

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 MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

August 30, 2006

Business Committee Conference Room

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

Excused: Gerald Danforth - Chair

Others Present: Barbara Skenandore, Susan Martinez, Brenda John, Barb Dickson, Dottie Krull, Fred Muscavitch, Ron King, Nathan King, Tana Aquirre, Cornina Williams, Bobbie Webster, Ray John

Opening Prayer: Ron Hill, Jr.

Special Recognitions: Jasmine Polar for her work as a Summer Intern in the Oneida Tribal Secretary's Office - administered by Patty Hoeft and Brenda John

1. **Call to Order by Kathy Hughes**
2. **Oath of Office** - administered by Patty Hoeft
Oneida Housing Authority - Susan Danforth-Martinez - Present
Oneida Seven Generation Corporation Board - William Cornelius not present
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. **Additions**
 - b. **Deletions**

c. Moves

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the agenda with the deferral of Executive Session Item H, Move Executive Session Item 1 to Regular Session Request Item 6, and addition to Executive Session New Business #4, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Minutes of August 16, 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the minutes with the correction on page 9 of 11, changing the words "other Tribes" to "Oneida Tribe", seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Special Minutes of August 16, 2006 with corrections to grammar, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business

1. Oneida Nation Electronics (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
Jeff House - 2nd Meeting of the Month

Excerpt from August 16, 2006: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table this item, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Report Submitted

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to take this item from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the O.N.E. Quarterly Report, seconded by Vince Delarosa. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Reports - None

7. Travel Reports

1. Patty Hoefl RE: EPA Meeting and Great Lakes Governors and Premiers, Chicago IL, June 19-21, 2006

Excerpt from August 2, 2006 Minutes: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item to the next Business Committee agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from August 16, 2006 Minutes: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously

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

2. Kathy Hughes RE: DCCC - Napa, CA, August 10-13, 2006

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

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Marriage request for Wayne Cornelius and Jody Lynn Elizabeth Renee Lee Martinez Rodriguez

Excerpt from August 16, 2006 Minutes: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer this item to the August 30th Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to delete this item, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Resolutions

1. Fred Muscavitch RE: 12 Fee to Trust Applications

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt Fee to Trust resolutions 8-30-06-A-L, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jennifer Carlton RE: Amended OGMICR - Phase III

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Amended OGMICR Phase III resolution 8-30-06-M, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Jennifer Carlton RE: Amendment to Rules of Play

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt amendment to Rules of Play resolution 8-30-06-N, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Requests

1. Susan House RE: Approval to do brief survey and assessment of 50 leaders in the Oneida government and organization

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Susan House to do a brief survey and assessment of 50 leaders in the Oneida government and organization contingent on the law office recommended language for the agreement, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Fred Muscavitch RE: Retro Approval of Corrected Warranty Deed for Resolution #5-4-05-B

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to retro approve the Warranty Deed for Resolution 5-4-05-B, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Neil Trottier RE: Requesting permission to conduct research for Doctoral Thesis at Penn State University

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve permission for Neil Trottier to conduct research for his Doctoral Thesis at Penn State University contingent on the law office recommended language for the agreement, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Gerald Danforth RE: Retro approval of letter sent to Wisconsin Emergency Management

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to retro approve the letter sent to Wisconsin Emergency Management, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patricia Kohlman RE: Approval of survey from Kelly Mella from UW-Madison as part of her degree

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer this item for two weeks, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Kathy Hughes RE: Executive Insurance

Action: Motion by Patty Hoefl to defer this item until Mike Olujic arrives, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to add this item to the next Business Committee Retreat, Thursday, September 21, 2006, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Travel Requests

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Request for a procedural exception for travel to Indian Summerfest, September 8-10, 2006

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

2. Mercie Danforth RE: Request approval to attend the 5th Semi Annual Native American Finance Conference, October 16-17, 2006

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

3. Kathy Hughes RE: Consultation meeting on S.1439 September 1, 2006

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel request, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ed Delgado RE: Request to attend the Tribal Court Assistance Program Training on Code Development on October 5-6, 2006

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

10. Finance Committee - None

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) - None

12. Treasurer's Report - At 1:30

Deferred to August 30, 2006

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the August 8, 2006 Planning minutes, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

14. Executive Staff Meeting - None

15. Legislative Affairs Update

1. August 16, 2006 HALO Minutes - Approve

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer this item for two weeks for clarification on the names, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Government Reform Committee Actions - FYI
3. Grassroots Polling Information & Questions - FYI

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept items 2-3 as FYI, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Testimony re: Language Hearing - Approve

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the testimony regarding Language Hearing, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Rights of Way Update

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Executive Session

- a. Tabled Business

1. Chief of Staff RE: Amendment to Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Public Safety Officer Pension Plan

Excerpt from May 10, 2006 Minutes: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer to July 5, 2006 for research of minutes from 70's, 80's and 01, correspondence from HR and management on this issue, recommendation from COS for options, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from July 19, 2006 Minutes: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table this item, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from August 16, 2006 Minutes: Remains on the Table August 2, August 16, 2006

Remains on the table

b. Old Business - None

c. New Business

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Executive Insurance

Moved to Regular Session Request # 6

2. Cheryl Skolaski RE: Approval of 67 new enrollment applications and relinquishment of one member

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the 67 new enrollments and one relinquishment of Laurie Alexander, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mike Olujic RE: Health Center Budget Modification for FY06

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Health Center Budget Modification for FY06 utilizing \$1,727,694 from state reimbursements and \$2,464,307 from Gaming's FY06 budget for a combined total of \$4,192,001, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Cemetery Board Recommendation

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve an indefinite moratorium of burials at the Oneida cemetery, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to take responsibility for the operation of the cemetery and to recommend to the Business Committee a plan to address the surface and ground water concerns, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to recommend to the Business Committee a public relations plan to work with the families and community-at-large, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to ask LOC to evaluate the Oneida Burial Ordinance and Cemetery Board By-laws to determine the most effective policy that will allow the Tribe to own, operate and govern a tribal cemetery, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to request a legal analysis from the Law Office to evaluate the processes needed to maintain and govern cemetery management, maintenance, trust funds and pre-purchased sales and any liability issues, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Get Out to Vote Field Plan

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Fair Election Policy, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mercie Danforth that a report on contribution recommendations be provided, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Attorney Brief

1. Gospadarek Garnishment Action

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to refer this item to management for follow up with individual and to LOC for potential amendment to the policy, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Piliero, Mazza & Pagament Attorney Contract

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Piliero, Mazza & Pagament Attorney Contract, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

3. Coran V. Stempki

4. Hawk v Danforth

5. Hobart v Oneida Tribe

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept items 3-5 as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee - None

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1st meeting of the month)

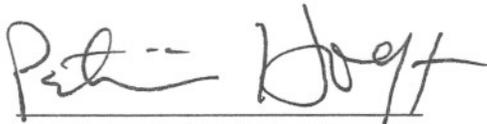
h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1st and 2nd meeting of the month)

Deferred

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on 9/13/06



**Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**