

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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 YATE  
Because of the help of  
this Oneida Chief in  
cementing a friendship  
between the six nation  
and the colony of  
Pennsylvania, a new  
nation, the United States  
was made possible.

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## ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2008

Business Committee Conference Room

**Present:** Gerald Danforth – Chair  
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair  
Mercie Danforth - Treasurer  
Patty Hoefl - Secretary  
Trish King - Council member  
Paul Ninham - Council member  
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member  
Edward Delgado - Council member

**Excused:** Vince DelaRosa – Council member

**Others Present:** Barb Skenandore, Melanie Burkhart, Cheryl Stevens, Apache Danforth, Perril Huff, Tina Danforth, Pete King III, Wanda Diemel, Maria Guerra, Winnifred Thomas, Fred Muscavitch, Stephanie Decorah, Julie McLester, Brandon Stevens, Kitty Melchert, Paulette Leschig

**Opening Prayer:** Paul Ninham – Council member

**Special Recognitions:** Excellence in Action Recognition by Lisa Summers to Wanda Diemel, Lynn Franzmier, Carole Liggins, Diane Wescott, and Cheryl Skolaski who was not present.

Excellence in Action Recognition by Chairman Gerald Danforth to Ernie Stevens, Jr.

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Gerald Danforth at 9:26 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office** - none
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Additions
  - b. Deletions
  - c. Moves

**Action:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the agenda, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Minutes to be Approved**

June 25, 2008 Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the June 25, 2008 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

June 30, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the June 30, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

**5. Tabled Business**

1. Gerald Danforth RE: Approve Recommendation Child Protective Board

**Excerpt from June 25, 2008: Remains on table.**

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

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer this item to the end of the agenda to allow the Law Office time to revise the resolution, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the appointment of Wesley Martin to the Oneida Child Protective Board, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to rescind, seconded by Patty Hoeft.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to appoint Wesley Martin to the Oneida Child Protective Board and adopt Resolution 7-9-08-A Appointment of Wesley Martin to Oneida Child Protective Board, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to request the Legislative Operating Committee to work with the Chief Of Staff to look at bringing the Indian Child Welfare and the responsibilities of the Oneida Child Protective Board back to the Tribal Judicial system, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Reports**

1. Oneida Land Commission (quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Amelia Cornelius – submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Oneida Land Commission quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Oneida Gaming Commission (quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
Amelia Cornelius – submitted

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Oneida Gaming Commission quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Oneida Police Commission (quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)  
David Webster – not submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to table the Oneida Police Commission quarterly report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Travel Reports - none**

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

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Like Services update – FYI

**Excerpt from June 25, 2008:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to deliver a report at the July 3, 2008 Joint Executive Staff meeting to implement a plan and the process, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from June 25, 2008:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Like Services report as FYI, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Like Services update report as FYI with another update report due July 23, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. New Business**

**a. Resolutions**

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approve the Indian Community Block  
Cheryl Stevens Grant

Action: Motion by Trish King to adopt Resolution 7-9-08-B Indian Community Block Grant in the amount of \$600,000, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to bring back an explanation to the July 23 Business Committee meeting explaining the comprehensive development for residential uses for the Smits farm site, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approve Case Management SOPs

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer this item to the Legislative Reference Office to review and identify what SOPs need law format or can be retained as SOPs and be brought back to the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Request to view OHA policies and procedures

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to refer this item back to Councilman Delgado's office to work with the General Manager in regards to this process, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Melinda J. Danforth not present during vote. Motion carried.

3. Patty Hoeft RE: Appoint Lance Broberg to Green Bay Visitors Convention Board

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to appoint Lance Broberg to the Board of Directors for the Green Bay Visitors Convention Bureau, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Proposed dates for official election results and inauguration date

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the proposed dates to certify election results on Aug. 6 and an inauguration date on Aug. 7, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Transition Team to report to the Business Committee on the progress of creating the transition plan at the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Kathy Hughes

RE: Re appoint Butch Rentmeester and  
Bruce Danforth to OTIE and post one  
vacancy

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve an extension for Butch Rentmeester and  
Bruce Danforth for six months or until new members are sworn in,  
seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes  
Oppose: Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Mercie Danforth, Melinda  
J. Danforth. Motion carried.

Trish King: For the record, for my opposition I know that the 8a certification process is  
intense and the people who are involved in the creation should be consistent until you get  
it secured. We're still in the creation phases. We thought we would be able to get this  
done within a year and that year has passed. It may take another year to complete it.  
Otherwise, I would support the six months.

Melinda Danforth: For the record, the reason I abstained because I have a conflict of  
interest with Bruce Danforth being my uncle.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief Counsel to draft an opinion  
describing the 8A application process and report that to a Business  
Committee meeting in September, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth.  
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Gerald Danforth

RE: SEOTS board appointments

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the appointments of Christopher P.  
Carusona II, Debra L. Fabian Matson, Chris Luttrell and Kim M. Reyes to  
the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Board, seconded by Ed Delgado.  
Motion carried unanimously.

7. Gerald Danforth

RE: 4 Fires Trust Fund contributions

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the 4 Fires Trust Fund Contribution to  
the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft.  
Motion carried unanimously.

8. Gerald Danforth

RE: Gaming contract for nursing services

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to move to executive session new business #2  
to regular session new business #8, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion  
carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the report about gaming contract for  
nursing services, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed

Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham.  
Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.

9. William Gollnick RE: Town of Oneida service agreement amendment

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to move to executive session new business #1 to regular session new business #9, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the amendment to the Town of Oneida service agreement that includes payment for signs of \$21,217, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests - none**

**10. Finance Committee**

1. March 14, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the March 14, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. March 28, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the March 28, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. April 25, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the April 25, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

4. May 21, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the May 21, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Approve LOC meeting minutes of June 16, 2008

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve LOC meeting minutes of June 16, 2008, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Vince DelaRosa RE: Forward GTC resolution for adoption of GTC Meeting Stipend Payment Policy

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer to the Legislative Operating Committee and bring back to the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Vince DelaRosa RE: Public hearing date of Aug. 19, 2008 for Amendment to the GTC Meeting Stipend Payment Policy

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer the public hearing date of Aug. 19, 2008 for Amendment to the General Tribal Council Meeting Stipend Payment Policy to the Legislative Operating Committee and to bring back to the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Vince DelaRosa RE: Public hearing date of Aug. 19, 2008 for Amendment to the Tribal Constitution

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the public hearing date of Aug. 19, 2008 for Amendment to the Tribal Constitution, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Oppose: Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

5. Vince DelaRosa RE: Extension of emergency amendments to personnel policies and procedures to comply with Amended Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace policy

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the extension of emergency amendments to personnel policies and procedures to comply with Amended Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace policy, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Tribal Secretary to place this item on the next available General Tribal Council agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Treasurer's Report - none

**13. Oneida Business Committee Planning – none**

**14. Executive Staff Meeting - none**

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Approve BC member attendance at Head Start Tribal Consultation Session

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve Vice Chair Kathy Hughes to attend the Head Start Tribal Consultation session on July 21 in Kansas City, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Green Bay Chamber Public Policy Council meeting about Oneida and Hobart relations report

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Green Bay Chamber Public Policy Council meeting report about Oneida and Hobart relations, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to move into executive session at 11:54 a.m., seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to go back into regular session at 12:44 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Tabled Business - none**

**b. Old Business - none**

**c. New Business - none**

**d. Legislative Affairs Update - none**

**e. Attorney Brief**

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the attorney brief as FYI, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Audit Committee - none**

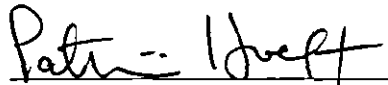
**g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - none**

**Recess/Adjourn**



Action: Motion by Trish King to adjourn at 12:45 p.m., seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on August 6, 2008.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

