

# 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 MEETING REGULAR MEETING December 6, 2006 Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Gerald Danforth - Chair  
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer  
Patty Hoeft - Secretary  
Trish King - Council member  
Vince DelaRosa - Council member  
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Edward Delgado, Paul Ninham - Council members

**Others Present:** Barbara Skenandore, Becky Edler, Sheila White, Peril Huff, Karen Katch, Brenda John, Laura Manthe, Norman Flauger, Marsha Danforth, Cathy Bachhuber, Lynn Franzmeier, Jason Denny, Brian Denny, Julie Denny, Wanda Diemel, Pete King III, Louise Cornelius, Eleanora Smith, Pat Pelky, Kurt Pelky, Cheryl Stevens, Michelle King, Linda Torres

**Opening Prayer:** Curtis Summers

**Special Recognitions:** **Check Presentation to American Indian Center of Appleton** administered by Gerald Danforth

**Excellence in Action for July 10, 2006 Bad River Tribe's Medical Recovery Efforts/Volunteers:** Connie Danforth, Al Danforth, Brian Denny, Lynn Franzmeier, Cathy Bachhuber; Honorable mention for the following volunteers: Pearl Webster, Brandon Stevens, Norma Flauger, Jason Doxtator, Camille Silva, Lloyd Powless, April Skenandore, Carole Liggins and Jason Denny administered by Gerald Danforth

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

2. **Oath of Office**  
**Miss Oneida Committee** -  
Heidi King

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

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the agenda with the deletion of Oath of Office for the Miss Oneida Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa, Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Minutes to be Approved**

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2006

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the November 22, 2006 minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

5. **Tabled Business**

6. **Reports**

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

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Bay Bank Quarterly report for quarter ending September 30, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vince DelaRosa that Council member Trish King's Office coordinate an assessment of the Small Business 2000 Project with Bay Bank staff, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the O.N.E. Quarterly report for the November Quarter, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: There is further discussion into the agenda regarding this entity.

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

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the quarterly report for the Environmental Resource Board for August, September and October, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Oneida Personnel Commission Quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Travel Reports

- 1. Kathy Hughes RE: Tribal Technical Advisory Group Meeting Travel Report

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Tribal Technical Advisory Group Meeting Travel Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: No follow up is needed.

- 2. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Long Term Care Conference

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

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

- 1. 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.

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006:** Deferred

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Fee to Trust MOU, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. 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.

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006:** Deferred

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item and have the Chair coordinate a meeting with the Chief of Staff regarding all the concerns and to bring back information so the Business Committee may proceed, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Trish King, Abstained Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

3. 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

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006:** Deferred

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to the next Business Committee Meeting of December 20, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth: Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

4. Melinda J. Danforth RE: SOP - Designation of Gaming Positions as available only to Oneida Tribal Members

**Excerpt from November 2, 2006, Executive Staff Minutes:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct liaison, Melinda J. Danforth to coordinate a meeting between the Gaming General Manager, Gaming Commission and the Tribal Chair and that the SOP's are brought back to the Business Committee Agenda in 30 days, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item for 30 days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft RE: Draft Proposed BC Regular Meeting Procedure

**Excerpt from November 2, 2006, Executive Staff Minutes:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept as FYI and that the Business Committee forward comments to the Secretary by the end of November. Draft proposed procedures will be brought back to the December 6, 2006 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to next Business Committee meeting of December 20, 2006, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. New Business**

**a. Resolutions**

1. Deborah Thundercloud RE: For Calendar Year 2007 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant for Brown County for an amount up to \$34, 941

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adopt Resolution 12-06-06 A, for an amount up to \$34,941, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Deborah Thundercloud RE: For Calendar Year 2007 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant for Outagamie County for an amount up to \$34,677

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adopt Resolution 12-06-06 B, for an amount up to \$34,677 seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Requests**

1. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the appointment of Melinda J. Danforth to the Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce Board, seconded by Trish King. For: Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Oneida Veterans Affairs Committee

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendation for the Oneida Veterans Affairs Committee appointments for Carol Silva and Cletus M. Ninham, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Audit Committee

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendation of appointing Karen Coffey to the Oneida Audit Committee, seconded by Trish King. For: Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Patty Hoeft. Motion Carried.

4. Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Miss Oneida Committee

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept recommendation of appointing Raquel Hill to the Miss Oneida Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Gerald Danforth RE: Oneida Child Protective Board  
Recommendations/Resolution 12-6-06-A

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the recommendation of Beverly A. Skenandore to the Oneida Child Protective Board, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this resolution to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation for Oneida Pow Wow Committee

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendation of appointing John W. Teller to the Oneida Pow Wow Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Travel Requests**

1. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Honor Our Youth Gathering, Hilo, Hawaii  
March 27 - 31, 2007

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

2. Ed Delgado RE: Retro Approval for November 29, 2006, IRR  
Meeting, BIA Midwest Regional Office, Fort  
Snelling, Minnesota and Follow up Meeting IRR  
Program Coordinating Committee Meeting,  
December 11 - 13, Las Vegas, Nevada

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to retro-approve the travel request for November 29, 2006 and to approve Council member Delgado and the Chair or Vice Chair's travel request for December 11 - 13, 2006 to the IRR Program Coordinating Committee

Meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Finance Committee - none**

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

**For Approval**

LOC Minutes of October 9, 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the LOC Minutes of October 9, 2006, seconded by Trish king. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Treasurer's Report - 1:30 p.m.**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Oneida Business Committee Planning**

Meeting Minute of November 14, 2006

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oneida Business Committee Planning Minutes of November 14, 2006, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

**6. Executive Staff Meeting**

Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2006

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Executive Staff Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2006, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**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

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve comments on the I.R.S. Proposed Rulemaking Regarding the "Essential Governmental Function" Test for Tribes Offering Tax-Exempt Bonds, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. November Mid - Term Elections - Impact on Congress - **FYI**

3. Letter - Re-establish House Committee on Indian Affairs - **Retro Approval**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro approve the House Committee on Indian Affairs letter to Nancy Pelosi, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. State Budget Presentation (Verbal Update) - **FYI**

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the State Budget Presentation to the next Oneida Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Town of Lawrence Preliminary; re: Short Road - **FYI**

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Legislative Update, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

## Executive Session

### a. Tabled Business

### 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.

**Excerpt from November 22, 2006: Deferred**

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Gaming General Manger Employment ,Agreement with the recommended changes: paragraph K. would change the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence 1<sup>st</sup> line, "with" would be replace by "to", to state "in accordance with the Oneida Nation policy" 4<sup>th</sup> line down, "Gaming Operations" would be the end of sentence and Employee shall comply with is now section L.. New section L. shall run from "Employee shall comply with" all the way up to "of all contracts" the rest of this section will be stricken from "and Employee" all the way through to through the red language with ends with "expenditure of funds." seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

**New Business**

1. Louise Cornelius RE: William T. Cornelius Contract

Action: Motion By Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Special Counsel Legal Agreement for William T. Cornelius, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Cheryl Skolaski RE: Approval of 74 new enrollment applicants

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the 74 new enrollment applicants, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mike Olujic RE: Loan Authorizations for FY 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to authorize to utilize Excess Funds from 2006 in the amount of \$397,128.02 to be used instead of taking out loans and to authorize additional expenditures that are related to CIP items identified in the spreadsheet provided in the back up information, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Report from Legislative Affair - Hobart Update (Verbal Update)

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the verbal Hobart report as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Attorney Brief**

December 6, 2006:

1. Approve the acceptance of settlement offer \$.50 per dollar, or approximately \$5,675 on the estate of Pieschek - For action

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the settlement offer \$.50 per dollar, or approximately \$5,675 on the estate of Pieschek, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Appeals Commission Cases

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Chair to schedule a Special Business Committee meeting regarding Appeals Commission cases, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Attorney Brief of December 6, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Audit Committee**

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

**h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month)**

**Recess/Adjourn**

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

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on December 20, 2006.**



**Patricia Hoelt, Tribal Secretary**

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