



# Oneida Business Committee

## Regular Meeting

9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012  
BC Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

**Present:** Chairman Ed Delgado, Vice Chairman Greg Matson, Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

**Excused:** Treasurer Tina Danforth

**Others present:** Jennifer Webster, Patricia A. Cornelius, Barb Skenandore, Cheryl VanDenBerg, Dianne McLester-Heim, Pearl McLester, Michele Doxtator, Mary Adams, Marsha Danforth, Jean Webster, Winnifred Thomas, Carol Elm, Richard Moss, Fred Muscavitch, Chris Cornelius, Racquel Pamanet, Linda Jenkins, Debbie Danforth, Lois Strong, Apache Danforth, Gary Jordan, Steve Hill, Floyd W. Silas Sr., Gene Schubert, Linda S. Dallas, Carole Liggins, Lisa Liggins, Sandra Gauthier, Sadie Kelley, Sandra Reveles, Elaine Reed-Doxtator, Loretta V. Metoxen

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call** by Chairman Ed Delgado at 9:02 a.m.

**II. Opening** by Chairman Ed Delgado

**III. Approve the agenda**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda with the following additions in open session, 1) Travel request-Uniform Commercial Code: Bringing Business to Indian Country 2) Travel request-retro approve travel to Rotary Club meeting with Governor Walker 3) Proposed Room Tax funding agreement with Green Bay Visitors Bureau 4) Reorganization Moratorium resolution 5) Letter of support from the Chairman to Honorable Daniel Akaka and in executive session, 1) Personnel Issue 2) Review Service Agreement between Pittsfield and Ashwaubenon and also to delete Aug. 8, 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**IV. Oaths of Office** administered by Secretary Patty Hoeft

1. **Bay Bank Corporation** – Gary Jordan – **Not administered**
2. **Appeals Commission** – Jennifer Webster, Kathy Hughes, Chris Cornelius (Chrissy)
3. **Oneida Election Board** – Raquel (Rocky Hill) Pamanet, Michele Doxtator, Lisa Liggins
4. **Oneida Gaming Commission** – Lora Skenandore
5. **Oneida Land Claims Commission** – Amelia Cornelius, Loretta V. Metoxen
6. **Oneida Land Commission** – Amelia Cornelius, Gary Jordan, Ron (Tehassi) Hill
7. **Oneida Nation Commission on Aging** – Pearl McLester, Carol Elm, Mary Jane Doxtator
8. **Trust/Enrollment Committee** – Carole Liggins, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Linda (Buffy) Dallas
9. **Oneida School Board** – Debra Danforth, Dellora (Dodo) Cornelius, Bernard John-Stevens

**V. Minutes to be approved**

1. **Aug. 8, 2012 - DELETED**
2. **Aug. 9, 2012 Emergency**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Aug. 9, 2012 emergency meeting minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

3. **Aug. 14, 2012 Special**



Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Aug. 14, 2012 special meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham.  
Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

## **VI. Resolutions**

### **1. Tribal Wildlife Grant U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Sponsor: Joanie Buckley

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt resolution #08-22-12-A with one change to the fourth whereas where it says Oneida Nation, change that to the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

## **VII. Directors and Managers quarterly reports**

## **VIII. Board, Committee and Commissions**

### **A. Appointments**

### **B. Quarterly reports**

#### **1. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation Board – Janice Skenandore-Hirth, Chairwoman**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation Board quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

#### **2. Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises – Butch Rentmeester, Chairman**

Motion by David Jordan to accept the Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises quarterly report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

#### **3. Bay Bank Corporation – John Johnson, Chairman**

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Bay Bank Corporation quarterly report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

#### **4. Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation – Bobbi Webster, Chairwoman**

Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

#### **5. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation – William Cornelius, Chairman**

Motion by Brandon Stevens to defer the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson,  
Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

## **IX. Standing Committees**

### **A. Legislative Operating Committee – Melinda J. Danforth, Chairwoman**

### **B. Finance Committee – Treasurer Tina Danforth, Chairwoman**

#### **1. Aug. 17, 2012 minutes**



Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Aug. 17, 2012 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**C. Community Development Planning Committee – Vince DelaRosa, Chairman**

**1. June 21, 2012 minutes**

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the June 21, 2012 Community Development Planning Committee minutes, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**D. Quality of Life – Paul Ninham, Chairman**

**X. General Tribal Council**

**XI. Unfinished Business**

**XII. New Business/Requests**

**1. Approve Business Committee community meetings first Saturday every month starting October 2012**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Business Committee community meetings first Saturday every month starting October 2012, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**2. Native American Finance Officers Association membership renewal**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve Native American Finance Officers Association membership renewal, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**3. Sign Brown County Recycling Agreement Amendment III**

Sponsor: Pat Pelky

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve signing Brown County Recycling Agreement Amendment III, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**4. Personnel Commission: Procedural exception for special meeting stipend payment**

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the procedural exception for one meeting, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried with one abstention and one opposition:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Vince DelaRosa

Abstained: David Jordan

Excused: Tina Danforth

**5. Start pardon process within 30 days in accordance with the Tribal Law**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to start the pardon process within the 30 days in accordance with the Tribal Law and to have the Chairman lead the process, with the Vice Chairman as the alternate, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried with two oppositions:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Opposed: Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth



For the record:

Brandon Steven stated this is a burdensome process, the pardon process and I think it needs to be restrictive and it needs to have a clear distinction of what we're looking for regarding criteria, to have validity. We don't want to just be signing pardons left and right, but we want to make sure that the people are going through the process, they understand the process, it's communicated to them and they know where to go. I think it does need to be within the Chair and Vice Chair's office because you guys are the leaders and signing off on that would entail that you are granting them clemency or pardon. We do it for certain reasons, for housing. We have a long housing list of people. We have good applicants. We have applicants that are really trying hard and we have applicants that just want a pardon, just so that they can get housing and then there's a whole line of people who are good qualified people and we're just thinking about those who just want a pardon, just to get housing. Sometimes they get that misrepresentation that just because they get a pardon, they're going to get a house and so that's why we have to make it clear to them that just because they are getting a pardon, it just allows them to be on the list to be employed. It allows them on the list to get housing, that it doesn't push them forward.

For the record:

Patty Hoeft stated the new pardon and forgiveness law is more restrictive to the applicants, not to the Tribe. It makes it very difficult for applicants to go through the process. Then it makes it very difficult for the agencies such as the Gaming Commission and HR to do their work because the applicant will go through various processes and when they come through us first, we are taking action to nullify their record. Which is good for the applicant.

For the record:

Ed Delgado stated I brought this forward because right now we have no process and we have a lot of people who are seeking pardons. 25 years ago, when I came here I was shocked at the number of Oneidas in the Brown County jail and Outagamie jail. I was really shocked because our people are identified by those officers in Green Bay and Ashwaubenon and we have a high, high percentage of people with records. Whereas those other people they are not targeted. Caucasian Americans are not targeted, but our people are. We have a lot of people with records and we need to somehow welcome them back to our community, because that is part of who we are. We have a long history in our traditions about people who change, from the Tadadaho all the way to Handsome Lake. Thank you.

### **XIII. Travel**

#### **A. Travel Reports**

#### **B. Travel Requests**

##### **1. Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFAO) conference, Sept. 9-12, 2012, San Diego, CA**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel request, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

For the record: Melinda J. Danforth stated this travel has no cost to the Tribe as noted in the request.

Excused: Tina Danforth

##### **2. Global Gaming Expo Conference and Exhibit, Oct. 1-4, 2012, Las Vegas, NV**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to deny the travel request, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried with two oppositions:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Vince DelaRosa, David Jordan

Excused: Tina Danforth

##### **3. Gaming Division: Procedural exception for five travelers to 2012 Global Gaming Expo, Chad Fuss, Eric McLester, David Emerson, Brian Denny, Rob Orcutt, Oct. 1-4, 2012 Las**



**Vegas, NV – Change one traveler**

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the procedural exception with the noted change of Frank Cornelius to Eric McLester as the fifth traveler, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with two oppositions:

Ayes: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth, David Jordan

Excused: Tina Danforth

**4. Retro-approve travel to National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) internet gaming committee meeting, Aug. 21, 2012, Prior Lake, MN**

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius

Motion by Brandon Stevens to retro-approve the travel request, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**5. Meet with Yocha DeHe Winton Nation, Sept. 13-14, 2012, Brooks, CA**

Sponsor: Greg Matson/Paul Ninham

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel request, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**6. Retro-approve travel to UW-Madison residence hall dedication ceremony, Aug. 22, Madison, WI**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by David Jordan to retro-approve the travel request, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**XIV. Additions**

**1. Uniform Commercial Code: Bringing Business to Indian Country, Sept. 11, 2012, Bloomington, MN**

Sponsor: David Jordan

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the travel request, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, Greg Matson, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: David Jordan

Not present: Paul Ninham

Excused: Tina Danforth

**2. Rotary Club meeting with Governor Walker, Aug. 20-21, 2012, Milwaukee, WI**

Sponsor: Vince DelaRosa

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel request, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Paul Ninham

Excused: Tina Danforth

**3. Proposed Room Tax funding agreement with Green Bay Visitors Bureau**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the Chairman to sign the proposed Room Tax funding agreement with Green Bay Visitors Bureau with the noted change from trustee to Nation, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposition:

Ayes: Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth

Excused: Tina Danforth

Motion by Patty Hoeft to appoint the Vice Chairman as our representative, with our Tourism Director, Michelle Danforth as the alternate, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**4. Reorganization Moratorium resolution**

Sponsor: Paul Ninham

Motion by Paul Ninham to defer to a Business Committee work meeting within two weeks, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**5. Letter of support to Honorable Daniel Akaka**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve sending out the letter of support, with the noted changes, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**XV. Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of Aug. 21, 2012**

**A. Reports**

**1. New York land claim settlement update** – Ed Delgado/Diane House – **No action**

**2. Chief Counsel report** – Jo Anne House – **No action**

**3. Chief Financial Officer bi-monthly report** – Larry Barton

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Chief Financial Officer bi-monthly report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**4. Legislative Affairs monthly report** – Nathan King

Motion by David Jordan to defer the Legislative Affairs monthly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**5. Communications monthly report** – Bobbi Webster

Motion by David Jordan to defer the Communications monthly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**6. Enterprise Division** – Michele Doxtator, Interim Division Director

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Enterprise Division report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention:



Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**7. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation Board – Janice Skenandore-Hirth, Chairwoman**

Motion by David Jordan to defer the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation Board quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**8. Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises – Butch Rentmeester, Chairman**

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**9. Bay Bank Corporation – John Johnson, Chairman**

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the Bay Bank Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**10. Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation – Bobbi Webster, Chairwoman**

Motion by David Jordan to defer the Oneida Golf Enterprise Corporation quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**11. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation – William Cornelius, Chairman**

Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**B. Audit Committee – Councilman Brandon Stevens, Chairman**

**C. Unfinished Business/BC directives**

**D. New Business/Requests**

**E. Additions**

**1. Personnel matter**

**Sponsor:**

Motion by Paul Ninham to ratify the Chairman's decision regarding personnel matter, regarding job #02417, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: David Jordan, Brandon Stevens

For the record: David Jordan stated I am abstaining because I had to leave the Executive session last night around 5:15 p.m., so I was not there for the discussion.

Excused: Tina Danforth

## **2. Review Service Agreement between Pittsfield and Ashwaubenon**

Sponsor:

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer to the Tribal Chairman to review with Nate King, our Legislative Affairs Director and Fred Muscavitch, the Land Management Division Director and bring us back a report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

## **XVI. Adjourn**

**Motion by Vince DelaRosa to adjourn at 11:19 a.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:**

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Greg Matson, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Tina Danforth

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Sept. 12, 2012.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE