

Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to ald 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 20, 2008 Business Committee Conference Room

Present:	Gerald Danforth - Chair
	Mercie Danforth - Treasurer
	Patty Hoeft - Secretary

Paul Ninham - Council member Vince DelaRosa - Council member Melinda J. Danforth - Council member Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused: Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Trish King - Council member

**Others Present:** 

**Opening Prayer:** Ron Hill Jr. (Tehassi)

Special Recognitions: None

- 1. Call to Order Chairman Gerald Danforth at 9:05 a.m.
- 2. Oath of Office Administered by Patty Hoeft Tribal Secretary

# **Election Board:**

Racquel Hill - Present Louise Cornelius - Present Steve Mittag - Present Linda Dallas - Present

**Oneida Police Commission:** 

Jodi Van Cuyk - Present

# 3. Approval of the Agenda a. Additions

LOC - Memo: Judiciary & New APA Draft (FYI)

## b. Deletions

Travel Request #2 - Retro approval for travel to Madison for Wisconsin Women in Government Seminar Feb.5-6, 2008

#### c. Moves

Follow Up #3 - OHA follow up report Nov. 21, 2007

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Minutes to be Approved

Approve the Regular minutes of Feb. 6, 2008

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the regular minutes of Feb. 6, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Special minutes of Feb. 5, 2008

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the special minutes of Feb. 5, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Tabled Business - None

#### 6. Reports

- a. Bay Bank (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month
- Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Bay Bank quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Environmental Resource Board (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
  Ted Hawk 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month
- Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Environmental Resource Board quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Oneida Personnel Commission (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Genevieve Gollnick - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Oneida Personnel Commission quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov) Lance Broberg - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Oneida Housing Authority (Monthly: Jan. 1-31, 2008) Susan House - Each Month
- Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Oneida Housing Authority monthly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

RE: OHA follow up report Nov. 21, 2007

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the report and request a follow up report be submitted from the General Manager at the next Business Committee meeting as to the development status of the Oneida Housing Policy, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

# 7. Travel Reports - None

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

1. Gerald Danforth RE: Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (OEDA) Board recommendation

**Excerpt from February 6, 2008 OBC Meeting:** 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.

- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the OEDA Board recommendations to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried. unanimously.
  - 2. Bill Gollnick RE: N.E.W. regional public safety facility project

chronology with Executive Staff minutes of Aug. 2, 2007 page 2 of 8-directive memo-new public safety committee grant agreement for review

**Excerpt from February 6, 2008 OBC Meeting:** 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.

- Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the recommendation on the next steps for N.E.W. regional public safety facility project to the next Business Committee meeting agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: OHA follow up report Nov. 21, 2007

**Excerpt from January 23, 2008 OBC Meeting:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Housing Authority report to the Feb. 20, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved to Oneida Housing Authority Monthly Report in regular session.

4.	Scott Wilson	RE: Resolution establishing policy for any
		organizational changes to create or dissolve
		divisions and business units of the Tribe

**Excerpt from Jan. 23, 2008 OBC Meeting:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report from the LOC Chairman that the LOC work will be coming back to the Business Committee in February 2008 regarding resolution establishing policy for any organizational changes to create or dissolve divisions and business units of the tribe, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the resolution establishing policy for any organizational changes to create or dissolve divisions and business units of the tribe to Apr. 2, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 5. Scott Wilson RE: Resolution establishing policy for wage and salary compensation system for the Tribe on an annual basis

**Excerpt from Jan. 23, 2008 OBC Meeting:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report from the LOC Chairman that the LOC will be producing a report for the Business Committee in February on the resolution establishing policy for wage and salary compensation system for the Tribe on an annual basis, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer resolution establishing policy for wage and salary compensation system for the tribe on an annual basis to Apr. 2, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Feb. 6, 2008 OBC Meeting:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the petition back to the Tribal 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.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to have the Tribal Secretary office and America's Dream petitioner work together to bring forward a plan and once the plan is received the Law Office will do a review and bring it back to the Business Committee to set a GTC meeting date, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince Dela Rosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

#### 9. New Business

#### a. Resolutions

- 1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Fireworks Display for Family Carnival Mike Metoxen, Lloyd Powless
- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt resolution 2-20-08-A for the fireworks display for the Family Carnival, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Note: Chief of Staff to prepare a summary of precautions of fireworks display and bring it forward to the BC members

2. Debbie Thundercloud Cheryl Stevens, Marsha Danforth RE: Integrated Resource Management Plan U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

- Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt resolution 2-20-08-B for the Integrated Resource Management Plan U.S. Dept. Of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to provide a status report on plans to create an Integrated Resource Management Plan, with a status report back at the April Business Committee Planning meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

<sup>6.</sup> Patty Hoeft RE: Approval of backward schedule and suggest GTC date for America's Dream, Inc. Petition

#### b. Requests

- 1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Honor the Elder Luncheon Report
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Honor the Elder Luncheon report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 2. Gerald Danforth RE: Retro approval of Stormwater Letter
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to retro approve the letter that went out to the Oneida citizens regarding the stormwater, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to add the government-to-government resolution as part two of request # 2, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

RE: Government to-Government Resolution

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 2-20-08-C regarding the Government-to-Government relations with the Village of Hobart, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to have the Chief of Staff prepare a plan so we are aware of our position as it relates to the public relations proposal and follow up as it relates to fall out or ramifications relative to these actions and the 2-20-08-C Resolution, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3.	Debbie Thundercloud	RE: Requesting review & approval of the
	Wayne Metoxen, Paul Witeck	CIP package for the Maple Sugar Camp,
		Project CIP #07-013 and approval to
		proceed into design and construction which
		will be funded by donations and volunteers

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve CIP #07-013 for the Maple Sugar Camp, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4.	Patty Hoeft	RE: Request to accept the resignation of
	Personnel Commission	Wendell McLester from the Oneida
		Personnel Commission and post the vacancy

- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the request to accept the resignation of Wendell McLester and post one vacancy on the Personnel Commission, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 5. Patty Hoeft RE: Request approval of meeting date recommendation for GTC meeting for

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the General Tribal Council date for GTC Development Team Report as Mar. 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Oneida Elementary School, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Have Tribal School schedule one day a month for GTC meetings.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to recess until 1:30 pm, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Danforth called meeting back into session at 1:41 pm.

#### c. Travel Requests

1. Patty Hoeft

RE: Travel Request for Native Nations Building: Emerging Leaders, Mar. 24-26, 2008

- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request for Patty Hoeft to attend the Native Nations Building Emerging Leaders, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 2. Patty Hoeft RE: Retro approval for travel to Madison for Wisconsin Women in Government Seminar Feb.5-6, 2008

Deleted

#### 10. Finance Committee - None

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) -

Memo: Judiciary & New APA Draft (FYI)

- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the Judiciary and New APA draft back to LOC to be brought back to the Business Committee with an analytical piece, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.
- 12. Treasurer's Report None
- 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning None
- 14. Executive Staff Meeting None

## 15. Legislative Affairs Update

- 1. Letter of Support RE: ITBC Funding to Congressman King-FYI
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro approve letter of support regarding ITBC Funding to Congressman King, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 2. Municipal & County Report
    - A. 2007 Hobart Sanitary Survey Report
    - B. Golden Pond Park Transportation Plats
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Municipal and County report and refer both recommendations within the report to the General Manager's office to assign the appropriate staff for review and status update come back to Business Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to go into regular session, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4:55 p.m. Melinda J. Danforth left meeting.
- 16. Executive Session
  - a. Tabled Business None
  - b. Old Business
  - 1. Debbie Thundercloud

**RE: Blue Moon Solutions Inc. Contract** 

**Excerpt from Feb. 6, 2008:** 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.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Non-Disclosure Agreement with Blue Moon Solutions Inc., seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

#### c. New Business

- 1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Philip Morris U.S.A. Contract Michelle King, Lloyd Powless
- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Philip Morris U.S.A. Contract, seconded

by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Ed Delgado RE: Request to appeal the decision of GGM Regarding reimbursement of travel
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to refer the request to appeal the decision of the Gaming General Manager regarding reimbursement of travel to the Chairman's office to resolve the issue and to bring back to the Business Committee on Mar. 5, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 3. Gerald Danforth RE: Pardon Screening Committee Recommendations
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to support the recommendation of the Pardon Screening Committee to adopt the pardon of Sandra Gonzales Resolution 2-20-08-D, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to support the recommendation of the Pardon Screening Committee to adopt the pardon of Debbie Bautista Resolution 2-20-08-E, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to support the recommendation of the Pardon Screening Committee to adopt the pardon of James Vaughn Resolution 2-20-08-F, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Danforth stated for record: Three motions associated with the pardons two denying and one approving are motions that adopts the associated resolution with each pardon.

- 4. Gerald Danforth RE: Chief of Staff Contract
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to not extend the Chief of Staff contract, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Paul Ninham, Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to bring back a transition plan on dealing with the recommendations that were proposed by the Tribal Secretary at the Oct.10, 2007 Business Committee meeting for dealing with the Governmental Administration Division at the Apr. 2, 2008 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham. Motion carried.
  - 5. Trish King RE: OAHC Contract
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation contract resolution 2-20-08-G, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Neil Cornelius

RE: Harrah's Agreement

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Harrah's Agreement, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

7. Gerald Danforth

RE: Gaming General Manager Request to Reconsider his serving on Sevens Generations Corp.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Gaming General Manager request to reconsider him serving on the Seven Generations Board, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

For the record: The Seven Generations Corporation is a different entity and not the one incorporated under the Oneida Tribe.

# d. Legislative Affairs Update - None

### e. Attorney Brief

1. Westlaw Contract

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Westlaw contract, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bonding Item

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the bonding item as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

# f. Audit Committee

Approval of Audit Committee Minutes of Dec. 27, 2007

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Audit Committee minutes of Dec. 27, 2007, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Audit Committee Minutes of Jan. 15, 2008

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Audit Committee minutes of Jan. 15, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Housing Authority Audit Report - Recommendations

- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to delete the Oneida Housing Authority Audit report recommendations from the agenda because there was no report given, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
  - g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority None

# **Recess/Adjourn**

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Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on March 19, 2008.

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Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE