

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



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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 January 17, 2007

Business Committee Conference Room

Present:

Gerald Danforth - Chair

Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair Mercie Danforth - Treasurer

Patty Hoeft - Secretary

Trish King - Council member

Vince DelaRosa - Council member Melinda J. Danforth - Council member Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused: Paul Ninham - Council member

Others Present: Mel Webster, Autunm Webster, Barbara Skenandore, Kay Katch, Brenda John, Tina Cottrell, Anita Barber, Larissa Cornelius, Kimberly Herwald, Lillian Wheelock, Jeanette Ninham, Barb Kickson, DeAnna Stevens, Jalessa Rae Schuyler, Devan Cantu, JoAnn Ninham, J.Elm Mark Stanchik, Linda Torres, R. Hill, Kitty Melcert, Wanda Diemel, Twilight Moore, Dottie Krull, Debbie Danforth, Lois Strong, Mindimoye, David Webster, Linda Glasier, Fern Birdsbill, Wayne Metoxen, Peril Huff, Julie Denny, Fred Muscavitch, Vitoria Flowers

**Opening Prayer: Forrest Brookes** 

Special Recognitions:

West De Pere Culture Club Recognition: Autumn Webster, Jalessa Schuyler, Devan Cantu, Whitney Wheelock, Yuntie?kala.u McLester, Larissa Cornelius, Kim Herwald and Crystal Skenandore; administered by Melinda J. Danforth

Special Recognition for 10 Years of Service: Bobbi Webster;

administered by Bill Gollnick

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

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## **Election Board**

Renee M. Hill-Present Lori Elm - Present Kitty Melchert - Present Richard Moss - Present

## Miss Oneida Committee administered by Patty Hoeft

Heidi King administered January 15, 2007

## Oneida Personnel Commission administered by Patty Hoeft

Barbara Skenandore administered January 15, 2007

## Oneida Pow Wow Committee

John Teller - Present

## Oneida Public Safety Board Officers administered by Patty Hoeft

Eric Boulanger administered January 11, 2007

Arlene Danforth administered January 11, 2007

Ron King, Sr. administered January 11, 2007

Carolyn Maricque administered January 11, 2007

Lyle Metoxen administered January 11, 2007

Mike Olujic administered January 11, 2007

Andy Pyatskowit administered January 11, 2007

Richard Van Boxtel administered January 11, 2007

# 3. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Additions
- b. Deletions
- c. Moves

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the agenda, seconded by Vince DelaRosa.

Motion carried unanimously.

# 4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2006

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the regular Business Committee minutes of December 20, 2006, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried

unanimously.

Special Business Committee Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2006

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Special Business Committee Meeting

Minutes of December 1, 2006, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried

unanimously.

Special Business Committee Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2006

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Special Business Committee Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2006, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Tabled Business None
- 6. Reports
  - a. Oneida Tribal School Board (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
     Debbie Danforth 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month
     Submitted

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Oneida Tribal School Board quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Oneida Housing Authority (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
 Mark Stanchik - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month
 Submitted

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Housing Authority quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Trish King, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

c. Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
 Arlie Doxtator - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month
 Submitted

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Oneida Gaming Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
 Oscar Schuyler - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month
 Submitted

**Action**: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Gaming Commission quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Oneida Land Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
 Amelia Cornelius - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month
 Submitted

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Land Commission quarterly report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
 Brenda Mendolla-Buckley - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month
 Submitted

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

k. Oneida Police Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
 David Webster - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month
 Submitted

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Police Commission quarterly report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

# 7. Travel Reports

1. Ed Delgado RE: Indian Reservation Roads Meeting, Fort Snelling, MN, November 29, 2006

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Indian Reservation Roads meeting travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Indian Reservation Roads Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to approve the Indian Reservation Roads Meeting, Las Vegas travel report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Recommendation for Oneida Housing Authority Board

**Excerpt from December 20, 2006:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve deferring the recommendation to the Oneida Housing Authority Board to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the recommendation of appointing Evelyn Elm and Wesley T Martin, Jr. to the Oneida Housing Authority Board of Directors, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. New Business

#### a. Resolutions

1. Fred Muscavitch RE: Trust Asset Accounting Management System

**BIA Pilot** 

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Trust Asset Accounting Management System

BIA Pilot resolution, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Fred Muscavitch RE: Reguest to Rescind 4 Fee to Trust Resolutions;

4-12-06-M, 4-12-06-R, 4-12-06-T and 4-26-06-A

and adopt new resolutions

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Request to Rescind 4 Fee to Trust

Resolutions; 4-12-06-M, 4-12-06-R, 4-12-06-T and 4-26-06-A, seconded by Ed

Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Fred Muscavitch RE: Resolution for MOA Renewal with the BIA in

Order to Continue our Participation in the Mid West

Region Fee to Trust Consortium

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the December 8, 2006 memo as FYI, seconded

by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Requests

1. Troy Parr/Pat Wood RE: Requesting approval to activate \$40,000 from

CIP #23-002-FY 2004 and Transfer to CIP Project

#06-008, Cemetery Storm Water Correction

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve activation of \$40,000 from CIP #23-002-FY 2004

and Transfer to CIP Project #06-008, Cemetery Storm Water Correction, seconded by

Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mercie Danforth RE: Request Approval to move forward with the

establishment of a Disability Endowment

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the creation of the establishment of a Disability

Endowment, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trish King RE: Labor Code Legal Opinion

**Action**: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to LOC, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion

carried unanimously.

4. Wayne Metoxen/Pat Wood

RE: The NHC Phase VI - CIP#06-013 project team is asking approval for a procedural exception to skip Phase II of the CIP process of routing the CIP package to the review entities

- Requesting approval of the CIP package for the NHC Remodeling - Phase VI - CIP Project #06-013 - Approval to activate \$1,000,000 from FY 2007 CIP funds for NHC Remodeling(Phase VI) - Approval to transfer the remaining project funds

from NHC Remodeling - Phase V - CIP Project #05-025 in the amount of \$104.194.70.

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer Norbert Hill Center (NHC) Phase VI to a Special meeting of the Business Committee to discuss Phase VI and the overall renovation of NHC, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ed Delgado

RE: Requesting to appoint Richard Moss and a representative from the Oneida Personnel Commission to be placed on the Wage Compensation Team

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to place a representative from ONCOA Board to the Wage Compensation Team, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Patty Hoeft

RE: Special Business Committee Meeting RE: GTC Annual Meeting of January 1, 2007

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve February 14, 2007, 3:00 p.m. date for a Special Business Committee Meeting regarding the GTC Annual Meeting of January 1, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Patty Hoeft

RE: Re-Post Vacancy of the Cemetery Board

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve re-posting of one vacant position of the Cemetery Board, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Patty Hoeft

RE: Re-post five (5) vacancies on Child Care Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the re-posting of five vacant positions on the Child Care Parent Advisory Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Patty Hoeft

RE: Post one (1) Vacancy for Miss Oneida Committee

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the posting of one vacant position for the Miss Oneida Committee, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Patty Hoeft

RE: Post one (1) Vacancy on the Personnel

Commission

Action:

Motion by Trish King to approve the posting of one vacant position for the Oneida Personnel Commission, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Patty Hoeft

RE: Post two (2) Vacancies on the Arts Board

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the posting of two vacancies on the Oneida Arts Board, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Patty Hoeft

RE: Post one (1) Vacancy on the Oneida Library

Board

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the posting of one vacancy on the Oneida Library Board, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Ed Delgado

RE: COLA - Proposals

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to forward the FY2008 COLA issues as part of the next Business Committee Planning meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

## c. Travel Requests

1. Ed Delgado/Kathy Hughes

RE: Indian Reservation Roads/BIA Meeting Albuquerque, NM, February 12 - 14, 2007 or next meeting date

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the travel request for Ed Delgado and Kathy Hughes to the Indian Reservation Roads/BIA Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, February 12 - 14, 2007 or next meeting date, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Linda Glaser

RE: Procedural Exception for Travel to National Aises Science Fair in Albuquerque, NM; March 22-24, 2007 for 6 Students and 3 Adults

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Procedural Exception for Travel to National Aises Science Fair in Albuquerque, NM; March 22-24, 2007 for 6 Students and 3 Adults, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve Melinda J. Danforth to travel to the National Aises Science Fair in Albuquerque, NM; March 22-24, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Paul Ninham RE: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Indigenous Farming

Conference, February 9-11; Mapelag Resort, White

Earth, MN

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve travel to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference, February 9-11; Mapelag Resort, White Earth, MN, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Neil Cornelius RE: Procedural Exception for NIGA, Phoenix, AZ;

March 25-28

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the travel request for a list of names from the General Manager and Gaming General Manager, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Gerald Danforth RE: Request for Chairman Danforth to attend Tribal

Leader's Strategy Session and Stat of Indian Nations Address, Jan. 23-25, Washington, DC

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the travel request to attend the Tribal Leader's Strategy Session and State of Indian Nations Address, Jan. 23-25, Washington, DC, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Kathy Hughes RE: Great Lakes Native American Research Center

on Health, January 25, 2007, Wausau, WI

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel request for Great Lakes Native

American Research Center on Health, January 25, 2007, Wausau, WI, seconded by

Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

## 10. Finance Committee

11. Finance Committee Minutes of October 13, 2006

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to approve the Finance Committee Minutes of October 13, 2006. seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Finance Committee Minutes of October 27, 2006

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Finance Committee Minutes of October 27, 2006, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Finance Committee Minutes of December 8, 2006

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Finance Committee Minutes of December 8, 2006, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) None
- 15. Treasurer's Report None
- 16. Oneida Business Committee Planning

Planning Committee Minutes of January 9, 2007

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Planning Committee Minutes of January 9, 2007, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- 17. Executive Staff Meeting None
- 18. Legislative Affairs Update
  - 1. IRR Testimony Retro Approval

Excerpt from December 20, 2006: Motion by Ed Delgado to table the IRR Testimony, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to retro approve the IRR Testimony, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. HUD Seeking Comments Re: Indian Housing Block Grant Program - FYI

Action: FYI

3. Local, Municipal & County Report

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the January 5, 2007 Legislative Affair Update, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- 19. Executive Session
  - a. Tabled Business None

#### b. Old Business

1. Patty Hoeft

RE: Records Management Restructure Proposal

**Excerpt from December 20, 2006:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to the January 17, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Paul Ninham, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the Records Management Restructure Proposal for sixty days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business**

1. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: Boards, Committees, Commission Status

Update

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Boards, Committees and Commission Status update and that this item be put on the Executive Staff agenda for updates, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Deborah Thundercloud

RE: Child Support Agency: Oneida IV-D

Program

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Child Support Agency, Oneida IV-D Program as FYI, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Trish King that an Child Support Agency Oneida IV-D Program update be given at the February Executive Staff Meeting of February 1, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

## c. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Hobart Hunting & Fishing Restrictions

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Hobart Hunting & Fishing Restrictions to the next Business Committee Meeting in open session, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

## d. Attorney Brief

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the January 12, 2007 Attorney Brief, seconded

by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Audit Committee

1. Ed Delgado

RE: Gaming Financial Statement and Related

Reports- To approve the attached Gaming Financial

Statements and related Reports

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the attached Class II and Class III Gaming Financial statements and related reports, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1st meeting of the month)at 1:30 p.m.

Action:

Motion by Trish King to accept the OEDA update, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Seven Generation Corporation udpate, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

## Recess/Adjourn

Action:

Motion by Kathy Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on January 31, 2007

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE