

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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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.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 Business Committee Conference Room

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

Excused: Vince DelaRosa - Council member

Others Present: Pat Kohlman, Marty Anton, Debbie Thundercloud, Leyne Orosco, Wanda Diemel, Norma Flauger, Barb Dickson, Susan White, Racquel Hill, Brenda John, Jim Martin

Opening Prayer: Randy Cornelius

Special Recognitions: Introduction of Marty Antone as the head of Emergency Management Director - by Bill Gollnick

1. **Call to Order by Gerald Danforth**

2. **Oath of Office**

Oneida Seven Generation Corporation Board

William Cornelius - Present and administered by Patricia Hoeft

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the agenda with the deletion of Legislative Affairs Halo Minutes, deletion of travel request #1, and the addition to Executive Session New Business #3 - Personnel Issue, and the assignment of 1:30 p.m. for Seven Generations, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Business Committee Minutes of August 30, 2006

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the regular Business Committee minutes of August 30, 2006, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business - None

6. Reports - None

7. Travel Reports

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

Deferred August 1st, 16th, 30th

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

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Patricia Kohlman RE: Retro approval of survey from Kelly Mella from UW-Madison as part of her degree

Excerpt from August 30th: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer this item for two weeks, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to retro approve Kelly Mella from UW Madison to conduct a survey as part of her degree, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business:

a. Resolutions - None

b. Requests

1. Susan White RE: Trust Committee Recommendation

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the appointment of Sharon Alvarez to the Oneida Trust Committee, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Post (2) vacancies for Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the posting of two vacancies for the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft RE: Post (2) vacancies for Oneida Housing Authority

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to post two vacancies for the Oneida Housing Authority, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Post (1) vacancy for the Oneida Personnel Commission

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to post one vacancy for the Oneida Personnel Commission, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft RE: Post (1) vacancy for Oneida Pow Wow Committee

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to post one vacancy for the Oneida Pow Wow Committee, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Patty Hoeft RE: Post (1) vacancy for Miss Oneida Committee

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to post one vacancy for the Miss Oneida Committee, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Racquel Hill RE: 2006 Election Results

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to ratify the official results of the Special Election of August 26, 2006, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Kathy Hughes RE: Police Commission Recommendation

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

9. Gerald Danforth RE: Pow Wow Committee Recommendation's

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the recommendations of appointing Maureen Metoxen, Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. and Ben Vieau to the Oneida Pow Wow Committee, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Gerald Danforth RE: Personnel Commission Recommendation

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer this item for two weeks, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Gerald Danforth RE: Arts Board Recommendation

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the recommendation of Cynthia Thomas to the Oneida Arts Board, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Gerald Danforth RE: Audit Committee Recommendation

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to repost this vacant position, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

c. Travel Requests

1. Melinda J. Danforth RE: National Tribal Gaming Commission/Regulators Conference - October 2-4, 2006

Action: ~~deleted~~

2. Kathy Hughes RE: IHS/VA Steering Committee Mtg.- October 26, 2006

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

3. Kathy Hughes RE: Senate Confirmation Hearing - September 14, 2006

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

10. **Finance Committee - None**

11. **Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) -None**

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

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

14. **Executive Staff Meeting -None**

15. **Legislative Affairs Update**

1. August 16, 2006 HALO Minutes - Approve

Excerpt from August 30th: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer this item for two weeks for clarification on the names, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Deleted

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.

Tabled: July 19th, August 16th, August 30th, September 13th

b. Old Business

1. Nelson Wahlstrom RE: Determining Tribal Representation in Criminal Court Proceedings

Excerpt from August 16th: Motion by Trish King to defer to the law office for a legal opinion, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to the law office to bring back recommendations, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

c. New Business

1. Mercie Danforth RE: Retro Extension of the Gaming General Manager's Contract

Action: Motion by Trish King to retro approve the Extension of the Gaming General Manager's contract, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Vince DelaRosa RE: Gaming General Manager Contract

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item to the October 11, 2006 Business Committee meeting with comments back from the Business Committee Interview Team at the September 27, 2006 Business Committee meeting, seconded by

Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth that the law office create a new contract extension to the Gaming General Manager's current contract continued to December 31, 2006, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Gerald Danforth RE: Personnel Issue

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

d. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Get Out to Vote Field Plan

Excerpt from August 30th: Motion by Mercie Danforth that a report on contribution and recommendations be provided, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer this item to the next Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Attorney Brief

1. Contract Reviews by department and contracts executed prior to legal review

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

2. NR 151 Farm Land Fees

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth that draft Letter be delivered to appropriate county agency advising this issue will be deferred to the Service Agreement Team, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Cemetery Liability Issues

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

4. Village of Hobart Objection to Fee to Trust Application

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to direct the Chief of Staff to do a follow-up letter, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Decision of the Appeals Commission regarding Sovereign Immunity

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer this item to the Business Committee meeting of September 27, 2006, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee

Audit Committee Minutes of June 29, 2006

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Audit Committee minutes of June 29, 2006, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Chair to draft a letter to Hobart referring all Thornberry issues to Seven Generations Corporation, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on September 27, 2006.


Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE