



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 APRIL 25, 2007 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

**Excused:** Melinda J. Danforth - Council member, Edward Delgado - Council member

**Others Present:** Nathan Smith, Barb Skenandore, Peril Huff, Noel Cleven, Jan Frion, Barb Carlson, Jim Overman, Russell Metoxen, Ed Skenandore Jr., Al Jourdan, Harvey Skenandore, Ronald W. Metoxen, Jason Kurowski, Deana Besley, Tsywhaht Delgado, Pat Cornelius, Clifford Doxtator, Greg Matson, Tehassi Hill, Mike King, Lee Danforth, Carol Cornelius, Barb Dickson, Mindimoye, Cletus Ninham I, Loretta V. Metoxen, Dr. Carol Cornelius, Fred Muscavitch, Arlie Doxtator, Stacy Danforth, Stan Webster, Matt Kunstman, Dave Baker, John F. Hagen, Wanda Diemel, Marsha Danforth, Julie Denny, Kitty Melchert, Bobbie Webster, Dottie Krull, Geraldine Danforth, Jim Van Stippen, K. Katch, Linda Glaser, Jeanette Ninham, Gene Schmidt, Laura Manthe, Wayne Metoxen, Mary Jo Nash, Pat Pelky, Leanne M. Doxtator

**Opening Prayer:** Oneida Head Start Language Class and Teacher April Hill

**Special Recognitions:** Recognition for the community members and employees that have given the opening in Oneida language over the past year

Recognition for Oneida Business Committee Assistants on Administrative Day

Recognition for 25 years of Service for Paula "Pogi" King-Dessart

1. **Call to Order @ 9:27 am** by Gerald Danforth
2. **Oath of Office**

**Oneida Personnel Commission**

Susan Daniels - administered by Patty Hoeft on April 13, 2007

3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Additions
  - b. Deletions
  - c. Moves

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda and move Request # 3 approval of CIP package # 07-003 for Oneida Nation Veteran's Monument to the first item on the agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Minutes to be Approved**

Regular minutes of April 11, 2007

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2007, second by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Tabled Business**

Oneida Appeals Commission (Quarterly: Apr/Oct)  
Leland Ninham - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Excerpt from April 11, 2007:** Motion by Trish King to table Oneida Appeals Commission quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**Remains on table**

6. **Reports**

Oneida Tribal School Board (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Debbie Danforth - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Oneida Tribal School Board quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)

Arlie Doxtator (Lois Strong) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Housing Authority (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Gina Buenrostro - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to have the Oneida Housing Authority include in its reports to the Oneida Business Committee the following: 1. reports will be done monthly starting in May, 2. Reports will include a monthly budget with expenditures, 3. reports will include the number of meetings held, topic of the meeting held and 4. stipend paid information for each meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Housing Authority quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Seven Generation Corporation (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Brenda Mendolla-Buckley(Jim Van Stippen) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Oneida Seven Generation Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Travel Reports

1. Ed Delgado RE: HUD meeting with Kevin Fitzgibbons, Chicago, IL

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the travel report for the HUD meeting with Kevin Fitzgibbons, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Chicago Field Museum, Ancient America's Exhibit

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the travel report for the Chicago Field Museum Exhibit, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Trish King, Kathy Hughes RE: 2007 MAST, Washington, DC

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the 2007 MAST travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Paul Ninham, Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

4. Ed Delgado RE: Developing a Vision for Wisconsin Tribal Justice Systems, Carter, WI

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the travel report for Developing a Vision for Wisconsin Tribal Justice Systems, seconded by Merice Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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| 1. General Manager, Gaming GM<br>Chief of Staff, Treasurer, CFO | RE: Comprehensive report of their<br>respective donation and sponsorship<br>activities for FY04, FY05 and FY06 |
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**Excerpt from March 14, 2007:** 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.

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the comprehensive report of respective donations and sponsorship activities for FY04, FY05 and FY06 for one month, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

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| 2. General Manager | RE: Evaluation of the Child Care Parent<br>Advisory Committee |
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**Excerpt from March 28, 2007:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to hold re-posting the vacant positions and assign the General Manager to bring back an evaluation of this committee, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer evaluation of the Child Care Parent Advisory Committee back to the General Manager for further follow-up, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. New Business**

Vince DelaRosa arrived at 10:11 a.m.

**a. Resolutions**

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| 1. Kathy Hughes | RE: Education Requirements for Employees<br>Age 50+ |
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**Action:** Motion by Trish King to adopt resolution 4-25-07-A Education Requirements for Employees Age 50+ with noted changes, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Trish King, Paul Ninham, Kathy Hughes, Merice Danforth, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

2. Cheryl Stevens

RE: College of Menominee resolution of support for a grant application that will provide educational services to Oneida Tribal Members

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to adopt resolution 4-22-07-B grant application that will provide educational services to Oneida Tribal members, seconded by Trish King.. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Wayne Metoxen

RE: Approval of CIP package # 07-003 for Oneida Nation Veteran's Monument and activation and transfer of \$385,000 from FY04 CIP budget for cancelled CIP Project #23-002

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve CIP package # 07-003 for Oneida Nation Veteran's Monument and activation and transfer of \$385,000 from FY04 CIP budget for cancelled CIP Project #23-002 Environmental Health and Safety Building, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. John Bauman

RE: Approval of CIP Package for #06-005 for Oneida Nation Farms Storage Sheds

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to move the CIP Package for #06-005 for Oneida Nation Farms Storage Sheds and overall CIP list to the Business Committee Planning meeting for the Business Committee to discuss the next steps for the CIP list, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. General Manager

RE: Community Improvement Action Presentation - requesting approval of the short-term plans by presentation made April 5, 2007 and for the continuation of the work for this initiative providing a status report or updates as needed

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the short-term plans for the Central Oneida Development, approve the presentation made April 5, 2007 at the Executive Staff meeting, approve the continuation of the work for the initiative providing a status report or updates as needed or requested by the Business Committee, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoefft. Opposed: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

4. Wayne Metoxen

RE: Procedural exception to skip NHC Phase II of

the CIP process of routing the CIP package to the various review entities. Being that this renovation is not a typical new building project that would need to be reviewed by the standard CIP review entities

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve items: #1. Approval for a procedural exception to skip phase II of the CIP process of routing the CIP package to the various review entities. 2. Approval of the project. 3. Activation of \$1,000,000 from the approved FY07 CIP budget for #06-013 NHC remodel phase VI. 4. Transfer of \$104,194.70 from the remaining NHC remodel - Phase V CIP #05-025 budget into CIP project #06-013 NHC remodel - Phase VI. 5. Transfer and activation of \$2,349,805 from the approved FY 2006 CIP budget for #23-003 Administration building into CIP project #06-013 NHC remodel - phase VI. and Deletion of #6, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Amelia Cornelius

RE: Follow-up from Business Committee/Land Commission Mtg. requesting allocation of \$6 M to the Land Acquisition Fund from excess revenue available to be used for land purchases this fiscal year. Targeted lands discussed at joint mtg.

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the follow-up from the Business Committee/Land Commission meeting requesting allocation of \$6 M to the Land Acquisition Fund from excess revenue to the Treasurer's office and Budget Team for recommendation, back in 60 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Patty Hoeft

RE: Indian Reservation Roads Status Report

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Indian Reservation Roads Status Report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Neil Cornelius

RE: Approval of Packerland Facility License

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve a two year Packerland Facility License tentative that requirements 1-4 be completed by May 2, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to develop a process for administering gaming facility licenses due back in 90 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Gerald Danforth

RE: Wisconsin State Transportation 2006 Section 5311 Capital Assistance Grant

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item to the May 9, 2007 Business Committee

meeting, with the General Manager coming back with additional information, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Paul Ninham

RE: U.S. Native Foods Movement - Santa Fe, NM, May 19-22, 2007

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the travel request for U.S. Native Foods, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Finance Committee - None**

**11. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC)**

For Consideration:

Resolution for Contracting with Private Investigators

**Action:** Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adopt resolution 4-25-07-C, Contracting with Private Investigators, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Treasurer's Report - None**

**13. Oneida Business Committee Planning**

Minutes of April 10, 2007

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Planning meeting minutes of April 10, 2007, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Executive Staff Meeting**

Minutes of April 5, 2007

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Executive Staff Meeting minutes of April 5, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Congressman Steve Kagen's Appropriation Request Information - FYI

2. Testimony to Joint Committee on Finance - Retro approval

3. Municipal & County Report - FYI

4. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Women in Government Banquet Information - FYI

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham accept the Legislative Affairs report as FYI and approve the Testimony to Joint Committee on Finance, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Move into Executive Session at 11:07 am**

**Back into regular session 2:26 pm**

**Kathy Hughes Chaired at 2:26 pm**

**Adjourned April 25, 2007**

**Back into regular session @ 8:35 a.m. on April 27th**

**Present April 27th: Gerald Danforth, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Paul Ninham, Trish King**

16. **Executive Session**

**a. Tabled Business**

1. Neil Cornelius RE: Final Report for Harrahs Joint Marketing Agreement

**Excerpt from March 14, 2007:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the Harrahs 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.

**Tabled March 28, April 11, 2007**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to remove this item from the table, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to deny the Harrahs Agreement because it did not meet the contingency of the Gaming Commission approval, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Mercie Danforth. Paul Ninham Opposed Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

**a. Old Business**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Complaint regarding Police Commissioner

**Excerpt from the March 28, 2007:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer this item to the next Business Committee meeting of April 11, 2007 with a meeting scheduled with the Commissioner, seconded by Trish King. For: Mercie Danforth, Trish King, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.



**Excerpt from April 11, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer this item to the April 25, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to terminate the appointment of Gary G. Metoxen from the Oneida Police Commission, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Gerald Danforth RE: Pardons

**Excerpt from April 11, 2007:** Motion by Trish King to approve a two week deferral for Francine Valentino and Scott Skenandore, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item for one month, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried.

3. Business Committee RE: Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises, LLC, Board Manager positions

**Excerpt from April 11, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to have the Business Committee bring back recommendations for the two additional board manager positions to the April 25, 2007 Oneida Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to appoint Bruce Danforth to the Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise, LLC Board Manager position, seconded by Trish King. For: Paul Ninham, Trish King. Opposed: Patty Hoeft. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to appoint Larry Barton to the Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise Board Manager position, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Patty Hoeft that all three appointments: Wilbert "Butch" Rentmeister, Bruce Danforth, Larry Barton, complete applications within one month, submitted to the Chair's office for administrative record on file, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Geraldine Danforth RE: FY 07 Senior Staff Wage Adjustments

**Excerpt from April 11, 2007:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer to the FY07 Senior Staff Wage Adjustments to the April 25, 2007 Business Committee meeting for HRD to bring back more information, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to defer this item to May 09, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. General Manager RE: Oneida Health Board Recommendation

**Excerpt from March 14, 2007:** 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.

**Action:** Motion by Paul Ninham to accept as FYI and that the General Manager provide a report on the Health Board recommendations at the June 7, 2007 Executive Staff Meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. New Business**

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Request meeting between the Oneida Business Committee and Oneida Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to delete this item, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jo Anne House RE: Approval of employment attorney contract for Carrie Miljevich

**Action:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the attorney contract for Carrie Miljevich, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Legislative Affairs Update - None**

**d. Attorney Brief**

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the Attorney Brief, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Audit Committee**

Audit Committee minutes of February 22, 2007, March 12, 2007

**Action:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Audit Committee minutes of February 22, 2007, March 12, 2007, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - None**

**h. Oneida Seven Generation Update @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Action:** Motion by Trish King to accept the Oneida Seven Generation Update as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

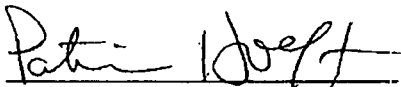
**Action:** Motion by Trish King that the chair to notify Seven Generation Corporation that the Tribe will not provide financial assistance in this business venture and that all land transactions be processed through the Land Commission, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/Adjourn**

**April 25, 2007:** Motion by Paul Ninham to Recess till Friday, April 27, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**April 27, 2007:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on May 9, 2007.**



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