

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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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 MINUTES REGULAR MEETING March 11, 2009 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Rick Hill - Chair
Tina Danforth - Treasurer
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

Others Present: Barb Skenandore, Arlouine Bain, Jed Summers, Matt Cornelius, Peril Huff, RC Metoxen, Wayne Metoxen, Nate Wisneski, Geraldine Danforth, Michele Doxtator, Julie Denny, Apache Danforth, C.L. Metoxen, John Christjohn

Opening Prayer by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Special Recognitions - none

1. **Call to Order** by Rick Hill at 9:12 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office** - none
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Additions
 - b. Deletions
 - c. **Move** New Business 1 re: RJ Reynolds tobacco contract to Executive Session New Business 2 and schedule New York Land Claims at 2:00 p.m. in executive session.

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Minutes to be Approved**

Oct. 9, 2008 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oct. 9, 2008 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Nov. 26, 2008 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Nov. 26, 2008 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Feb. 25, 2009 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to approve the Feb. 25, 2009 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

March 4, 2009 Special Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the March 4, 2009 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business

Feb. 11, 2009 Business Committee minutes

Excerpt from Feb. 25: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to table the Feb. 11 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to take off the table, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Feb. 11, 2009 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Reports

1. Matt Cornelius RE: Ombudsman (quarterly: March/
June/Sept./Dec.)

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the Ombudsman quarterly report, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Travel Reports

1. Kathy Hughes RE: CDC TCAC Feb. 10-12 Albuquerque,
NM

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Centers for Disease Control Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee travel report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Harvesting Clean Energy conference
Jan. 25-28 Billings, MT

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Harvesting Clean Energy conference travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Recreation report

Excerpt from Feb. 25: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Recreation report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from Feb. 25: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the main motion to direct the General Manager to provide a presentation on the achievements and challenges of Oneida Recreation at the March 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Oneida recreation presentation report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to request the General Manager to bring a second report to the Business Committee at the April 8 regular meeting describing the challenges and vision for the future of the Oneida youth recreation program, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Tina Danforth left at 10:08 a.m.

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

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

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report and request another status report be given to the Business Committee at the April 8 regular meeting about the reconstruction of Seminary Road, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Resolutions

1. Patty Hoeft
Amelia Cornelius
- RE: Motor vehicle fuel tax exemption for all Oneida Tribal members

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to acknowledge that the submitter of this item, Amelia Cornelius, request it be withdrawn from the Business Committee agenda, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth
- RE: Endorse Ernie Stevens Jr. as National Indian Gaming Association chairman

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt Resolution 03-11-09-A Endorsement of Ernie Stevens Jr. as N.I.G.A. Chairman, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Brandon Stevens. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

b. Requests

1. Ed Delgado
- RE: Source of Business Committee delegated Article IV powers

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Law Office to research the Article IV powers that are delegated to the Business Committee and that an opinion be brought back to an April Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kathy Hughes
- RE: 2010 Census PR campaign

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Complete Count Committee and Melissa Nuthals to develop a 2010 census campaign that will recognize Oneida Tribe of WI as the tribal affiliation on the census form, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the main motion that we require the Complete Count Committee to give a monthly report to the Business Committee about their efforts at every evening session of the Business Committee meeting that takes place on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting in April, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft
- RE: Jodie Skenandore's Oneida Personnel Commission resignation and post one vacancy for the remainder of her term expiring Nov. 21, 2010

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve posting one Personnel Commission vacancy for the remainder of resigning commissioner Jodie Skenandore's term, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft

RE: 2009-2011 Annual and Semi-Annual GTC meetings schedule

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager, Gaming General Manager, Chief Of Staff, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Counsel to designate a representative(s) to serve on the work team for coordinating the July 6 Semi-Annual GTC meeting and to notify the Tribal Secretary before March 13 who they are designating, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Tribal Secretary's report about how to coordinate the July 6, 2009 General Tribal Council semi-annual meeting and direct the Tribal Secretary to provide another report at the April 8 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft

RE: Amend previous GTC date of May 30 to July 11, 2009

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the Feb. 11, 2009 Business Committee motion so that the petition about the Tribe's recreation center is considered at the July 11, 2009 special General Tribal Council meeting and not on May 30, 2009, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the Feb. 11, 2009 Business Committee motion so that the petition about requiring the tribe to purchase a hyperbaric oxygen chamber is considered at the July 11, 2009 special General Tribal Committee meeting and not on May 30, 2009, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to schedule the petition about the Business Committee's 100-day-plan to be considered at the July 11, 2009 special General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer action on the 100-day-plan petition to the April 22 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: Norbert Hill Center remodeling project

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the procedural exception to skip phase two of the CIP process of routing the CIP package to the various review entities, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the project, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve to activate \$2,890,000 from the approved FY 2009 CIP budget for 08-005 Norbert Hill Center remodel phase seven, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the transfer of unexpended funds in the amount of \$89,695.40 from Norbert Hill Center remodel phase six CIP 06-013 budget into CIP project 08-005 Norbert Hill Center remodel phase seven, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve a procedural exception to the CIP so that the design development documents do not require Business Committee approval, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Ed Delgado

RE: SOP and request from tribal member to review final audit reports

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to move the Audit Committee item from executive session to regular session, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Audit Committee standard operating procedure as FYI, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Travel Requests

1. Tina Danforth

RE: Retro-approve State of Tribes Address and GLITC meeting Feb. 24-25 Madison, WI

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to retro-approve the Treasurer's State of Tribes Address and GLITC travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

RE: DNR and DATCP Tribal consultation March 4-5 St. Croix, WI

- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Trade, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Tribal consultation travel request, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance Committee - none

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

1. Trish King RE: Feb. 19 LOC minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Feb. 19 Legislative Operating Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King RE: Feb. 20 LOC minutes

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

3. Trish King RE: Child Custody, Visitation and Placement Law public hearing April 28

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve setting April 28 as a public hearing regarding the Child Custody, Visitation and Placement Law, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Treasurer's Report - none

13. Legislative Affairs

1. Bill Gollnick RE: Stimulus initiative

Excerpt from Feb. 25: Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the stimulus initiative verbal report and to receive a regular update at each Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to accept the economic stimulus initiative update report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Nathan King RE: Stream Restoration on the South Branch of the Suamico River

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the stream restoration report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Trish King. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

3. Tana Aguirre RE: GOTV meet and greet

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to retro-approve an invitation for meet and greet for the contested races for the Village of Ashwaubenon, Hobart, and Town of Oneida, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Executive Session

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to go into executive session at 11:46 a.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandon Stevens excused at noon.

Tina Danforth arrived at 11:58 a.m. and left at 2:56 p.m.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to come out of executive session at 4:12 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Absent: Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Present: Rick Hill, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

a. Tabled Business - none

b. Old Business

1. Louise Cornelius RE: Harrah's contract proposal

Excerpt from Feb. 25: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the report about the Harrah's contract as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Excerpt from Feb. 25: Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer the proposed Harrah's contract to the Audit Committee to pursue an independent party to conduct a due diligence of the proposal and bring that report back at the March 11 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the recommendation from the Gaming General Manager to reject the Harrah's contract proposal, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

c. New Business

1. Tina Danforth RE: OTIE and OGE follow-up

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the release of the Tribe's audited financial statements for the years 2006 through 2008 and 2009 preliminary financial statements to OTIE in response to the OTIE credit and serenity bond program, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: 2009 RJ Reynolds modern smoke-free tobacco products agreement

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the RJ Reynolds contract with a limited waiver of sovereignty, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Absent: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

d. Legislative Affairs - none

e. Attorney Brief

1. Jo Anne House

RE: Oneida representative assignment

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to designate the Chairman, Treasurer and Councilman Brandon Stevens as the Tribe's representatives in the meeting with Seven Generations Corporation in March, seconded Trish King. Motion carried unanimously

2. Jo Anne House

RE: Escrow Fees

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the attorney report regarding the escrow account and request another update report at the March 25 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Jo Anne House

RE: Green Bay fees

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to pay the Green Bay fee of approximately \$950, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Jo Anne House

RE: Report on contracts

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the report on contracts, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Jo Anne House

RE: Contract dollar increase for Godfrey & Kahn

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the contract dollar increase for Godfrey and Kahn, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee - none

g. New York Land Claims

1. Rick Hill
Tina Danforth
Gene Keluche

RE: New York Development team update

Excerpt from Oct. 29, 2008: Motion by Trish King to direct the Development Team to provide regular update reports to the Business Committee starting Nov. 12, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to delete G.1 New York Development team update from the agenda, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick

RE: New York Land Claims settlement
Update

Excerpt from Feb. 25: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal update regarding New York Land Claims settlement efforts from the Chief of Staff and request another update at the March 11 Business Committee, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the New York land claims settlement verbal update, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft
Amelia Cornelius

RE: Use of New York land property

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Chief of Staff to develop a recommendation on the feasibility of continuing to own land parcels in the state of New York and for the report due back at the April 8 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Francis Skenandore

RE: Oneida Economic Development
Authority report

No report due.

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adjourn at 4:27 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on March 25, 2009.



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE