

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 Onelda Chlef 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

February 6, 2008

Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** 

Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair

Mercie Danforth - Treasurer

Patty Hoeft - Secretary

Trish King - Council member Paul Ninham - Council member

Melinda J. Danforth - Council member

Vince DelaRosa - Council member Edward Delgado - Council member

**Excused:** 

Gerald Danforth - Chair

Others Present: Laura Cornelius, Barb Skenandore, Bill VerVoort, Laura Hartman, Diana Peterson, Demi Bigbear, Faith Metoxen, Barb Dickson, Peril Huff, K. Katch, Dawn Walschinski, Stanley Smith, N.Wisneski, Jennifer Hill-Kelly, Wanda Diemel, Mary Adams, Michele King, Wayne Metoxen, Julie Denny, Racquel Hill, Shirley Hill, Marsha Danforth, Kitty Melchert, Cathy Bachhuber

**Opening Prayer:** Forrest Barton

**Special Recognitions:** Check presentation for Falling Leaves 4-H Club - administered by Kathy Hughes

- 1. Call to Order by Kathy Hughes @ 9:04 a.m.
- 2. Oath of Office

**Oneida Commission on Aging:** 

Eugene Danforth - administered Feb. 4, 2008 by Mercie Danforth

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

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

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the agenda with deletion of item #3 Pardons from New Business executive session, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular minutes of Jan. 23, 2008

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Jan. 23, 2008 minutes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Special minutes of Jan. 30, 2008

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the special minutes of Jan. 30, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Tabled Business - None

# 6. Reports

a. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct) Brenda Mendolla-Buckley - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month

Excerpt from Jan. 23, 2008: Motion by Trish King to defer the Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report to the Feb. 6, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

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

# 7. Travel Reports - None

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

1. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: Opinion on Issues Raised Regarding Exxon Oil Company

Excerpt from Jan. 9, 2008: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve a thirty (30) day deferral regarding Exxon Oil Company contract review, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to move the Exxon Oil Company opinions information to the Joint Business Committee/Trust quarterly meeting of March 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Patty Hoeft arrived at 9:24 a.m.

2. Lloyd Powless

RE: Proposed Radio Station

Excerpt from August 29, 2007: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to put together a well developed plan for proposing a Radio Station that would include the filing of a licensing application with the FCC, so that we are prepared with a frequency that is available in this area in the future and bring back a status report to the Business Committee January 2008, seconded by Trish King. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Excerpt from Jan. 23, 2008: Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the proposed Radio Station to the Feb. 6, 2008 Business Committee meeting due to it being reassigned to Lloyd Powless, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King that two options be developed on the proposed radio station, back to the Business Committee Planning agenda of April 2008, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

3.Gerald Danforth

RE: Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA) Board recommendation

Excerpt from Jan. 9, 2008: Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the OEDA board recommendation to the Chair's office for review of appointment process, back at the Jan. 23, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from Jan. 23, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA) Board recommendations to the Feb. 6, 2008 Business Committee agenda, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the OEDA board recommendations to the Feb. 20, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Ed Delgado. Opposed: Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

#### 9. New Business

- a. Resolutions
- 1. Marsha Danforth

RE: U.S. Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice

Assistance for Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP) grant

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 2-06-08-A regarding TCAP grant seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2 Fred Muscavitch

RE: (1) Approval to Rescind 1 Fee to Trust Resolution and 1 Fee to Trust Warranty Deed

1. **Rescinding** Fee to Trust Resolution 10-24-07-B for former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Property for missing wording The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993.

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to rescind resolution 10-24-07-B for former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Property for missing wording The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Rescinding** Fee to Trust Warranty Deed dated 11-06-07 Former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Property for missing wording The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993.

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to rescind the Fee to Trust Warranty deed dated 11-06-07 for former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Property for missing wording The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: (2) Adoption of 1 Fee to Trust Resolution and 1 Fee to Trust Warranty Deed

1. **Approve** the corrected Resolution Former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993 Property.

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to adopt resolution 2-06-08-A for former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993 Property, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Approve** the corrected Warranty Deed Former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993 Property.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Warranty Deed for former H. H. De Caster, Lloyd Meacham, June L. Meacham, Karen Siebert, Amy De Caster, n/k/a Amy M. Rand, Sarah De Caster n/k/a Sarah L. Hansen, The Jerome F. and Beverly A. Zeise Living Trust Dated March 17, 1993 Property, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### b. Requests

1. John Bauman/Pat Wood

RE: Review and approval of CIP Package #06-006 for the Oneida Fishery Restoration Project

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve CIP package #06-006 for the Oneida Fishery Restoration project as requested excluding the use of any authorization for tribal funds other than staffing, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Ed Delgado

Re: Direct the Treasurer's office and COS to work together to bring back for BC review, a detailed report regarding expenditures to date on land claims and that this report be placed in executive session but allow GTC to be in attendance

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Treasurer and Chief of Staff to work together to bring back for the March 5, 2008 Business Committee meeting, a detailed report regarding expenditures on land claims and that the report cover from the time when the Settlement agreement was approved by the GTC to the present, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

3. Ed Delgado

RE: Requesting a legal opinion as to whether or not the Employment Verification Process SOP needed a public hearing before it was passed.

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the request to the Legislative Reference Office (LRO) for a legal opinion regarding interpretation whether or not the Employment Verification Process SOP violated policy as to it needing a public hearing before it was passed, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Vince DelaRosa, Ed

Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft. Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Trish King. Motion carried.

4. Bill Gollnick

RE: N.E.W. regional public safety facility project chronology w/ Executive Staff minutes of Aug. 02, 2007 page 2 of 8-directive memo-new public safety committee grant agreement - for review

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the chronology portion of the N.E.W. report and defer the recommendations on next steps to the next Business Committee meeting of Feb. 20, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft

RE: Proposed GTC for America's Dream,

Inc. Petition

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the petition back to the Secretary's office for review and come back with recommendation of a date and that the law office come back with a legal review, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

#### c. Travel Requests

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Centers for Disease Tribal Consultation

Feb. 26-28, 2008

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request for Centers for Disease Tribal Consultation, Feb. 26-28, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Finance Committee

Minutes of Oct. 12, 2007

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Oct. 12, 2007 Finance minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth, Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of Nov. 16, 2007

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Nov. 16, 2007 Finance minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of Dec. 14, 2007

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Dec. 14, 2007 Finance minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from Jan. 23, 2008: Motion Mercie Danforth to defer the Finance Committee minutes of Oct. 12, 2007, Nov. 16, 2007 and Dec. 14, 2007 to the Feb. 6, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

# 11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

For Consideration

Public Hearing date on Mar. 18, 2008 for Repeal of the Snow and Ice Removal Policy

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the public hearing date of Mar. 18, 2008 for the Repeal of the Snow and Ice Removal Policy, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Treasurer's Report @ 1:30 P.M.

Called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Paul Ninham arrived at 1:32 p.m.

Action:

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Paul

Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to go into executive session at 1:55 p.m., seconded by Ed

Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

# 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

Planning minutes of Jan. 8, 2008

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Jan. 8, 2008 Planning minutes, seconded by

Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14. Executive Staff Meeting - None

#### 15. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Request to allow employees time off for voting - Approve

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve up to one hour time off for voting purposes Feb. 19, 2008, and April 1, 2008, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Elections held within Oneida reservation boundaries - FYI

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to go into executive session at 10:25 a.m., seconded

by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Back into regular session at 11:28 a.m.

#### 16. Executive Session

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to recess at 11:33 a.m. until 1:30 p.m, seconded by Trish

King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to go back into regular session at 2:23 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Tabled Business None
- b. Old Business None
- c. New Business

d.

1. Bill Gollnick

RE: Blue Moon Solutions Inc. Contract

Action:

Motion by Trish King to defer the Blue Moon Solutions, Inc. contract until after the Treasurer's report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the Blue Moon Solutions, Inc. contract to the Feb. 20, 2008 Business Committee meeting with the General Manager providing a cover memo on the contract request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes

RE: 3 Fires

Action:

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the 3 Fires report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to ask for another update report on 3 Fires on the Apr. 2, 2008 Business Committee agenda, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Gerald Danforth

RE: Pardons

#### Deleted

- e. Legislative Affairs Update None
- f. Attorney Brief

Action:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Attorney Brief as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mercie Danforth to place the contract compliance report on the executive staff agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Audit Committee None
- h. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority None

Recess/Adjourn

Action:

Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn at 2:25 p.m, seconded by Vince DelaRosa.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on <u>February 20, 2008.</u>

Submitted by,

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE