



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



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 19, 2008 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer
Trish King - Council member
Vince DelaRosa - Council member
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member
Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused: Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Paul Ninham - Council member

Others Present: Marjorie Stevens, Barb Skenandore, Lori Hill, Alan Fabian, Matt Cornelius, Julie Denny, Julia McLester, Wanda Diemel, Jim Martin, Ramon Salinas, Patricia Ulrich, Marty Antone, Tim Ninham, Brandy John, Paul Witek, Rich VanBoxtel, Rae Skenandore, Peril Huff, Elaine Doxtator, CJ Doxtator, Greg Dickert, Carmen Flores, Erwin Wheelock, Deb Ushaka, Priscilla Zakher

Opening Prayer: Randy Cornelius

Special Recognitions - none

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Gerald Danforth
2. **Oath of Office - none**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. **Additions**
Executive Session New Business
2. Wood Communication Group Contract
 - b. **Deletions**
Travel Report
 1. Travel report for NIGA meeting Jan. 21-27, 2008,

2. Travel report for Democratic Event Feb. 16-18, 2008
 3. Travel report for the NCAI meeting March 3 & 4, 2008
- Finance Committee Minutes for Dec. 28, 2007, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, and Feb. 22

c. Moves - none

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the March 19, 2008 Business Committee agenda with changes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

4. Minutes to be Approved

Feb. 20, 2008 Business Committee Minutes

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Feb. 20, 2008 regular minutes to the next meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Feb. 20, 2008 Business Committee regular minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

March 5, 2008 Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the March 5, 2008 Business Committee regular minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

March 12, 2008 Special Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the March 12, 2008 special minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business

1. Patty Hoeft

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

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Executive Staff meeting minutes of Feb. 7, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to take the Executive Staff meeting minutes of

Feb. 7, 2008 from the table, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Executive Staff meeting minutes of Feb. 7, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Reports

a. Ombudsman (monthly) Matt Cornelius

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Trish King to defer the Ombudsman quarterly report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to ask the General Manager to bring a status update at the next Executive Staff meeting as to the Health Center, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Ombudsman monthly report for Jan. 17 through Feb. 13 and Feb. 14 through March 10, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Oneida Housing Authority (monthly) Susan House

Action: Motion by Trish King to have the Housing Task Force provide and update to the Business Committee on their activities at the next meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Housing Authority monthly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Danforth recessed the meeting at 9:50 a.m. due to a gas smell and then reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to have the Tribal Secretary office contact Fitzgibbon's HUD office and invite him here to discuss these issues or representatives of the Business Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion withdrawn.

7. Travel Reports - none

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Bill Gollnick

RE: N.E.W. Regional Public Safety Facility Project Chronology w/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 March 5, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Public Safety Facility Project update to the next agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to accept the N.E.W. Regional Public Safety Facility Project update, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud
Scott Murray, Don White

RE: Seeking Approval for 50 Oneida athletes & coaches to attend the NAIG in Duncan, Canada, including expenses for traveling, airfare, passports, busing, per diem, uniforms, registration fees, etc.

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the Native American Indian Games 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, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the procedural request for the Native American Indian Games, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, and Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Melinda J. Danforth: For the record, travel is quite far this year, but there are questions in the community about why we are flying our athletes versus taking a bus. I would like for you to clarify why this is occurring.

3. Vince DelaRosa

RE: Request to adopt emergency Resolution amendments to the Travel policy and canceling the April 19, 2008 GTC meeting for the Judiciary and the New APA to next Oneida Business Committee agenda

Excerpt from Business Committee meeting March 5, 2008: 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 Melinda J. Danforth to defer the adoption of the emergency resolution amendments to the next meeting to allow the Treasurer to look at the fiscal impact, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the cancellation of the April 19, 2008 General Tribal Council meeting for the Judiciary and New APA and reschedule the meeting for a later date, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to direct the Tribal Secretary's office to send out communication to the community of the cancellation of the April 19 General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Resolutions

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Resolution to change terms and names that Native Americans deem to be demeaning, derogatory, and discriminatory

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt Resolution 3-19-08-A to change terms and names that Native Americans deem to be demeaning, derogatory and discriminatory, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to refer the resolution to change terms and names that Native Americans deem to be demeaning, derogatory and discriminatory and distribute this to the committee to get input and bring back a revised resolution along with a cover letter to the State Tribal Relations Committee, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

2. Vince DelaRosa RE: Honor the Elder Luncheon Resolution June 2-6, 2008

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Resolution 3-19-08-A Honor the Elder Luncheon, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth

Motion carried.

b. Requests

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: C.I.P. Budget Transfer Request
Paul Witek

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the CIP budget transfer request, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Repost one position for Oneida Land Claims Commission position due to no applications received

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the re-posting of one position for Oneida Land Claims Commission, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Travel Requests

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Attend SEOTS Meeting of March 25, 2008 in Milwaukee WI.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Vince DelaRosa to attend the SEOTS meeting of March 25, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance Committee - none

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Approval of LOC meeting minutes of Jan. 15, 2008

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the LOC meeting minutes of Jan. 15, 2008, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Vince DelaRosa RE: Approval of LOC meeting minutes of Jan. 22, 2008

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the LOC meeting minutes of Jan. 22, 2008, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

12 Treasurer's Report - none

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to seek a legal opinion regarding attachment A of the report as to regards to if we can make it public information, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Gerald Danforth RE: Pardon Screening Committee Recommendations

Excerpt from Business Committee Meeting March 5, 2008: 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.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Pardon Committee recommendation to approve Resolution 3-19-08-B granting Juanita Powless a pardon, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Pardon Committee recommendation to approve Resolution 3-19-08-C granting Michelle Jordan a pardon, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to request the Chairman's Office and Secretary's Office to review the process to make a determination if another Business Committee member needs to be delegated as an alternate to the Pardon Screening Committee, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

c. New Business

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Request to approve the JMC Properties Inc. Contract

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the JMC Properties Inc. contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Legislative Affairs RE: Wood Communication contract

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Wood Communication contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Opposed Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

d. Legislative Affairs Update - none

e. Attorney Brief

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the attorney contract for Gerald

L. Hill, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the General Manager to bring back an amendment to the contract that identifies the cap on expenditures, seconded Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee

1. Request the Approval of McGladrey & Pullen contract

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the McGladrey & Pullen contract, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - none

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on April 30, 2008



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE