

# 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 NOVEMBER 22, 2006 Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Gerald Danforth - Chair  
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair  
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:** Mercie Danforth

**Others Present:** Barbara Metoxen, Pre Leverance, Linda Torres, Brenda John, Norma Flauger, Barb Dickinson, Geraldine Danforth, Wanda Diemel, Debbie Thundercloud, Peril Huff, Janice Hirth, Pamela LaBarge, Bill Gollnick

**Opening Prayer:** Forrest Brooks

**Special Recognitions:** Tribal Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program chosen as model program by the Native Wellness Institute - Administered by Patty Hoeft

1. **Call to Order** Gerald Danforth
2. **Oath of Office** - none
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Additions
  - b. Deletions
  - c. Moves

**Action** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the agenda with the following deferrals: Reports: a, b, c, d, Follow Up Reports: 2, 3, 4, Request: 2, LOC Minutes, Planning Minutes, Executive Staff Minutes, Legislative Affairs items 1, 2, 3, 4 and Executive Session Old Business #1 seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2006

**Action** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the November 8, 2006 Minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Tabled Business**

6. **Reports**

a. Bay Bank (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Bill Menacher - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month  
Submitted  
Deferred

b. Oneida Nation Electronics (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Jeff House - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month  
Submitted  
Deferred

c. Environmental Resource Board (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Ted Hawk - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month  
Submitted  
Deferred

d. Oneida Personnel Commission (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Brenda Skenandore - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month  
Submitted  
Deferred

7. **Travel Reports**

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Democratic National Convention - August 18 - 19, 2006

**Action** Motion by Paul Ninham to except the Democratic National Convention Travel Report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

## Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. General Manager RE: Monthly Health Center Update

Action Motion by Kathy Hughes, to except the Monthly Health Center Update and change reporting date to quarterly, seconded by Paul Ninham . Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chief Counsel RE: Review of Fee to Trust MOU and any recommended changes

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Fee to Trust Consortium travel report and direct the Law Office to review the draft MOU and recommend any changes to the Oneida Business Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.  
Deferred

3. Chief of Staff RE: Specific recommendations regarding dissolution of O.N.E.

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to bring back specific recommendation regarding dissolution of Oneida Nation Electronics (O.N.E.) Charter, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.  
Deferred

4. General Manager RE: Print Shop Recommendation

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Print Shop recommendation to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously  
Deferred

## 8. New Business

### a. Resolutions

1. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Adopt resolution 11-22-06-A with Melinda J. Danforth as ITMA Official Representative and Paul Ninham as Alternate

Action Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt resolution 11-22-06-A, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried Unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Post One Vacant Position for the Oneida Personnel Commission

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

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Oneida Food Pantry Shortage Plan  
Deferred

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Great Lakes Governor's Conservation Committee Meeting - November 28 - 29, 2006

**Action** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the travel request for the Great Lakes Governor's Conservation Committee Meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Retro approval for Governor Doyle Fundraiser Event, Milwaukee, WI - November 3, 2006

**Action** Motion by Trish King to retro approve the travel request, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ed Delgado RE: Research Study on Administration of Justice in Indian Country, December 5-6, 2006;

**Action** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request for Research Study on Administration of Justice in Indian Country, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ed Delgado RE: 10<sup>th</sup> National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime December 6-9, 2006

**Action** Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request for the 10<sup>th</sup> Nation Indian Nation Conference Justice for Victims of Crime, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Paul Ninham RE: Tribal Leaders Forum - The 2006 Mid - Term  
Melinda Danforth Elections and Indian Country, January 8 & 9, 2007

**Action** Motion by Trish King to approve the travel request for the Tribal Leaders Forum -

The 2006 Mid - Term Elections and Indian Country, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Finance Committee - None**

10. **Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC)**

**For Approval**  
Deferred

LOC Minutes of October 9, 2006

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

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

Meeting Minute of November 14, 2006  
Deferred

13. **Executive Staff Meeting**

Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2006  
Deferred

14. **Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Comments on the I.R.S. Proposed Rulemaking Regarding the "Essential Governmental Function" Test for Tribes Offering Tax-Exempt Bonds - **Retro Approval**  
Deferred
2. November Mid - Term Elections - Impact on Congress - **FYI**  
Deferred
3. Letter - Re-establish House Committee on Indian Affairs - **Approve**  
Deferred
4. Sate Budget Presentation (Verbal Update) - **FYI**  
Deferred

15. **Executive Session**

a. **Tabled Business - None**

b. **Old Business**

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Gaming General Manager Contract

**Excerpt from November 8, 2006:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the Gaming General Manager Contract for two weeks for technical corrections, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.  
Deferred

**c. New Business**

1. Mercie Danforth RE: Request Approval of U.S. Interior - Indirect Cost Negotiation Agreement FY 2005 - 2007

Action Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the U.S. Interior - Indirect Cost Negotiation Agreement for FY 2005 - 2007, seconded Paul Ninham. Motion carried Unanimously.

- d. Legislative Affairs Update - none

**e. Attorney Brief**

1. Approve to filing Hobart Litigation

Action Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the filing on the Hobart matter in federal court, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter of Engagement Dorsey & Whitney

Action Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Dorsey & Whitney Letter of Engagement to represent the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, seconded Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Audit Committee - none

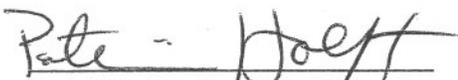
- g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month) - none

- h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month) - none

**Recess/Adjourn**

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

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on December 6, 2006.**

  
Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE