



Onedias 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 MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 2008

Business Committee Conference Room

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

Excused:

Others Present: Elaine Doxtator, Briana Doxtator, Marlene Ninham, Mike King, Dionne Jacobs, Barb Skenandore, Tehassi Hill, Nathalie Benton, Jen Green, Matthew Green, Lori Danforth, Jim Van Stippen, Nate Wisneski, Scott Denny, Brad Graham, Pete King III, Pearl McLester, Cheryl Stevens, Vicki Cornelius, Brandon Stevens, Katherine Jordan, Jennifer Hill Kelley, Racquel Hill, Laura House, Dellora Cornelius, Brian Beaulieu, Julie Denny, Debbie Danforth, Wanda Diemel, James Gollnick, Kitty Melchert, Jason Johnson, Marsha Danforth, Florence Petri, Mary Jo Nash, Pamela F. Ninham, Pat Pelky, Shirley Hill, William Cornelius, Louise Cornelius, Patricia Ulrich, Gloria Wheelock, Cathy L. Metoxen, Debra Ushaka, Marjorie E. Stevens, Winnifred L. Thomas, Tyrone Wheelock, Erv Wheelock, Tina Danforth, Kalleen Denny, Jasmine R. House, Linda S. Dallas, Shirley Jennings, Luther Laster, Linda Powless

Opening Prayer: Richard Baird

Special Recognitions: 25 years of service recognition to Laura House by Gaming General Manager Neil Cornelius

Recognition to Jerry L. Hill by Chairman Gerald Danforth

Recognition to the Oneida Language Program by Chairman Gerald Danforth

Introduction of 2008-2009 royalty by Iris Metoxen
Miss Oneida Tashina Red Hail
Junior Miss Oneida Justine Mehojah
Lil' Miss Oneida Kevonna Neal

Recognition to Lisa Summers by Chairman Gerald Danforth

1. **Call to Order Chairman** Gerald Danforth at 9:32 a.m.

2. **Oath of Office**

Oneida Child Protective Board

Wesley Martin administered by Patty Hoeft July 17, 2008

Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Board

Christopher P. Carusona II administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Chris Luttrell administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Debra L. Fabian Matson administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Kim M. Reyes administered by Vince DelaRosa July 22, 2008

Oneida Environmental Resource Board

Richard Baird administered by Ed Delgado July 29, 2008

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

a. **Additions** Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2008

b. **Deletions**

c. **Moves**

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the agenda with adding the Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 22, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Minutes to be Approved**

July 7, 2008 Special Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the July 7, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

July 9, 2008 Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the July 9, 2008 Business Committee minutes with the correction of the spelling of Earnie to Ernie on page one of nine, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

July 29, 2008 Special Business Committee Minutes

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the July 29, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Tabled Business

Oneida Police Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr./July/Oct)
David Webster

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: Motion by Paul Ninham to table the Oneida Police Commission quarterly report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Remain on table.

6. Reports

a. Oneida Tribal School Board (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
Debbie Danforth – submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Oneida Tribal School Board quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Oneida Housing (Monthly)
Susan House – submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Oneida Housing monthly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ombudsman (Monthly)
Matt Cornelius – submitted

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the ombudsman report to the Aug. 20 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Oneida Appeals Commission (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
Winnifred Thomas – submitted

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the Oneida Appeals Commission quarterly report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
Lois Strong – submitted

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (Quarterly: Jan/Apr/July/Oct)
Brenda Mendolla-Buckley – submitted

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
Lance Broberg - submitted

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

h. North American Indigenous Games Update (Monthly)
Scott Murray – submitted

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the North American Indigenous Games monthly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Travel Reports

1. Gerald Danforth RE: National Indian Gaming Association
July 22-24, 2008

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer travel report from Gerald Danforth regarding National Indian Gaming Association July 22 through 24, 2008 to the Aug. 20 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Like Services update

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Like Services update as FYI with another update report due July 23, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Smits Farm Residential Development Plan

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: 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.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Smits Farm Residential Development plan, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approval of the Indian Housing Plans (IHP) for the years 2003-2007

Excerpt from June 13, 2008: Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer the IHPs for the years 2003-2007 back to the Oneida Housing Authority and to bring back the changes within 30 days, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Indian Housing Plans for the years 2003-2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: New BC Transition Plan update
Transition Team

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: 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.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the new Business Committee transition plan update, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft RE: Status on Oneida Health Board and
Anna John Nursing Home Board

Excerpt from June 25, 2008: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer to the July 3 Joint Executive Staff meeting and to report back to the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the status report on the Oneida Health Board and Anna John Nursing Home Board to a September Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mercie Danforth RE: \$250K or More Contract Report

Excerpt from June 25, 2008: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the Monthly Contract report to the July 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the \$250K and more contract report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Gerald Danforth RE: 4 Fires Trust Fund contribution

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: 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.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the 4 Fires Trust Fund contribution, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **New Business**

a. **Resolutions**

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Approval of the Community Food Projects, Traditional Gardening in Indian Communities Project Support – National Society for American Indian Elderly

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Resolution #08-06-08-A Community Food Projects, Traditional Gardening in Communities Project Support – National Society for American Indian Elderly, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

b. **Requests**

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Approval of the certification of the
Racquel Hill 2008 election results

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the approval of the certification of the 2008 election results until 4:00 p.m. today, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

Vince DelaRosa: For the record, I oppose because the most significant holdings in regards to our decision on these particular matters is going to be the audit work. The Appeals Commission decisions today will be helpful in terms of how they review and look at some of these matters. But for our review and judgment purposes, we have to wait until the audit work is done and until GTC speaks on these matters. Because our boss is the GTC who submitted a petition on Monday and we dare not approve anything until our bosses have had an opportunity to discuss these matters. So, we are treading on dangerous water because of looking at the nature of the petition that was submitted, they are calling for a series of potential actions that will obliterate which you may attempt to do today and if we move forward on the process, destroy ballots, etc., we are setting up a very delicate and tricky situation for us as we move forward. We have a responsibility to uphold the laws of the Tribe. We've got an acknowledgment today that factually there was a violation that someone had ballots in their private possession. We've got a serious matter here at hand. We have to wait until the auditing work is done, until GTC gets an opportunity which is projected to be within 30 days from Aug. 4, within the next three to four weeks we can have these matters wrapped up.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to recess at 12:25 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. for the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the acceptance of the election board results until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Oppose: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

2. Patty Hoeft RE: Band for the Honor the Elders Luncheon on June 6, 2008

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve to pay the band for the Honor the Elders Luncheon on June 6, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado. Opposed: Mercie Danforth, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King. Not present: Vince DelaRosa, Kathy Hughes. Vote tied. Chairman voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Trish King: For the record, the Business Committee can not make promises like this.

3. Patty Hoeft RE: Proposed GTC meeting dates

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Sept. 20, 2008 General Tribal Council meeting date and that we include the Madelyn Genskow nine resolutions, elected Boards, Committees and Commissions, 10 Person Task Force group, and the independent outside audit, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Sept. 27, 2008 General Tribal Council FY09 Annual Budget meeting date, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Trish King to amend the motion to include the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus to the Sept. 27, 2008 General Tribal Council agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Not present: Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.
- Action Motion by by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Oct. 11, 2008 General Tribal Council meeting date to include the election law and America's Dream Petition, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Patty Hoeft RE: Post 3 vacancies for the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee
- Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve to post three vacancies for the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Patty Hoeft RE: Post 1 vacancy for the Police Commission
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve to post one vacancy for the Police Commission, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Patty Hoeft RE: Display cornhusk dolls
- Action: Motion by Trish King to approve to display the cornhusk dolls at the Norbert Hill Center, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Kathy Hughes RE: Evening meeting for reports
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the evening meeting for reports to an October Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Gerald Danforth RE: MOA for IHS Project #BE-08-F63 Scattered Sites
- Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Indian Health Service Project #BE-08-F63 Scattered Sites, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Travel Requests

1. Melinda Danforth

RE: Approval to attend NCAI 65th Annual Convention, Phoenix, AZ Oct. 19-24, 2008

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve travel request for Melinda Danforth to attend the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention in Phoenix, AZ Oct. 19 through 24, 2008, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoefl, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstain: Melinda J. Danforth. Not present: Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

2. Kathy Hughes

RE: Approval to attend NIHB 25th Annual Consumer Conference, Temecula, CA Sept. 22-25, 2008

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve travel request for Kathy Hughes to attend National Indian Health Board 25th Annual Consumer Conference in Temecula, CA Sept. 22 through 25, 2008, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance Committee

1. June 13, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the June 13, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

2. July 25, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the July 25, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. July 11, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the July 11, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Approve LOC minutes June 23, 2008

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the LOC minutes of June 23, 2008, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Vince DelaRosa RE: Approve LOC minutes of June 27, 2008

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the LOC minutes of June 27, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Vince DelaRosa RE: Resolution adopting amendments to the Travel and Expense Policy

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to permanently adopt the emergency resolution amendments to the Travel and Expense Policy Resolution #08-06-08-B, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Vince DelaRosa RE: Forward Resolution for adoption of GTC meeting stipend payment policy to GTC

Excerpt from July 9, 2008: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to defer to the Legislative Operating Committee and bring back to the July 23 Business Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to forward resolution for the adoption of General Tribal Council meeting stipend payment policy to the next available General Tribal Council meeting date, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Vince DelaRosa RE: Forward Revised Child Support SOPs to Oneida Child Support Agency

Action: Motion by Trish King that 10 items were identified as standard operating procedures of the July 15 memorandum from the Legislative Operating Committee Chairman and be returned to the agency and to defer back one through four as identified of that same memorandum to the Legislative Reference Office for further development as a regulation or a law and brought back through the necessary processes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Chairman Gerald Danforth.

12. Treasurer's Report at 1:36 p.m.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Oneida Business Committee Planning - none

14. Executive Staff Meeting - none

15. Legislative Affairs Update - none

16. Executive Session

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to go into executive session at 2:28 p.m., seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to go back into regular session at 4:25 p.m., seconded was inaudible. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Tabled Business - none

b. Old Business - none

c. New Business

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises
Butch Rentmeester report

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to support the Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises to move forward on the purchase of TN and Associates and to provide the loan guarantee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Neil Cornelius RE: Approve contract to do more research
 into Harrah's Total Rewards Program

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Total Rewards Affiliate Definitional Phase Agreement 2008-1129, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Oppose: Mercie Danforth. Not present: Vince DelaRosa, Kathy Hughes. Motion carried

3. Lance Broberg RE: Oneida Room Tax Law & Green Bay
CVB Agreement

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Radisson to continue to make payment under the old agreement until a new agreement is negotiated, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct that the new agreement be negotiated and a work team be established to do that would include Lance Broberg, Chief Counsel, and a Business Committee member, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Housing Authority Decision Review

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the concern of the Oneida Housing polices to the General Manager and the Tribal Secretary to examine and bring back a recommendation to the Business Committee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Legislative Affairs Update - none

e. Attorney Brief

1. Pamela Williams & Doyen v. Hendricks

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to authorize permission to execute the appropriate settlement documents for the Pamela Williams case, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to authorize permission to execute the appropriate settlement documents for the Doyen v. Hendricks case, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Audit Committee - none

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - none

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer this until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion withdrawn.

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to recess at 5:05 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, Aug. 7, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

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REGULAR RECONVENED MEETING
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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
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member
Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused:

Others Present: Elaine Doxtator, Tim Huff, Louise Cornelius, B. Dickson, Jim Van Stippen, Racquel Hill, Eleanora Smith, Tana Aguirre, Brandon Stevens, Noreen Smith, Brian Beaulien, Rosa Melchert, Tehassi Hill, Jeanette Ninham, Nate Wisneski, Laura Manthe, Matt Knutson, Dottie Krull, Gina Powless Buenrostro, Debbie Danforth, Elizabeth Steinfeldt, Kim Mehojah, Derek Denny, Jeff Budzban, Marjorie Stevens, Rich Figueroa, M. Metoxen, R. Metoxen, Cathy L. Metoxen, Linda Dallas

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gerald Danforth at 10:05 a.m.

b. Requests

1. Patty Hoeft
Racquel Hill
- RE: Approval of the certification of the
2008 election results

Excerpt from Aug. 6, 2008: Motion by Trish King to defer the acceptance of the election board results until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Oppose: Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to declare the official election results, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Vince DelaRosa, Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to adjourn at 11:03 a.m., seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion Carried.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on August 20, 2008.


Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE