by Vince Delarosa to approve the February 20, 2006 LOC minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**13. Oneida Business Committee Planning**

Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the February 14, 2006 Planning minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Executive Staff Meeting**

Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2006 for approval

Action : Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Executive staff minutes of February 2, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2006 as FYI (No quorum)

Action : Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Executive Staff Minutes of March 2, 2006 as FYI, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Lobbying and Campaign Finance Reform Letters

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to support the letter with the noted change First paragraph eliminating "standing on its head", seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Local, Municipal and County Report

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to provide the Business Committee with a report by Monday, March 20, 2006 explaining why the Oneida Tribe was late making the Service Agreement payment to Hobart, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. State Report

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to retro approve the testimony AB 639 testimony, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Upcoming Events

Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Legislative Affairs update, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**

**a. Tabled Business**

1. Terry Cornelius RE: 1<sup>st</sup> amendment to the Public Safety Officer 401K Plan Resolution and Statement of Effect

Excerpt from March 1, 2006: Remains on the table and Treasurer will bring back recommendations.

Action: Remains on the table

**b. Old Business**

- 1 Bill Gollnick RE: Chief Counsel Job Description for Business Committee Review

Excerpt from March 1, 2006: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the report with a final report back March 15, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the report and that the position be posted nationally for 30 days, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Michele Peterson RE: RJ Reynolds 2006 Merchandising Agreement

Excerpt from March 1, 2006: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item due to the contract not being redone based on the legal opinion, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion

carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the RJ Reynolds 2006 Merchandising Agreement, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. New Business**

1. Cheryl Skolaski RE: Approval of 80 New Enrollment Applicants

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the 80 New Enrollment applications, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Brandon Cooper RE: Seven Generations

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to direct the Secretary to schedule a meeting between the Business Committee and Seven Generation Board by May with the law office providing legal assistance and review on this request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs Update - None**

**e. Attorney Brief**

1. Hawk V Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Central Accounting Department
2. Hawk v Gerald Danforth
3. Sacramento Marriott Project
4. Hobart v Gerald Danforth

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the report and support items 2 and 4 to provide counsel to the Chairman, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

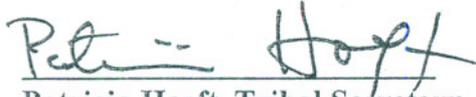
**f. Audit Committee - None**

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

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on April 26, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Hoeft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE