



Onidas 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 MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2009

#### Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Rick Hill - Chair  
Patty Hoeft - Secretary

Edward Delgado - Council member  
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member  
Brandon Stevens - Council member  
Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member  
Trish King - Council member

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes – Vice Chair, Tina Danforth - Treasurer

**Others Present:** Barb Skenandore, Rhiannon Metoxen, Leah Pociopa, Kanani Nunies, Eric McLester, Julie Denny, Wayne Metoxen, Louise Cornelius, C.L. Metoxen, Nate Wisneski, Fred Muscavitch, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Mindimoye, Peril Huff, Jennifer Falck, Linda S. Dallas, Kathy Backkuber, Lynn Franzmeier, Dawn Walshinski, Tanya Boucher, Tani Thurner, Kitty Melchert, Thomas E. Wilber, Wendell McLester

**Opening Prayer:** Tracey Williams

**Special Recognitions:** Neil Cornelius for years of service administered by Rick Hill

1. **Call to Order** Rick Hill – Chair at 9:17 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office**  
Oneida Child Protective Board  
 Beverly Anderson – administered by Patty Hoeft Jan. 28, 2009  
 Shirley Barber – administered by Patty Hoeft Feb. 2, 2009  
  
Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation  
 Cameron Cunningham – administered by Brandon Stevens Jan. 15, 2009  
 James Elm – administered by Brandon Stevens Jan. 15, 2009  
 Phillip Leroy King – administered by Brandon Stevens Jan. 15, 2009  
 Bobbi Webster – administered by Brandon Stevens Jan. 15, 2009  
 Diane M. Zubella – administered by Patty Hoeft Jan. 15, 2009

Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises

Jeffery S. House – administered by Brandon Stevens Jan. 9, 2009

Dwight Gourneau – administered by Brandon Stevens Jan. 9, 2009

Thomas E. Wilbur – administered by Brandon Stevens Jan. 9, 2009

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**a. Additions** - New Business Request #11 re: activation of \$1 million budgeted funds for Oneida gaming high stakes renovation project and Executive Session New Business #1 re: Green Bay service agreement

**b. Deletions** - none

**c. Moves**-none

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda with the addition of item number 11 to new business requests in open session regarding activation of funds for renovation of the gaming high stakes area and adding to executive session new business number 1 the Green Bay service agreement, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Minutes to be Approved**

Jan. 28, 2009 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Jan. 28 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Trish King. Motion carried.

Jan. 29, 2009 Special Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Jan. 29 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

Feb. 3, 2009 Emergency Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Feb. 3 Emergency Business Committee minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Tabled Business**

Oct. 16, 2008 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to take the Oct. 16, 2008 Business Committee minutes off the table, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Oct. 16, 2008 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Motion carried.

Jan. 14, 2009 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to take the Jan. 14, 2009 Business Committee minutes off the table, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Jan. 14 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Trish King. Motion carried.

6. **Reports – none**

7. **Travel Reports**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: USS Green Bay Commissioning Jan. 23-25, 2009 Long Beach, CA

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the USS Green Bay Commissioning travel report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Inclement GTC weather date

**Excerpt from Jan. 14, 2009:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the inclement GTC weather date to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the inclement GTC weather date to the July 8, 2009 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft

RE: Proposed GTC dates considering two options of per capita payments to re-direct for land purchases

**Excerpt from Jan. 28, 2009:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the proposed General Tribal Council dates regarding the consideration of two options of per capita to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to defer the proposed GTC dates considering two options of per capita payments be re-directed for land purchases to the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft

RE: Pending GTC petition for Oneida Recreation Center

**Excerpt from Jan. 28, 2009:** Motion by Trish King to defer the General Tribal Council petition for the Oneida Recreation center to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to support a special General Tribal Council meeting regarding the recreation center petition for May 23, 2009 seconded by Trish King. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to not set a date for the recreation center until more analysis has been completed, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to set May 30 as a special General Tribal Council meeting date to hear the petition about the tribe's recreation center program and that the General Manager provide a report about the tribe's recreation program to the Business Committee at the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

4. Patty Hoeft

RE: Pending GTC petition for hyperbaric oxygen chamber

**Excerpt from Jan. 28, 2009:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the General Tribal Council petition for the hyperbaric oxygen chamber to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer until later in the agenda along with follow-up three to find an appropriate date, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve May 30, 2009 for calling of a special General Tribal Council meeting regarding the General Tribal Council petition on the hyperbaric oxygen chamber, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bill Gollnick RE: Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Rd. Construction Project Agreement #AGF2008017

**Excerpt from Jan. 28, 2009:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Road construction project agreement AGF200817 to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the Oneida Township, Outagamie County-Seminary Rd. Construction Project Agreement AGF2008017 for 30 days (March 11 Business Committee meeting), seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. New Business

### a. Resolutions

1. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee

**Excerpt from Jan. 28, 2009:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee resolution to the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt Resolution 02-11-09-A Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee designating Tehassi Hill as an official trustee for all matters of this item, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention/FY2009 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program 2009-2012  
Cheryl Stevens  
Frieda Clary

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt Resolution 02-11-09-B Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention/FY2009 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program 2009-2012, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Rick Hill RE: Re-post three vacancies on the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee for 30 days

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request to re-post three vacancies on the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee for 30 days, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Rick Hill RE: Recommend Roy Redhail as Social Services alternate for Oneida Pardon Screening Committee

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the recommendation of Roy Redhail as a Social Services alternate for the Oneida Pardon Screening Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Vehicle Record System Data Access Agreement

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Vehicle Record System Data Access Agreement to be signed off by Chairman Rick Hill and that the signed agreement is forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Review and approve JET's team charter

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the JET Charter as FYI and defer it for 90 days (May 13 Business Committee meeting) with the expectation that meetings will occur to talk this idea through, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Trish King, Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

5. Ed Delgado RE: CFO review payments to corporate board members

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Chief Financial Officer to review the payments made to corporate board members of the Oneida tribe including the amount of stipends and any additional payments including profit sharing if any and report back at a mid April Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Ed Delgado RE: SEOTS building concerns

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to request the General Manager and Chief of Staff bring back a report regarding the concerns of the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services Board as expressed in their Jan. 28, 2009 correspondence as attached to this request, and that the General Manager and Chief of Staff include the concerns of the SEOTS Board and Director in the mid-April report seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Brandon Stevens RE: Request information about AODA and women's shelter

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to recommend the General Manager work with the Chief Financial Officer to bring forward a report on the alcohol and other drug addiction treatment facilities and the women's shelter programs regarding the history and funds, due back at the April 22 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Rick Hill RE: Re-post four vacancies for Oneida Arts Board for 30 days

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve reposting four vacancies for the Oneida Arts Board for 30 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Rick Hill RE: Re-post one vacancy for Oneida Land Commission for 30 days

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve reposting one vacancy for the Oneida Land Commission for 30 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Rick Hill RE: Re-post four vacancies for Oneida Enterprise Development Authority for 30 days

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve reposting four vacancies for the Oneida Enterprise Development Authority for 30 days, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Neil Cornelius RE: Activating gaming funds for high stake renovation project

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the activation of \$1 million funds for Oneida gaming high stakes renovation project, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Participate as a panelist in Fee-to-Trust meeting March 10-11, 2009 Mystic Lake, MN

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request for Kathy Hughes to participate as a panelist in the Fee-to-Trust meeting March 10 through 11, 2009 in Mystic Lake, MN, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Finance Committee**

1. Tina Danforth

RE: Jan. 9, 2009 Finance Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Jan. 9 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

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

1. Trish King

RE: Jan. 21, 2009 LOC minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Jan. 21 LOC minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried.

2. Trish King

RE: Tattooing and Body Piercing Law resolution

Action: Motion by Trish King to adopt Resolution 02-11-09-C Tattooing and Body Piercing Law, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trish King

RE: Emergency Management Law amendments public hearing March 31

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Emergency Management Law amendments for a public hearing date of March 31, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Trish King

RE: Boxing Ordinance public hearing March 31



Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Boxing Ordinance public hearing for March 31, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**14. Executive Staff Meeting – none**

**15. Legislative Affairs Update – none**

**16. Executive Session**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to go into executive session at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to come out of executive session at 3:12 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Tabled Business - none**

**b. Old Business**

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Proposed property acquisition  
Paul Van Noie

**Excerpt from Jan. 29, 2009:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report on the possible property acquisition and direct the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer to bring back an updated report at the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to have Land Management negotiate the acquisition of the proposed property, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. New Business**

1. Bill Gollnick RE: Green Bay Service Agreement

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the Green Bay Service Agreement to the Feb. 25 Business Committee meeting with a cover memo explaining the agreement, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs Update - none**

**e. Attorney Brief**

1. Jo Anne House

RE: Contract Reviews

Action: Motion by Trish King to refer the contract reviews to the Joint Executive Team for follow-up, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jo Anne House

RE: Deeks Document

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve that a letter be sent to Mr. Andre Deeks to reject his proposal, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Jo Anne House

RE: Amicus – Cook v. Avi Casino Enterprises, Inc.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chairman to send a letter notifying the attorneys that we decline the offer to support the Cook v. Avi Casino Enterprises case, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Audit Committee**

1. Ed Delgado

RE: Jan. 7, 2009 Special Audit Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Jan. 7 special Audit Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**g. New York Land Claims**

1. Rick Hill  
Tina Danforth  
Gene Keluche

RE: New York Development team update

**Excerpt from Jan. 28, 2009:** Motion by Trish King for the New York Development team to bring back a recommendation for the board development at the Feb. 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Chief of Staff's verbal update of the New York Development team, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick

RE: New York Land Claims settlement Update

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Chief of Staff's verbal update of the New York Land Claims settlement, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Francis Skenandore

RE: Oneida Economic Development Authority report

Action: No action.

### **Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to recess until 8:30 a.m. Feb. 12 to consider the attorney brief, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING FROM FEB. 11, 2009**

**8:30 a.m. Feb. 12, 2009**

### **Business Committee Conference Room**

**Present:** Rick Hill – Chair, Patty Hoeft – Secretary, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. – Council members

**Excused:** Kathy Hughes – Vice Chair, Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Melinda J. Danforth – Council member

1. **Call to Order:** Rick Hill – Chair at 8:45 a.m.

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill to reconvene into executive session at 8:45 a.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Delgado excused at 11:30 a.m.

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to come back into open session at 12:15 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

### **e. Attorney Brief (continued)**

4. Jo Anne House

RE: Easements – North Overland Rd.

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Law Office to resend a letter to the Hobart Village Board notifying that an easement is not necessary as we have a permit, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Jo Anne House

RE: Hobart Rezoning

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Law Office to communicate to tribal residents in Hobart options regarding re-zoning and to follow-up with any tribal member regarding those questions, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Jo Anne House

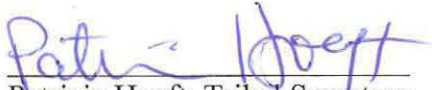
RE: Liquor License for Oneida Golf Enterprises

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to direct the Law Office to meet with Hobart's legal counsel to discuss escrow account options, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to adjourn at 12:18 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on March 11, 2009.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE