

# 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.



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

May 27, 2009

### Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Rick Hill - Chair  
Kathy Hughes - Vice 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

**Others Present:** Barb Skenandore, Linda Powless, Jed Summers, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Jerry Danforth, Nate Wisneski, Mindimoye, Rhiannan Metoxen, C.L. Metoxen, Peril Huff, Tonya Boucher, Fred Muscavitch, Elaine Doxtator, CJ Doxtator, Loretta V. Metoxen, Tim Ninham, Larry J. Cornelius, Pete King III, Seminole Tribe, Robert Porter, Kitty Melchert

**Opening Prayer:** Tracey Williams

**Special Recognitions:** none

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Rick Hill at 9:10 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office** - none
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Action:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the agenda and to delete executive session new business item two emergency management, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** Motion by Tina Danforth to amend the agenda to move request one Native Ways Workplace presentation early on the agenda and request two Native American Group Consortium "P-Card" presentation would be entertained upon arrival, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Minutes to be Approved**

## May 13 Business Committee minutes

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve, seconded by Kathy Hughes.
- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the May 13 minutes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to take from the table, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adopt the May 13 Business Committee minutes with the correction in the motion to adopt resolution 5-13-09-C Support Wisconsin Department of Transportation Highway 54 and Duck Creek bridge replacement proposal that Brandon Stevens be listed as opposed, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

### 5. **Tabled Business** – none

### 6. **Reports**

1. Debbie Thundercloud                      Stimulus initiative update  
Jennifer Hill-Kelley

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the stimulus initiative report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Rick Hill                                      100 Day Plan Balanced Scorecard report

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the final report of the Business Committee's 100 day planning sessions and send the next steps two, three and four within the memorandum submitted to the next Business Committee's retreat, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Abstained: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

### 7. **Travel Reports**

1. Kathy Hughes                              Share the Care Conference May 5-7 Lac du Flambeau, WI

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Share the Care Conference travel report, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.



Action: Motion by Trish King to combine this item with the June 1 special Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Debbie Thundercloud Donation fund for land acquisition

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the donation fund for land acquisition to the June 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud Oneida Recreation report

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to fund this request for the pilot summer program at \$89,047.10, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Amendment to the main motion by Kathy Hughes to direct the General Manager to identify the funds, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud Review and approve JET's team charter

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer to the June 9 Business Committee retreat meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. New Business**

**a. Resolutions**

1. Debbie Thundercloud Fred Muscavitch Former Reuel J. Robertson, Faye P. Robertson, Randall Robertson and Jean A. Robertson Property

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to withdraw the former Reuel J. Robertson, Faye P. Robertson, Randall Robertson and Jean A. Robertson property application dated 2-01-06-C, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the fee-to-trust resolution 05-27-09-A former Reuel J. Robertson, Faye P. Robertson, Randall Robertson and Jean A. Robertson property, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the fee-to-trust warranty deed former Reuel J. Robertson, Faye P. Robertson, Randall Robertson and Jean A. Robertson property, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud                      American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Oneida Indian Reservation Roads Projects

Action:            Motion by Trish King to adopt resolution 05-27-09-B American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Oneida Indian Reservation Roads Projects, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud                      Digitizing historical records project

Action:            Motion by Kathy Hughes to add the U.S. National archives and records admin grant resolution to number three under resolutions, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion by Patty Hoeft to table, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion Kathy Hughes to take from table, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 05-27-09-C United States National Archives for digitizing historical records, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Rick Hill                                      Native Ways Workplace Donation Program presentation

Action:            Motion by Patty Hoeft to assign the General Manager to analyze the Native Ways proposal for workplace giving and bring back a recommendation to the Business Committee in three months, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Brandon Stevens                              Native American Group Consortium "P-Card" presentation by Oneida Seven Generations Corporation, Seminole Tribe of Florida & SEED Inc.  
    Kevin Cornelius

Action:            Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer to the Treasurer's office for a review and an analysis to be brought back to the Business Committee in 45 days, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ed Delgado                                      Lift moratorium on burials at the Tribal Cemetery  
    Carol Liggins

Action:            Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the request by the Oneida Trust and Enrollment committee that the moratorium be lifted so that burials can now proceed at the tribal cemetery starting June 1, 2009 seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Debbie Thundercloud                      Gaming outlet facility licenses

Action:            Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the gaming facility licenses for the Packerland One-Stop 3120 S. Packerland Dr., Mason Street Casino 2514 W. Mason St. and Oneida Travel Center 5939 Old Hwy 29, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Rick Hill                                      Recommend Wesley Martin to the Oneida Police Commission

Action:            Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the recommendation of Wesley Martin to the Oneida Police Commission, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Ed Delgado                                  Request GM for a report on all Green Bay Packer tickets available to the Tribe

Action:            Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager on the process on how tickets from the Green Bay Packer gate contract will be distributed for each contract period due at the June 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion by Kathy Hughes to recess at 12:01 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion by Kathy Hughes to come back in to session at 1:34 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

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

7. Kathy Hughes                              Hand held voting devices for GTC meetings

Action:            Motion by Trish King to direct the Joint Executive Team to come back in 60 days with a recommendation for the hand held voting devices for the General Tribal Council meetings, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Kathy Hughes                              NIHB Health Care Reform meeting June 2-3 Manistee, MI

Action:            Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the National Indian Health Board Health Care Reform meeting travel request, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. For: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

**11. Finance Committee -none**

**12. Legislative Operating Committee ( LOC) - none**

**13. Legislative Affairs**

1. Debbie Thundercloud                      Government leadership training analysis

Action:            Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the government leadership training analysis for 30 days, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Tina Danforth arrived at 1:35 p.m., Patty Hoeft arrived at 1:36 p.m., and Brandon Stevens arrived at 1:37 p.m.

**14. Executive Session**

Action:            Motion by Kathy Hughes to go into executive session at 1:37 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to come back into regular session at 3:34 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Tabled Business - none**

**b. Old Business**

1. Debbie Thundercloud                      Homeless and disabled Oneida tribal veteran

Action:            Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the verbal update and request the written report for follow-up by the Legislative Affairs office with Congressman Kagen to assist in the coordination of a treatment plan, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. New Business**

1. Trust Committee                              91 new enrollments  
Enrollments

Action:            Motion by Ed Delgado to approve 91 new Oneida enrollments, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Trish King. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Not present: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

**d. Legislative Affairs – none**

**e. Attorney Brief**

1. Jo Anne House                                M&I documents

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt the resolution 05-27-09-D to approve the guaranty and subordination agreements between M&I and Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jo Anne House Brian Stevens attorney contract

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the attorney contract for Brian Stevens, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Not present: Tina Danforth. Motion carried.

Ed Delgado; For the record, my office does not support at-will employment.

3. Jo Anne House Apple Orchard utility easement update

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Apple Orchard utility update, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Audit Committee**

**g. New York Land Claims**

1. Bill Gollnick New York Land Claims settlement at 1:30 p.m.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the verbal update regarding the New York Land claims settlement efforts, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Francis Skenandore Oneida Economic Development Authority report

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to move to close the Power Plant contract ending Dec. 31, 2008 and authorize payment of \$24,833 which includes a previously unpaid balance of \$15,885 and includes a current unpaid balance of \$8,948, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to recess to 5:15 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.





a. Debbie Thundercloud                      SEOTS program  
Bill Gollnick

Action:            Motion by Patty Hoeft that the SEOTS program remain a full fledged tribal program of the Oneida Tribe, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion withdrawn.

Action:            Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the General Manager's report with a recommendation for follow-up as the meetings occur, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Debbie Thundercloud                      SEOTS option to purchase recommendation

Action:            Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to develop a search team to identify a home for the SEOTS program and provide the Business Committee with monthly reports with a final recommendation within six months, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Lloyd Powless                              Oneida Powwow Committee

Action:            Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager and the Chief of Staff to prepare a recommendation to the Business Committee in three months on how the powwows in our community can be organized and managed by a tribal program or a 501.c3 program, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion by Trish King to accept the powwow quarterly report and request the Powwow Committee to work with the Community Develop Planning Committee regarding the new powwow grounds and buildings, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion withdrawn.

Action:            Motion by Trish King to accept the powwow quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action:            Motion by Tina Danforth to extend the terms of the expiring powwow committee members from now to Oct. 15, 2009 until posting can be made, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action;            Motion Trish King to direct the General Manager to provide a report a multi-use community facility to the Community Development Planning Committee and to come back in July for the Community Development Planning Committee agenda, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

7. Jennifer M. Stevens                      Oneida Land Claims Commission

Action:            Motion by Trish King to defer until the next quarterly report meeting of June 24, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Jason Kurowski

Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer to the next quarterly meeting of June 24, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to adjourn at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on June 10, 2009.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee