



Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Oneida Business Committee Special Meeting
3 p.m. Feb. 19, 2013
BC Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Norbert Hill Center

Minutes

Present: Chairman Ed Delgado, Vice Chairman Greg Matson, Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members David Jordan, Brandon Stevens; **Not present:** Treasurer Tina Danforth, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham; **Others present:** Gina Buenrostro, Stephanie Funmaker, Vincent Vega, Raeann Skenandore, Lisa Schwartz, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Michelle Mays, Candice Skenandore, Fawne Teller, Ingrid King, Nona Danforth, Linda S. Dallas, Cathy Bachhuber, Marty Antone, Cathy L. Metoxen

I. **Call to Order and opening** by Chairman Ed Delgado at 3:05 p.m.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens
Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham

III. Open Session

1. Proposed policy to allow transfer of Oneida Tribe original child support cases to concurrent jurisdictions

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Excerpt from Feb. 13, 2013 regular Business Committee meeting: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to have this item referred back to the Chairman's office to address the jurisdictional issue to refine the resolution submitted today and to discuss this in a special Business Committee meeting on Tues. Feb. 19, 2013, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention, one opposed.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to reject the resolution presented today, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens
Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham
For the record: David Jordan stated I am opposing this resolution twofold. Individuals already have the capability of having their case transferred back to circuit court if they choose as only a stay was placed on their case. They need to file a motion with the circuit court to start this action. This is a communications area and individuals should be notified by the Child Support Agency of this opportunity. Or in the alternative, by the court when asked by either party to transfer their case back to the circuit court. My second opposition to this—cases of original jurisdiction may not be allowed to be moved to the circuit court as we do not have a memorandum of understanding or other agreement with the circuit court to take jurisdiction of these cases. Right now it looks as if the parties are 'judge shopping' as they feel they did not receive a judgment in their favor. This whole incident is politically charged and should not be in front of the Business Committee at this time. There are laws in place and those laws either need to be adhered to or changed through the proper channels. We cannot be passing emergency amendments or changing the law on a whim.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to send to the LOC and LRO a request for them to include in their study of Chapter 78 and Chapter 79, the review process and the two years after the final order that they consider examining the prospects of decreasing that two year wait period, that they also study how child custody evaluations are performed during that review process and that they look at the appeals process to determine if 30 days is too short of a time period and that they include a review of enforcement of strengthening child support, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one opposed:

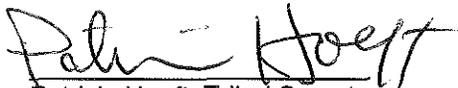
Ayes: Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan
Opposed: Brandon Stevens
Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham
For the record: Brandon Stevens stated I half agree with the motion and I think it's not the LOC's task to investigate anything. It is our job to legislate and create policy and I do believe that child support does need a little stronger enforcement mechanisms in there and some suggestions, well noted.

IV. Adjourn

Motion by Patty Hoeft to adjourn at 5 p.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens
Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Feb. 27, 2013.


Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE