

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 9 A.M. FEBRUARY 10, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Rick Hill, chairman, Kathy Hughes, vice-chair, Tina Danforth, treasurer, Patty Hoefft, secretary, Melinda Danforth, council member, Ed Delgado, council member, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., council member, Trish King, council member, Brandon Stevens, council member

Others Present: Donna Ysebaert, Barbara Skenandore, Peter D. King, Cameron Cunningham, A. Danforth, James Elm, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Dianne Zubella, Lisa Vega, Julie Cornelius, Laurel Spooner, Marsha Danforth, Thomas E. Wilbur, Fred Muscavitch, Teresa Schuman, C.L. Metoxen, Kitty Melchert, Wanita DeCorah, Tim Ninham, Cleanora Smith, Brenda Doxtator, Jeff Metoxen, Loretta V. Metoxen, Peril Huff, Rita Summers, Linda S. Dallas, Kailyn Gresham, Rich Figueroa, Mike Metoxen, Rhiannan Metoxen, Vicki Cornelius, Mari Kriesher, Racquel Hill, Madelyn Genskow, Judi Jourdan, Cliff Webster, Geraldine Danforth, Chad Fuss, Louise Cornelius, Arlouine Bain, Dale Wheelock, Barb Kolitsch

I. **Call to Order and Opening** by Chairman Rick Hill at 9:08 a.m. and opening by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

II. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the agendas with the following changes: add executive session pardon recommendation regarding Theresa Gutierrez, defer the School Board report to the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting, and move executive session request no. 3 regarding Lathrop and Clark LLP Attorney contract for Oneida Nation School Board system to open session request no. 8, and delete the petition item no. x.A.1., seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoefft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

III. **Oaths of Office** administered by Tribal Secretary Patty Hoefft

Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation Board

Diane Zubella
Barbara Webster
Cameron Cunningham
James Elm
Peter King

Oneida Powwow Committee

Teresa Schuman

Lloyd Powless

IV. Minutes to be approved

1. Jan. 27 Business Committee minutes

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Jan. 27 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Motion by Brandon Stevens to table the Jan. 27 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

V. Tabled Business

VI. Reports

1. Stimulus Initiative report

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud/Marsha Danforth

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Stimulus Initiative report, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

2. Treasurer's report at 1:30 p.m.

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Brandon Stevens to have the Treasurer's Report format be deferred to the budget retreat on how that's carried on for further discussion, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

VII. Board, Committee and Commission Reports

1. Land Commission

Sponsor: Amelia Cornelius

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Land Commission report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

2. School Board

Sponsor: Debbie Danforth

Deferred to the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting.

3. Land Claims Commission

Sponsor: Loretta Metoxen

Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the Land Claims Commission report as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Ed Delgado that the Business Committee and Land Claims Commission set up a meeting within the next 30 days to discuss a resolution on how the Land Claims Commission can best fulfill its purpose as provided in today's report, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

VIII. Follow up/BC Directives Reports

1. Listing of Powwow Committee terms

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft/Lloyd Powless

Excerpt from Jan. 27: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the listings of Powwow Committee terms to the Feb. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Melinda Danforth to post three powwow vacancies for one year terms, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

2. Change order of Business Committee agenda

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Excerpt from Jan. 27: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the recommendation to change the order of Business Committee agenda to the Feb. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the recommendation to change the order items on the Business Committee agenda to the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

3. Emergency management organization concerns

Sponsor: Executive Managers

Excerpt from Jan. 27: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager in coordination with the Chief of Staff, Chief Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Gaming General Manager and the Emergency Manager bring back an interim plan on how we would respond to an emergency until a formal plan is adopted and that be brought back to the Feb. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Melinda Danforth to defer the Emergency Management organization concerns to the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting as requested by the General Manager, seconded Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Excerpt from Jan. 27: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to work with the appropriate authorities and entities within the tribe to bring back a recommendation to the Business Committee regarding the location of the emergency management location agency and that be brought back by the Feb. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Melinda Danforth to defer to the recommendation on where to relocate the Emergency Management agency Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

4. Tribal employee 401(k) request

Sponsor: Larry Barton

Excerpt from Jan. 13: Motion by Kathy Hughes to direct the Chief Financial Officer to bring forward the necessary language to amend the 401(k) agreement for withdrawals at 59 ½ years of age and to come back in 30 days with the recommendations, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer to the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado.
Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft,
Kathy Hughes, Trish King Brandon Stevens

Note: Moved from executive session old business no. 1

IX. Travel Reports

X. General Tribal Council

A. Petitions

1. Petitioner Cathy L. Metoxen to direct all contracts, job descriptions, budget allocations, fringe benefits for JET to come before GTC for review

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Excerpt from Jan. 27: Motion by Ed Delgado that the Oneida Business Committee acknowledged receipt of the petition and call for a financial legal policy and the Legislative Reference Office analysis work to be submitted to the Tribal Secretary by Feb. 19 or sooner, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Deleted from agenda.

B. Other

1. Direct Law Office for recommendations for compliance with GTC resolution 11-15-08-C

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Law Office and appropriate executive staff to bring forward a plan within 45 days, with such plan to contain recommendations for compliance with General Tribal Council resolution 11-15-08-C, resolution says, "Be It Further Resolved , that no "agent" of the Tribe shall enter into any agreement with any corporation that prohibits full disclosure of all transactions receipts and expenditures and the nature of such funds and that such an agreement is not binding to the Tribe.
Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Law Office to bring forward a review and recommendations within the next 45 days regarding compliance of GTC resolution 11-15-08-C and the resolution says, "Be It Further Resolved, that no "agent" of the Tribe shall enter into any agreement with any corporation that prohibits full disclosure of all transactions receipts and expenditures and the nature of such funds and that such an agreement is not binding to the Tribe, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

XI. New Business

A. Resolutions

1. Independent Living Council of Wisconsin

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud/Susan House

Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt resolution 02-10-10-A Independent Living Council of Wisconsin, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

B. Requests

1. Discuss/approve sign-off levels for OBC Chairman, Vice Chairwoman and Secretary

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes

No action.

2. Direct Chief Financial Officer to source additional funding/support that OTIE needs to increase their financial instruments

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes/Tom Wilbur

Motion by Trish King to request a written report from the Chief Financial Officer's office regarding the recommendation that he verbally stated today and that it identify any risks to the Tribe and brought back to the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposed.

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth

For the record: Tina Danforth said this is not a budgeted item and it is consuming the CFO's time. I appreciate the work and the goal and philosophy of OTIE as a corporation. They need to remain as a corporation. They need to grow as a corporation. They need to be responsible and fiscally responsible as a corporation like we expect all our other corporations. I am not saying you aren't, I'm saying as a reminder that you have to grow within your means. We cannot afford to take the financial risks, especially because this is not a budgeted item. Thank you.

For the record: Ed Delgado said it's my understanding with the final decision regarding OTIE will go to General Tribal Council.

3. OTIE request to a new term be extended for board member Bruce Danforth

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes/Wibert Rentmeester

Motion by Ed Delgado to post for the vacancy and to allow Bruce Danforth's term to continue until we actually fill the Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise vacancy, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

4. One time exception for Oneida School Board tradeback for cash

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick/Debbie Danforth

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the one time exception for Oneida School Board tradeback for cash, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried with five for, two opposed and one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes

Abstained: Trish King

5. Direct General Manager for report of Oneida Housing Authority policy of residents assessed at 20 percent and 30 percent

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the report of the Oneida Housing Authority policy of residents assessed at 20 percent and 30 percent as FYI, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Melinda Danforth

6. Vendor solicitation request for Aim'ee Ysebaert

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Kathy Hughes to deny access to the vendor list and to direct the Chair's office and Chief Financial Officer's office to come up with a policy on how to deal with the issue due back at the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with three for, two opposed and three abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes

Opposed: Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Trish King

For the record: Tina Danforth said I oppose because there is a process being developed right now to handle these kinds of requests and we are trying to standardize it to make it equitable and fair and accessible and I think if we assign this to the CFO whose already working on it with Finance area and the Chair's office should create a conflict or repetitive work.

For the record: Melinda Danforth said I abstained because I think there might be a process the we can utilize now because we allow for the Oneida Relay for Life that I know they are an organization but we allow them access to the vendors list. So in light of the fact that tribal members are asking to access our vendor's list we could actually ask them to write a letter to the vendors that, we can send out to the vendors without disclosing who our vendors are. I know that Finance is working on it, but I just think there is an alternative means to an end here. I appreciate the efforts of the community for trying to raise funds or look for other means for their children and the youth in the community.

7. Vendor solicitation request for Linda Dallas

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Combined with no. 6

8. Lathrop & Clark LLP Attorney contract for Oneida Nation School Board system

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick/Debbie Danforth

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Lathrop and Clark LLP Attorney contract for Oneida Nation School Board system, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Note: Contract is 100 percent through Indian Education Fund.

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

C. Travel Requests

1. Kathy Hughes to MAST Impact Week March 7-10, Washington D.C.

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Kathy Hughes and Tina Danforth to attend the MAST meeting March 7 through 10 in Washington D.C., seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstained:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Patty Hoefft

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

2. Melinda Danforth and Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to Region 5 General Assistance Program March 23-25, Chicago, IL

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve Melinda Danforth and Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to attend Region 5 General Assistance Program March 23 through 25 in Chicago, IL, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoefft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

3. Senior Policy Advisor Francine Skenandore to NCAI Executive Council Winter Session March 1-3, Washington D.C.

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve Francine Skenandore, Chairman Rick Hill and any other committee members who are available to attend the NCAI Executive Council Winter Session March 1 through 3 in Washington D.C., seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Patty Hoefft

D. Community Development Planning Committee

E. Finance Committee

1. Feb. 5 Finance Committee minutes

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Feb. 5 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

F. Legislative Operating Committee

1. Jan. 20 LOC minutes

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Jan. 20 Legislative Operating Committee minutes, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

2. Adoption of Children's Burial Fund Policy resolution

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt resolution 02-10-10-B Adoption of Children's Burial Fund Policy, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

XII. Cost containment FY2010 Exceptions

A. FY2010 Hiring Freeze Exceptions

1. Cannery - Approve to fill a vacant part time Cannery Worker I

Sponsor: Lloyd Powless/Vickie Cornelius

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve to fill a vacant part-time Cannery Worker I, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

2. Behavioral Health - Approve Emergency Temporary Case Manager for six months

Sponsor: Lloyd Powless/Mari Kriescher

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the emergency temporary Case Manager for six months, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

3. Nursing - Approve to post one Registered Nurse position

Sponsor: Lloyd Powless/Wiladean Peters/Connie Vandenberg

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve to post one Registered Nurse position, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

4. Dental - Approve to hire Sub-Relief Dental Hygienist in place of full-time hygienist who is on leave of absence and currently have three vacancies

Sponsor: Lloyd Powless/Tenielle Johnson

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve to hire a sub-relief Dental Hygienist in place of a full-time Hygienist who is on leave of absence, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

5. Gaming Commission – Retro-approve Game Protection services contract

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth/Connie Herlache

Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve the consultant and training Game Protection services contract, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish
King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

6. Gaming - Approve to post and hire two Part-Time Paper Room Clerks, hire one Emergency Temporary Paper Room Clerk due to medical leave of absence and add as addendum to Gaming's minimum staffing levels

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius/Eric McLester

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve to post and hire two part-time Paper Room Clerks, hire one emergency temporary Paper Room Clerk due to medical leave of absence and add as addendum to Gaming's minimum staffing levels, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish
King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

B. Elimination Food, Beverage and Related Open Purchase Order Exceptions

1. Police - Time System data communications control center

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick/Richard VanBoxtel

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the Time System data communications control center for Oneida Police Department, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

C. Elimination Out-of-State Travel Exceptions unless Emergency, Certification Requirements, and Government Official Travel

1. Tourism - Rich Figueroa and Kirby Metoxen to Chicago Tribune Travel & Adventure Show March 19-21, Chicago, IL

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve Rich Figueroa and Kirby Metoxen to attend the Chicago Tribune Travel and Adventure Show March 19 through 21 in Chicago, IL, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

XIII. Additions

XIV. Recess

Motion by Melinda Danforth to recess at 12:52 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

XV. Executive Session

Motion by Kathy Hughes to go into executive session at 2:10 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Patty Hoefft to come out of executive session at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Kathy Hughes.
Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoefft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

A. Old Business

1. Litigation update

Sponsor: Law Office

Excerpt from Jan. 27: Motion by Tina Danforth to request the Law Office to initiate a draft brief to bring back for consideration to the Committee for approval, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to authorize and direct the Law Office to proceed subject to coordination with the Business Committee, Communications and Legislative Affairs, seconded by Brandon Stevens.
Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoefft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

2. Key management positions filled with enrolled members status report

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Excerpt from Dec. 23, 2009: Motion by Tina Danforth to direct the General Manager to bring back a report in 30 days to address the GTC mandate that key management positions be filled by tribal members specifically the MIS manager, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoefft to accept the key management positions filled with enrolled members' status report and request another update in May 2010, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoefft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

Motion by Tina Danforth that a plan of action be brought back in May to address the filling of management positions along with the update, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoefft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

B. Reports

1. New York Land Claims update

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal update regarding New York Land Claims, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

C. Requests

1. Regarding Pardon of Roderick Sommers resolution

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the pardons regarding Roderick Sommers, Douglas Schmidt and Theresa Gutierrez to the Feb. 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

2. Regarding Pardon of Douglas Schmidt resolution

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Combined with no. XV. C.1

3. Oneida small business 2000 project loan fund concerns

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct Brandon Stevens to establish a meeting with Bay Bank to establish their role, Tribe's role and any liaison of information regarding the small business loan program, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct Brandon Stevens and Melinda Danforth to handle the three recommendations in the memo regarding the complaints on the small business loan program, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon
Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

Excused: Trish King

D. Audit Committee

1. Dec. 15, 2009 Audit Committee minutes

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Dec. 15, 2009 Audit Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

2. Dec. 21, 2009 Audit Committee minutes

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Dec. 21 Audit Committee minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

E. Attorney Brief

F. Additions

1. Regarding Pardon of Theresa Gutierrez resolution

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Combined with request no. XV. C1

XVI. Adjourn

Motion by Patty Hoeft to adjourn at 4:57 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 24, 2010.


Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE