

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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.

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ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2008

Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer
Patty Hoeft - Secretary
Trish King - Council member
Paul Ninham - Council member
Vince DelaRosa - Council member
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member
Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused:

Others Present: Julie Denny, Dottie Krull, Dawn Walschinski, Todd VanDenHeuvel, Scott Murray, Vinnie Cornelius, Wanda Diemel, Kitty Melchert, Leyne Orosco, Kerry Rae Brunette, Cathy L. Metoxen, Debbie Danforth, Laura Cornelius, Leland Wigg-Ninham, Winifred Thomas, Linda Brown, Shannon Hill, Barb Skenandore, Tim Ninham, Diana Mann, Brandy John, Judi Skenandore, Melinda Danforth

Opening Prayer: Debbie Thundercloud

Special Recognitions: Retirement Recognition of Beverly King administered by Melinda J. Danforth

1. Call to Order
2. Oath of Office - None
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Additions
 1. Request for Burial

2. Legislative Affairs

b. Deletions

1. New Business, Resolution #1.
2. New Business, Request #1.

c. Moves

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the agenda with noted changes of deleting new business resolution #1 and new business request #1, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the motion to delete travel request #1, schedule the Oneida Housing Authority Audit report in Executive Session for 1:30 p.m., move the debate to reconsider the Chief of Staff contract to the first item on today's agenda, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Reconsideration of Feb 20, 2008 BC meeting to not extend COS Contract

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to delete the item from Executive Session, New Business #1. Reconsideration- RE: COS Contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Paul Ninham Abstain: Trish King, Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Request to approve the Feb. 20, 2008 Regular minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Feb. 20, 2008 regular minutes to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business -None

6. Reports

a. Ombudsman (Quarterly:)
Matt Cornelius

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the Ombudsman quarterly report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Travel Reports

1. Melinda J. Danforth RE: MOU Signing at Department of Interior

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the MOU signing at Department of Interior travel report along with the following recommendations:
Designate point person to complete government-to-government business initiative which includes next steps of following through and completing the process with letter of intent and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and provide information to the Gaming General Manager & Oneida Hotel Corporation regarding Ark Restaurants, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham Abstain: Melinda J. Danforth
Motion carried.

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

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

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting Feb. 20, 2008: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the OEDA Board recommendations to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the OEDA recommendation to extend the terms of Scott Dacey, Joan Buckley, Gene Keluche and Francis Skenandore out to the end of September 2008, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to post the OEDA vacancies in June 2008, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick RE: 04-006 N.E.W. Regional Public Safety Facility Project Chronology with Executive Staff Minutes-August 02, 2007 Page 2 of 8-Directive Memo-new Public Safety Committee Grant Agreement - for Review

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting Feb. 20, 2008: 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.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Public Safety Facility Project update to the next agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Status of the Oneida Housing Policy Development

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting Feb. 20, 2008: 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 status of the Oneida Housing Policy development, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the memorandum for the Oneida Housing policy status update with the attachment as an example of what is being done with those procedures, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

9. New Business

a. Resolutions

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Boards, Committees, and Commissions Evening Reports
Deleted from agenda
2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Requesting approval/adoption of a Resolution for Dept. of Health & Human Services Administration for Children & Families, Administration for Native Americans - Language curriculum.
Cheryl Stevens, Laura Cornelius

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 3-5-08-A for Dept. of Health & Human Services Administration for Children & Families, Administration for Native Americans - Language curriculum, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

b. Requests

1. Trish King RE: Requesting approval of the Jan. 16th Bay Bank Annual Shareholders' Mtg Minutes
Deleted
2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Seeking approval for 50 Oneida athletes and coaches to attend the N.A. Indigenous Games in Duncan, Canada, including expenses for traveling, airfare,
Scott Murray, Don White

passports, busing, per diem, uniforms, registration fees, etc.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the NAIG approval for 50 Oneida athletes and coaches to attend in Duncan, Canada including expenses for traveling, airfare, passports, busing, per diem, uniforms, registration fees and etc. to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. JET RE: Reconsideration of Jan. 23, 2008 motion from giving all employees at maximum or over maximum a 3 percent increase to a lump sum at maximum payment

Trish King for the record: I would like to make a statement for the record why I would reconsider it. The reason being was at the time the Business Committee made a motion they did not have the full information of how it would impact and that is being presented today. There is confusion in regards to the 3% the General Tribal Council approved vs. a 1% vs. another increase. There are three different issues that we're dealing with and there is confusion on which issue we are talking about in regards to the 3% and that is why I am supporting re-discussing the issue, so we can have clarification.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to allow the General Manager and representatives to give a report regarding the Jan. 23 BC decision, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Patty Hoeft Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa. Opposed: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept report as FYI, seconded by Ed. For: Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Request to approve GTC meeting date for petition by Linda S. Dallas & Mike Debraska calling for an independent outside audit

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to delete the request to approve GTC meeting date for petition by Linda S. Dallas and Mike Debraska calling for an independent outside audit from agenda, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft RE: Request to approve GTC Meeting date for Petition by Cathy L. Metoxen to Disclose Findings from Audits of the Oneida Housing Authority

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to delete the request to approve GTC meeting

date for petition by Cathy L. Metoxen to disclose findings from audits of the Oneida Housing Authority from agenda, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Bill Gollnick RE: Procedural Exception of Burial in Oneida Cemetery

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the procedural exception of burial in Oneida Cemetery, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Travel Requests

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Request reimbursement for travel to Wisconsin Women in Government Seminar Jan. & Feb. 2008

Deleted

10. Finance Committee - None

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

For Consideration: Resolution Adopting Emergency Amendments to the Travel Policy & canceling the April 19, 2008 GTC meeting for the Judiciary and New APA, Public Hearing Date on April 15, 2008 for Amendments to the Per Capita Ordinance & Public Hearing Date on April 15, 2008 for Repeal of the Housing Ordinance

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the LOC requests to the next Oneida Business Committee agenda, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the main motion that the Oneida Business Committee approve the scheduled hearing dates of April 15 for the public hearing for amendments to the Per Capita Ordinance and Repeal of the Housing Ordinance, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Treasurer's Report - None

13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

Request to approve Feb. 18, 2008 BC Planning Meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Feb. 18, 2008 BC Planning meeting minutes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Executive Staff Meeting

Approve the Executive Staff meeting minutes of Feb. 7, 2008

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Executive Staff meeting minutes of Feb. 7, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Legislative Affairs Update

1. PACE-IHCIA Update-FYI

2. Oneida Community Health Center Appropriations Request-Retro Approval

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the Legislative Affairs update items to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess for 5 minutes until 11:30 a.m.

Recess at noon until 1:30 p.m.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to go into regular session at 3:47 p.m., seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Executive Session

a. **Tabled Business - None**

b. **Old Business**

1. Mercie Danforth
Bill Gollnick

RE: Detailed report regarding expenditures
for Land Claims

Excerpt from Business Committee Meeting of Feb. 20, 2008: Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Treasurer and Chief of Staff to work together to bring back at 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

Hoefl, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa. Abstained: Mercie Danforth.
Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the detailed report regarding expenditures for Land Claims to the next Oneida Business Committee agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Gerald Danforth RE: Request to Appeal the Decision of
GGM RE: Reimbursement of Travel

Excerpt from Business Committee Meeting of Feb. 20, 2008: Motion by Mercie Danforth to refer to the Chairman's office to resolve the issue and to bring back an update to the Business Committee on March 5, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the appeal of the decision of the Gaming General Manager regarding reimbursement of mileage report as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

c. New Business

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Reconsideration - RE: COS Contract

Delete

2. Gerald Danforth RE: Pardon Screening Committee
Recommendations

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the Pardon Screening Committee recommendations to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Report on the alignment of all Doctors
Contracts at the Oneida Community Health
Center for informational purposes

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer to the report on alignment of all doctors contracts at the Oneida Community Health Center to the General Manager for follow up, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. LOC RE: Amendment to the Don Costello
Contract

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the amendment to the Don Costello contract back to LOC for consideration of the final steps, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Cheryl Skolaski

RE: Request to approve 70 new enrollments and their eligibility for the 2008 September payment

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve 70 new enrollments, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to have the liaison send communication to the Trust Committee regarding clarification of the procedural exception request, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Legislative Affairs Update

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Legislative Affairs update as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Attorney Brief

1. Attorney Brief Memo- FYI

Action : Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Godfrey and Kahn Contract and authorize the Treasurer's office to allocate funds for the contract, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the request to place this on the MAST agenda for discussion, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the General Manager action plan and request updates through the Attorney Brief, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee

1. OHA Special Audit Report

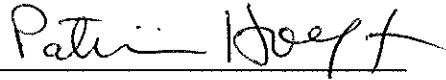
Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the OHA Special Audit report back to the Audit Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - None

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn at 3:53 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

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



**Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE**