

**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.

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 BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**9 a.m. April 22, 2009**  
**Business Committee Conference Room**

**Present:** Rick Hill - Chair  
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair  
Tina Danforth - Treasurer  
Patty Hoeft - Secretary  
Edward Delgado - Council member  
Brandon Stevens - Council member  
Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member  
Trish King - Council member

**Excused:** Melinda J. Danforth - Council member

**Opening Prayer:** Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

**Special Recognitions:** none

1. **Call to Order** by Rick Hill at 9:15 a.m.

2. **Oath of Office**

Oneida Personnel Commission

Yvonne Jourdan administered by Patty Hoeft on April 22, 2009

Robert Christjohn administered by Patty Hoeft on April 15, 2009

Crystal Holtz administered by Patty Hoeft on April 15, 2009

Genevieve Gollnick administered by Patty Hoeft on April 14, 2009

Peril Huff administered by Patty Hoeft on April 13, 2009

Oneida Nation Veterans Advisory Committee

Chris Cornelius – not present

Clifford Doxtator administered by Patty Hoeft on April 21, 2009

Michael Hill administered by Patty Hoeft on April 14, 2009

Anna John Nursing Home Commission

Dellora Cornelius administered by Patty Hoeft on April 21, 2009

Carol Silva administered by Patty Hoeft on April 21, 2009

Finance Committee

Christine Klimmek administered by Patty Hoeft on April 22, 2009

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**a. Add** Request 6 from the Chairman re: Election Board recommendations, Travel Request 4 from the Chairman, Travel Request 5 from Councilman Stevens and Executive Session New Business

**b. Deletions** - none

**c. Moves** - none

Action: Motion by Patty Hoefft to approve the agenda with the additions of: Request 6 from the Chairman for recommendations for appointments to Election Board, Travel Request 4 from the Chairman to attend a funeral for Tim Wapato in South Dakota, Travel Request 5 from Councilman Stevens to attend Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents meeting and Executive Session New Business seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Minutes to be Approved**

April 8 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the April 8 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Tabled Business** - none

**6. Reports**

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Stimulus initiative update  
Jennifer Hill-Kelley

**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 Ed Delgado to approve the stimulus initiative update report, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Complete Count Committee RE: 2010 Census report  
Melissa Nuthals

**Excerpt from March 11:** 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.

**Excerpt from March 11:** Motion by Patty Hoefft 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.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the 2010 Census report update, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Travel Reports

1. Ed Delgado RE: Renewable Energy Project March 19-20  
Scottsdale, AZ

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the Renewable Energy Project travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Patty Hoeft RE: 2009 Semi-Annual update report

**Excerpt from April 8:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the 2009 Semi-Annual status report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the 2009 semi-annual status report and direct the Tribal Secretary to present a report at the regular Business Committee meeting of May 13, 2009 regarding the organization of the July 6, 2009 GTC semi-annual meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to prepare a written report describing the status of the Oneida Housing Authority program from the changes being governed by a board to now being directed within the Tribal organization at the May 13 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: 100 Day Plan petition

**Excerpt from March 11:** 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.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to not assign a date for the 100 day plan General Tribal Council petition and defer the petition to be considered by the Business Committee one year from today, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens. Abstained: Trish King, Tina Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried.

3. Kathy Hughes RE: Corporate charter review sub-committee update & recommendation

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Ed Delgado to refer the short range recommendations to the Secretary's office for follow-up, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth for the medium range recommendations within the memo from Councilman Delgado, that a sub-committee is formed to review all the tribal corporate charters and that Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, and Ed Delgado as an alternate designated to sit on that sub-committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Ed Delgado to refer the long range recommendations to the Legislative Operating Committee for follow-up, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to defer the corporate charter review sub-committee's definitions of full disclosure to the Audit Committee for a definition and that the Audit Committee forward that definition to the Law Office for final review to be incorporated within all corporate charters, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

For the record, Ed Delgado stated he wanted to know what language we're moving away from and what language we're moving toward.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the corporate charter review sub-committee's report and request another update at the May 13 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Tina Danforth, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Trish King to direct the Law Office to develop the language for the corporate charters, resolutions for the adoption of the corporate language, and a cover memo for each charter which explains the steps that should be taken to implement the changes as well as the changes that have been made, due on the May 13, 2009 Business Committee agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

#### 4. Law Office

RE: Source of Business Committee  
delegated Article 4 powers

**Excerpt from March 11:** Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Law Office to research the article 4 powers that are delegated to the Business Committee and that be brought back to an April Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the source of Business Committee delegated Article 4 powers to the May 13 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bill Gollnick  
Jason Kurowski

RE: Paid time for selected color  
guard members who are employees

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer back to the Chief of Staff for the following items; 1. bring back a modified resolution to clean up the language 2. request a standard operating procedure from the Veteran's Department regarding how Oneida Nation veterans are selected to participate in the events and 3. a report on how this budget is going to fund this resolution due back in 60 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the paid time for selected color guard members who are employees to the May 13 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Paul VanNoie

RE: CFO review payments to corporate  
board members

**Excerpt from Feb. 11:** Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Chief Financial Officer to review the payments made to corporate board members of the Oneida tribe including the amount of stipends and any additional payments including profit sharing if any and report back at a mid April Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the CFO review payments to corporate board members report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: AODA and women's shelter update

**Excerpt from Feb. 11:** Motion by Brandon Stevens to recommend the General Manager work with the Chief Financial Officer to bring forward a report on the alcohol and other drug addiction treatment facility and the women's shelter programs regarding their history and funds, due back at the April 22 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the AODA and women's shelter report update, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. New Business

### a. Resolutions - none

### b. Requests

1. Rick Hill

RE: Recommendations to Oneida Police  
Commission

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the recommendations to executive session, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Highway 54 bridge public hearing date  
Amelia Cornelius

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to defer the highway 54 bridge public hearing to the Community Development Planning May 7, 2009 meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Request the General Manager to create  
a donation fund for land acquisition

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager provide an update on her work with the land task force on how to use GTC stipend payments to be donated for land purchased due back at the May 27 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: July 11, 2009 GTC draft mail-out  
packet

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the July 11, 2009 GTC draft mail-out packet update, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Xerox corporation lease agreement  
Grace Koehler

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Xerox corporation lease agreement with the addendum that will provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Rick Hill RE: Recommendations to the Election  
Board

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the recommendations of appointing Michelle Hill and Rosa Melchert to the Election Board, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

### **c. Travel Requests**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: National Indian Health Board 2009  
Annual Consumer Conference Sept. 14-18,  
Washington D.C.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request for the Vice-Chair to attend the National Indian Health Board conference Sept. 14 through 18, 2009 in Washington D.C., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Blanket travel to attend SEOTS Board  
meetings

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the blanket travel request for Ed Delgado, Tina Danforth and Trish King to attend SEOTS board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: Energy Projects for Indian Tribes May 18-20, 2009 Passamaquoddy Tribe, Maine

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel request for Councilmen Ron "Tehassi" Hill, Jr. and Brandon Stevens to attend the Energy Projects for Indian Tribes, Maine May 18 through 20, 2009, seconded by Trish King. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth. Opposed: Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to request backup information from Seven Generations that they are requesting their attendance and paying travel expenses prior to travel, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Rick Hill RE: Tim Wapato Funeral April 23-24, Rapid City, South Dakota

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request for Chairman Hill to attend Tim Wapato's funeral April 23 through 24, 2009 in Rapid City, South Dakota, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

4. Brandon Stevens RE: Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents meeting May 6-9, Lawrence, Kansas

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request for Councilman Stevens to attend Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents meeting May 6 through 9, 2009, Lawrence, KS, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

## **10. Community Development Planning Committee**

1. Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. RE: April 2, 2009 Community Development Planning Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the April 2, 2009 Community Development Planning Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

## **11. Finance Committee**

1. Tina Danforth RE: March 27 Finance Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the March 27, 2009 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC)

1. Trish King RE: April 1 LOC minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the April 1, 2009 LOC minutes, seconded Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Trish King RE: April 6 LOC minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the April 6, 2009 LOC minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trish King RE: Per Capita Ordinance amendments Resolution

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt resolution 04-22-09-A Per Capita Ordinance amendments, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

## 13. Legislative Affairs

1. Bill Gollnick RE: Retro-active approval of Letter to President Obama & Secretary of Interior Salazar

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve the letter to President Obama and the Secretary of Interior Salazar, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motioned carried unanimously.

2. Bill Gollnick RE: Local government update  
Nathan King

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to direct the General Manager to do an analysis of the training offered with recommendations for consideration back to the Business Committee May 27, 2009 agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

## 14. Executive Session

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to go into executive session at 11:24 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to come out of executive session at 12:23 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Tabled Business - none**

**b. Old Business – none**



**c. New Business**

1. Trish King RE: LOC attorney contract

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the attorney contract for Scott Wilson to September 30, 2009, seconded by Tehassi Hill. For: Tehassi Hill, Brandon Stevens, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

For the record, Tina Danforth abstained because she wanted to see more deliverables than the contract language.

2. Joint Executive Team RE: FY 2010 budget

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft that the Treasurer schedule a Special Business Committee meeting before May 13, 2009 to review plans to develop the FY2010 Budget, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Rick Hill RE: Recommend Christopher Doxtator, Bernard John Stevens, Ronald E. King, George Skenandore to Oneida Police Commission

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the appointments of Christopher Doxtator, Bernard John Stevens and George Skenandore to the Oneida Police Commission, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes that while recognizing Ronald E. King's exemplary status as a former employee and his experience, an appointment was not considered at this time due to a conflict of interest, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Kathy Hughes, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Patty Hoeft, Tehassi Hill. Abstained: Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

4. Rick Hill RE: Hobart Communication

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Chairman's verbal update regarding relationship with the Village of Hobart, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs – none**

**e. Attorney Brief**

1. Jo Anne House RE: Robert R. Yoder contract

**Excerpt from April 8:** Remains on table.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to delete Robert Yoder contract from the agenda, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jo Anne House

RE: Subrogated claim, Cornelius v. K-Mart Corporation, et al.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the subrogated claim Cornelius v. K-Mart Corporation, et al as FYI, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Audit Committee – none**

**g. New York Land Claims**

1. Bill Gollnick

RE: New York Land Claims settlement update

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal report from the Chief of Staff regarding New York Land Claims update, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King that the New York Land Claims updated be given a standard time of 1:30 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to recess until 5:15 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Oneida Business Committee Evening Reports**  
**5:15 p.m. Regular Session**

**Present:** Rick Hill – Chair, Kathy Hughes – Vice Chair, Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Patty Hoeft – Secretary, Trish King, Ed Delgado, Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr., Brandon Stevens – Council members

**Others:** Karen Coffey, Winnifred Thomas, Roxanne Anderson, Donna Lebaer, Jim Van Stippen, James Elm, Pete King, Mindimoye, Thomas Wilbur

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to come out of recess at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Ron “Tehassi” Hill, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Boards, Committees and Commissions Quarterly Reports**

1. Kevin Cornelius RE: Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

**Action:** Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Winnifred Thomas RE: Oneida Appeals Commission

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Appeals Commission report, seconded by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. For: Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr., Brandon Stevens, Tina Danforth Kathy Hughes, Ed Delgado. Abstained: Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

3. Jim Van Stippen RE: Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation

**Action:** Motion by Tina Danforth to accept the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Trish King RE: Legislative Operating Committee

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Legislative Operating Committee report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Butch Rentmeester RE: Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises

**Action:** Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises report, seconded by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Carole Liggins RE: Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee update, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Steven Jennerjohn RE: Bay Bank

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Bay Bank report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Francis Skenandore RE: Oneida Enterprise Development Authority

Not addressed.

9. Danielle White RE: Oneida Library Board

**Excerpt from April 8:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Library Board report to the April 22 Business Committee evening meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Oneida Library report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Susan Daniels RE: Oneida Personnel Commission

**Excerpt from April 8:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Personnel Commission report to the April 22 Business Committee evening meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Oneida Personnel report and have the Business Committee liaison communicate with the Oneida Personnel Commission regarding attendance, seconded by Brandon Stevens. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Kathy Hughes, Tina Danforth Brandon Stevens. Tied voted. Chair voted in opposition of motion. Motion failed.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to have the Business Committee liaison follow-up with the Oneida Personnel Commission, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

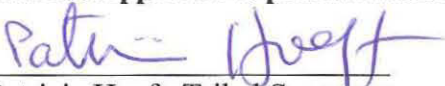
11. Bobbi Webster RE: Oneida Golf Enterprise

**Excerpt from Feb. 25:** Motion by Trish King to defer the Oneida Golf Enterprise Charter report to the March 25<sup>th</sup> boards, committees and commissions evening reports, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Golf Enterprise report to the Business Committee meeting of May 13, 2009, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on May 15, 2009.**

  
Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE