



Oneidas 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



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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 REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2007

Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair Paul Ninham - Council member
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer Edward Delgado - Council member
Patty Hoeft - Secretary Melinda J. Danforth - Council member

Excused: Kathy Hughes - Vice-Chair, Trish King, Vince DelaRosa - Council members

Others Present: Barb Skenandore, Shannon Hill, Barb Dickson, Linda Torres, Peril Huff, Marker Plitz, Mary Adam, Frank Ness, Kitty Melchert, Wanda Diemel, Julie Denny, Geraldine Danforth, Valerie Grolean, Lisa Aho, Jill LeClair, Kay Katch, Dr. Cornelius, Jean Webster, Twilight Moore

Opening Prayer: Richard Baird

Special Recognitions: Congratulations to the Oneida Head Start for achieving a perfect score for the second year in a row during the Federal Review held in the year 2003 and 2006 - presented by Ed Delgado

1. **Call to Order by Gerald Danforth**
2. **Oath of Office - None**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda with the deletion of new business regular session request #6: Approval of emergency amendment to the Zoning and Shore Land Protection Ordinance, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried

unanimously.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Approve Regular Minutes of February 28, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the regular minutes of February 28, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business

1. Bay Bank (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
Bill Menacher - 2nd Meeting of the Month

Excerpt from the February 28, 2007: Motion by Paul Ninham to table the Bay Bank quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Remains on the table

2. Oneida Personnel Commission (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
Brenda Skenandore - 2nd Meeting of the Month

Excerpt from the February 28, 2007: Motion by Mercie Danforth to table the Personnel Commission quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to remove this item from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Personnel Commission quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Bill Gollnick RE: National Incident Management System
(Marty Antone) as the Standard for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Excerpt from the February 14, 2007: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the National Incident Management System resolution as the standard for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin until the Business Committee meeting of March 14, 2007 to allow for Business Committee review of the actual Standards, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Paul Ninham, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth. Opposed: Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to take this item from the table, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 3-14-07-A, National Incident Management System as the standard for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Reports - None

7. Travel Reports - None

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1.. Melinda J. Danforth RE: SOP - Designation of Gaming Positions as available only to Oneida Tribal Members

Excerpt from the January 3, 2007: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the SOP - Designation of Gaming Positions as available only to Oneida Tribal Members for 30 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to delete the SOP's designation of gaming positions as available only to Oneida Tribal members from the Business Committee agenda due to the issue being handled through the ONGO process which is near completion, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Resolutions

1. Gerald Danforth RE: Correction of 4 Pardon Resolutions; 8-02-06-S, 8-02-06-T, 8-02-06-U, 8-2-06-V

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to repeal Resolution 8-02-06-T regarding the pardon of Barbara Lightfoot and adopt corrective Resolution 3-14-07-B regarding the pardon of Barbara Lightfoot, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mercie Danforth to repeal Resolution 8-02-06-U regarding the pardon of Christopher McGee and adopt corrective Resolution 3-14-07-C regarding the pardon of Christopher McGee, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mercie Danforth to repeal Resolution 8-02-06-S regarding the pardon of Michael L. Hill and adopt corrective Resolution 3-14-07-D regarding the pardon of Michael L. Hill, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mercie Danforth to repeal Resolution 8-02-06-V regarding the pardon of Wyman Skenandore and adopt corrective Resolution 3-14-07-E regarding the pardon of Wyman Skenandore, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Resolution for DHHS/Administration Grant for Native
(Laura Cornelius, Americans for the Development of Language Curriculum
Cheryl Stevens)

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt Resolution 3-14-07-F, for Department Health and Human Services1 Administration for Native Americans HHS-2007-ACF-ANA-NL-0016 Native Language Preservation and Maintenance-Category II Planning 2 year grant in the amount of \$125,000, with a 25% in-kind match, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Requests

1. Trish King RE: Request to complete a survey being conducted for a Master's Degree of the requestor and to request the Law Office to develop an agreement for the individual to sign prior to completion of the survey

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the request for Gayle-Ann Alberda to conduct a survey regarding the effects of tribal sovereignty, tribal institutions and tribal culture on economic development success for a tribal nation, and that Councilwoman King be the initial contact for this survey, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Reservation Smart Growth Plan Proposal
(Paul Witek)

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the proposed RFP for the Oneida Reservation Smart Growth Plan which will enhance the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin's economic vitality, coordinate development with infrastructures in a cost effective manner, provide transportation options and enhance the livability of our community, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the main motion to include a representative from the Land Commission as part of the selection committee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft RE: Oneida Tribe Donation and Sponsorship Activity
Report

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager, Gaming General Manager, Chief of Staff, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer to each provide a comprehensive report of their respective donation and sponsorship activities for fiscal years 2004, 2005 and 2006 at the Business Committee meeting of April 25, 2007, seconded by

Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Approval of the Timetable for 2007 Special Elections
(Racquel Hill)

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Election Board timetable of June 30, 2007 for: eight terms expiring for Oneida Appeals Commission, each a 4 year term; one term expiring for Oneida Gaming Commission, a 5 year term; two terms expiring for Oneida Land Commission, each a 3 year term; two terms expiring for Oneida Land Claims Commission, each a 4 year term; three terms expiring for Oneida Nation Commission on Aging, each a 3 year term; three terms expiring for Oneida School Board (Parent), each a three year term; and three terms expiring for Oneida Trust Committee, each a 3 year term, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bill Gollnick RE: Retro-Approval of Oneida Sign-off on February 22, 2007 Letter to State Government Officials in support of Northeast Wisconsin Regional Safety Facility

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to retro-approve Oneida's sign-off on the February 22, 2007 letter to state government officials in support of Northeast Wisconsin Regional Safety Facility, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Chief of Staff RE: Approval of Emergency Amendment to the Zoning and
(Becky Webster) Shoreland Protection Ordinance

Deleted

9. Travel Requests

1. Bill Gollnick RE: Request for a Procedural Exception for: Four (4)
(Kerry Metoxen) ONVAC Members Travel to Phoenix, AZ to participate in Opening Ceremonies of 2007 Annual NIGA Conference, March 25, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the procedural exception for four ONVAC members to travel to Phoenix, AZ to participate in the opening ceremonies of the 2007 Annual NIGA conference, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Finance Committee

Approve Finance Committee Minutes of January 26, 2007

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Finance Committee minutes of January 26, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

1. Approval of the Legislative Operating Committee Minutes of: January 15, 2007 and February 19, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the LOC minutes of January 15, 2007 and February 19, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Public Hearing Date of May 1, 2007 for Per Capita Amendments

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the public hearing date of May 1, 2007 for the Per Capita Amendments, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Report- None

12. Oneida Business Committee Planning- None

13. Executive Staff Meeting- None

14. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Request to Host Welcoming Reception for the First Tribal Transportation Conference, Radisson - Green Bay, WI; April 23, 2007 - FYI

For the record Patty Hoeft stated Nate King needs to clarify what he's asking of the Business Committee on this item.

2. Upcoming Dates and Information to Provide Testimony - FYI

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the upcoming dates and information to provide Health and Human Service (HHS) testimony as FYI noting Kathy Hughes will be attending, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Indian Health Care Improvement Act Update - FYI

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Update as FYI noting the four future actions items: 1. Continue to meet with senate offices to secure their support for the IHCLA, 2. send a formal letter to Senators Feingold and Kohl to become co-sponsors of the legislation, 3. continue to meet with congressmen targeting the Natural Resources, Energy & Commerce and Ways & Means Committees and 4. develop and send a letter to the Wisconsin

delegation asking them to become co-sponsors of the IHCIA, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. NIHB Recommendations - FYI (Indian Health Care Improvement ACT)

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) recommendations as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Letter to Representatives - Approve (Indian Health Care Improvement ACT)

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the letter to representatives regarding Indian Health Care Improvement Act re-authorization bill as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Local, Municipal and County Report - FYI

Action : Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the local, municipal and county report as FYI, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

10:04 a.m. Recessed for ten minutes
10:15 a.m. Convened into executive session
12:00 p.m. Recessed for lunch
1:35 p.m. Reconvened into executive session
2:53 p.m. Back into regular session

15. Executive Session

a. Tabled Business- None

b. Old Business

1. Jo Anne House

RE: Chief Counsel Review of Oneida Housing Authority Audit

Excerpt from the February 28, 2007: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief Counsel to provide the Oneida Business Committee with a report at its March 14, 2007 meeting that describes the responsibilities of the Oneida Housing Authority to respond to the audit results of November 9, 2006 of Hawkins, Ash & Baptie and Company, the January 16, 2007 letter from Housing and Urban Development(HUD) Administrator, Kevin Fitzgibbons. The Chief Counsel's report shall also describe the Oneida Business Committee's responsibility and authority to respond to the audit results and HUD letter, and to identify what tribal laws, policies and procedures apply to the Oneida Housing Authority, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept Chief Counsel's review of OHA audit as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth that the OHA liaison, Vince DelaRosa come back with a report to the Business Committee that puts all information into one document and that also identifies what all is going on through the different areas, and any directives he may have given and anyone else may have given to OHA, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Internal Audit Report Regarding the Oneida
(Arvin Prebelski) Housing Authority Audit

Excerpt from the February 28, 2007: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct Internal Audit to evaluate and analyze the findings and concerns found in the Hawkins, Ash & Baptie and Company's audit of November 9, 2006 and the January 16, 2007 letter from HUD Administrator, Kevin Fitzgibbons and report those findings to the Business Committee at the March 14, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Internal Audit report as FYI and refer the remainder of Internal Audit's OHA report to the Audit Committee, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Neil Cornelius RE: Management Response for Harrah's Joint
Marketing Agreement

Excerpt from the February 28, 2007: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Gaming Commission's report and request responses from management at the Business Committee meeting of March 14, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the Harrah's Joint Marketing Agreement to the March 28, 2007 Business Committee meeting with the Gaming General Manager coordinating a meeting with the Gaming Commission to formally submit a final report to the Business Committee, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

c. New Business

1. Ed Delgado RE: Oneida Health Board Recommendation from
February 21, 2007 Special Meeting

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to refer the Oneida Health Board recommendation to the General Manager to coordinate with supplemental information provided by the Chair and Councilman Delgado, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried

unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Business Development Unit Review of Master Plan

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Business Development Unit's review of the Gaming Master Plan to the March 28, 2007 Business Committee meeting when the General Manager and Gaming General Manager bring back a joint report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Bill Gollnick RE: Approval of Police Commission Standard
(David Webster) Attorney Contract for Gerbers Law Offices, S.C.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the attorney contract back to the Oneida Police Commission to work with the Oneida Law office to include: 1. scope of duties and responsibilities of attorney, 2. include total amount contract will not exceed, 3. incorporate a start date 4. change the wording "Addendum A" to state "Attachment A", seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Requesting Approval of an Attorney Contract
(Pat Pelky, Jennifer Hill-Kelly) for continuing the Development of the Oneida Nation Environmental Protection Law (ONEPL)

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the attorney contract for Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLP for the continuing development of the Oneida Nation Environmental Protection Law, effective at adoption of motion, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Legislative Affairs Update- None

e. Attorney Brief

Attorney Brief and Attorney Supplement

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the Attorney Brief and supplement as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Francine Skenandore Attorney Contract

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the attorney contract for Francine Skenandore, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

f. Audit Committee

Minutes of October 26, 2006

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Audit Committee minutes of October 26, 2006, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of January 25, 2007

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Audit Committee minutes of January 25, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Paul Ninham, Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority (1st meeting of the month)-None

h. Seven Generation Corporation Update (1st and 2nd meeting of the month)-None

Recess/Adjourn at 3:13 p.m.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to adjourn, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented on April 11, 2007


Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE