



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



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 JANUARY 31, 2007 Business Committee Conference Room

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

**Excused:** Gerald Danforth - Chair, Vince DelaRosa

**Others Present:** Fred Muscavitch, Sheila Huff, Wesley Martin, Kerry Metoxen, Jeanette Ninham, Sandra Skenandore, Barbara Skenandore, Dottie Krull, Brenda John, Linda Glaser, Wanda Diemel, Tina Danforth, Julie Denny, Evelyn Elm, Peril Huff

**Opening Prayer:** Rachael Ninham; Junior Miss Oneida

#### Special Recognitions:

1. Call to Order by Kathy Hughes
2. Oath of Office administered by Patty Hoeft

#### Oneida Housing Authority

Evelyn Elm - Present  
Wesley Martin - Present

3. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Additions
  - b. Deletions

**c. Moves**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda, with deletion of Executive Business #1 and change Executive New Business # 2 to Regular Session, New Business # 4, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Minutes to be Approved**

Regular Minutes of January 17, 2007

Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the regular Business Committee minutes of January 17, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Minute of January 17, 2007

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Special Business Committee minutes of January 17, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Tabled Business**

1. Fred Muscavitch RE: Requesting approval to participate in a Pilot Project Trust Asset Accounting Management System BIA Pilot Project

**Excerpt from January 17, 2007:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Trust Asset Accounting Management System BIA Pilot resolution, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to take from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Edward Delgado, to approve Resolution 1-31-07-A to participate in the a Pilot Trust Asset Accounting Management System BIA Pilot Project, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Fred Muscavitch RE: 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 and adopt new resolutions

**Excerpt from January 17, 2007:** 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.

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

- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Belongia Property, Resolution No. 4-12-06-M for incorrect parcel number, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Belongia Property, Warranty deed dated 4-16-06 for incorrect parcel number, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Calaway Property, Resolution No. 4-12-06-R for incorrect land use, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Chambers Property, Resolution No. 4-12-06-T for incorrect land use, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind former Meacham Property, Resolution No. 4-26-06-A for incorrect land use, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve former Belongia Property, Resolution 1-31-07-B correcting parcel number, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve former Belongia Property, Warranty Deed Correcting parcel number, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Calaway Property, Resolution 1-31-07-C correcting land use, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Chambers Property, Resolution 1-31-07-D correcting land use, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Meacham Property, Resolution 1-31-07-E correcting land use, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Neil Cornelius RE: Procedural Exception for NIGA, Phoenix, AZ;  
March 25-28

**Excerpt from January 17, 2007:** 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.



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

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Procedural Exception, for travel to NIGA for the Oneida Business Committee and Oneida Gaming Commission, Refer the remainder of list of attendees to the Jet Team to identify the following representation; 2 from Communications, 1 from Emergency Management, 1 Governmental Administration, 1 Internal Audit, 1 Planning Department, 1 Tourism, 2 Surveillance, 6 Gaming Department: 1 Senior Manger, 1 Table Games Director, 1 Compliance Manager, 1 Cage/Vault Manager, 1 Assistant Slot Manager and 1 Director of Marketing, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to have the JET Team coordinate a report to come back regarding the NIGA travel, which includes; what they have learned, and how they can implement it in our organization, and including the cost, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Reports - None**

**7. Travel Reports**

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| 1. Gerald Danforth/<br>Paul Ninham | RE: Approve Travel Report for Oath of the 110 <sup>th</sup> Congress<br>- Washington DC |
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Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the travel report for Oath of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, seconded by Trish King. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Paul Ninham. Motion carried.

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

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| 1. Chief of Staff | RE: Specific recommendations regarding dissolution of<br>O.N.E. |
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**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

**Excerpt from December 6, 2006:** 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.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the specific recommendations regarding dissolution of O.N.E. to February 14, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 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.

**Excerpt from December 6, 2006:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item for 30 days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the SOP - Designation of Gaming Positions as available only to Oneida Tribal Members for 30 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. New Business

### a. Resolutions - None

### b. Requests

1. Debra Danforth RE: Request for Procedural Exception to approve emergency amendment to Memorandum of Agreement for hiring

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the Procedural Exception to the Oneida Tribal School hiring process, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King RE: Request approval of the OBC/Land Commission Meeting Minutes January 19, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the minutes of January 19, 2007 for the Oneida Business Committing and Land Commission Meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kathy Hughes RE: CIP Project - Administration Building; Recommendation from January 18, 2007 Retreat

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the recommendation to remove the Administration Building from the CIP Project list, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mike Olujic

RE: Request Approval of Resolution to amend the Public Safety Officers Pension Plan to add Code 425(M) Arrangement

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado, to approve Resolution 1-31-07-F Public Safety Officers Pension Plan to add Code 425(M) Arrangement, with a change to line 34 to state Second instead of First, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Request travel approval for Trust Asset Accounting Management Systems (TAAMS) Leasing Module, BIA Midwest Regional Office, Minneapolis, MN; February 8, 2007

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the travel request for Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS) Leasing Module, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: Request travel approval for 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Exemplary Institute Conference, Albuquerque, NM; April 23 - 29, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Exemplary Institute Conference, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kathy Hughes/Trish King

RE: Request travel approval for M.A.S.T. Impact Week, Washington D.C.; March 11 - 16, 2007

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel request for Kathy Hughes and Trish King for M.A.S.T. Impact Week, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ed Delgado

RE: Request travel approval for HUD Meeting with Kevin Fitzgibbons, Chicago, IL; February 2, 2007

Action: Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the travel request for the HUD meeting with Kevin Fitzgibbons, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ed Delgado

RE: Requesting "Blanket Approval" as a delegate for the BIA/IRR Meetings

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Blanket Travel for Ed Delgado as a delegate for the BIA/IRR Meetings, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried



unanimously.

6. Ed Delgado

RE: Request Retro - Approval to Attend Developing a Vision for Wisconsin Tribal Justice Systems, Carter, WI; January 30, 2007

Action: Motion by Trish King to Retro approve travel to Attend Developing a Vision for Wisconsin Tribal Justice System, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Kathy Hughes/  
Paul Ninham

RE: Request travel approval for Blessing Ceremony for Marriott Hotel, Sacramento, CA, February 21 - 23, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for Blessing Ceremony for Marriott Hotel, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Kerry Metoxen

RE: Request for Procedural Exception for Oneida Veterans to travel to participate in the Ira Hayes, Iwo Jima Flag Raising Commemoration in Sacaton, AZ, February 23 & 24, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for a Procedural Exception for the Oneida Veterans to travel to participate in the Ira Hayes, Iwo Jima Flag Raising Commemoration, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

## 10. Finance Committee

Approve the Finance Committee Minutes of December 22, 2006

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Finance Committee of December 22, 2006, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC)

1. For Consideration

LOC Minutes of December 4, 2006

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the LOC Minutes of December 4, 2006, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

LOC Minutes of December 18, 2006

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the LOC Minute of December 18, 2006, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. For Consideration Child Protective Board By-laws

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Child Protective Board By-laws, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**14. Executive Staff Meeting**

Approve the Executive Staff Meeting Minute of January 8, 2007

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Executive Staff Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

Legislative Affairs January 19, 2007

1. 110<sup>th</sup> Congressional Lobby Strategy - FYI

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the 110<sup>th</sup> Congressional Lobby Strategy as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. New Joint Public Safety Facility Update - FYI

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the New Joint Public Safety Facility Update as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Pension Plan Update - FYI

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Pension Plan Update as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Local, Municipal & County Report - Approve

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Local, Municipal & County Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Posting on the Oneida Means Business (OMB) Website of the documents that are managed by the Oneida Tribe which is the Economic Impact of Expenditures, 30 Years of Development and the Economic Impact Study, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Hobart Proposed Hunting Ordinance - FYI



Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Law Office, General Manager and the Environmental Resource Board to review the Village of Hobart's proposal regarding Hunting Ordinance and to determine if and how the potential changes will effect the Oneida Nation, brought back to Planning in 60 days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

## **16. Executive Session**

### **a. Tabled Business - None**

### **b. Old Business - None**

### **c. New Business**

1. Neil Cornelius RE: Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement, seconded Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously

### **d. Legislative Affairs Update - None**

### **e. Attorney Brief**

1. Personal Property Tax on Oneida Travel Center Issue

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Chair's Office to respond to the Personal Property Tax Issue, seconded Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chief of Staff to Identify a Process with dealing with Tax Issues

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Chief of Staff to identify a process with dealing with tax issues, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Accept the Attorney Brief remainder as FYI.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the remainder of the Attorney Brief as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

### **f. Audit Committee - None**

1. Ed Delgado RE: Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statement Year Ended Sept. 30, 2006

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statement Year Ended September 30, 2006, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth.

Motion carried unanimously.

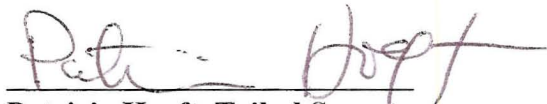
**g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month) - None**

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

**Recess/Adjourn**

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

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on February 15, 2007.**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patricia Hoeft", is written over a horizontal line.

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