

Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to ald them.

# **Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin** BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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# ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 29, 2007 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair Mercie Danforth - Treasurer Patty Hoeft - Secretary Trish King - Council member Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused: Vince DelaRosa, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth

Others Present: Dottie Krull, Kitty Melchert, Richard Van Boxtel, Chris Ness, Nathan Ness, Bill Cone, C. Metoxen, Lisa Ness, Gary L. Ness, Heather Denny, Lance Denny, Conrad King, Debbie Danforth, Thelma McLester, Fred Muscavitch, Michelle Hill, Wanda Diemel, Julie Denny, Cindy Thomas, Janice Hirth, Linda Glaser, Peril Huff, Brenda John, K. Katch, Barb Skenandore, Chad Webster, Rebecca Webster, Pearl McLester, Barb Dickson, Don Lilly, Roy Skenandore, Brenda Skenandore, Marge Funmaker, Sherrole Benton, Ronald King, Harlan King, Pat Pelky, Charlene Smith, Bernard Stevens

**Opening Prayer:** Curtis Summers

Special Recognitions: None

1. Call to Order by Gerald Danforth @ 9:07 am



UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE Because of the help of this Onelda Chlef in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

#### 2. Oath of Office

<u>Oneida Police Department</u> administered by Gerald Danforth Heather Denny - Present Nathan Ness - Present Christopher Ness - Present

# 3. Approval of the Agenda

#### a. Additions

Executive Session New Business # 2., Amendment to Assets Protection Solutions, LLC Contract

Resolution # 4., Interpreting the Application of the Per Capita Ordinance to the General Tribal Council Action of August 11, 2007

#### b. Deletions

Resolution # 3., IHS

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt the agenda of August 29, 2007 with the addition of Executive Session New Business #2. Amendment to Assets Protection Solutions, LLC contract, resolution #4. Interpreting the Application of the Per Capita Ordinance to the General Tribal Council Action of August 11, 2007 and the deletion of resolution #3. IHS, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Oneida Business Committee Minutes of August 15, 2007

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the August 15, 2007 minutes to the next Oneida Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Business Committee Minutes of August 15, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Special Business Committee minutes of August 15, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Business Committee Minute of August 20, 2007

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve Special Business Committee minutes of August 20, 2007, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Tabled Business - None

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#### 6. Reports - None

# 7. Travel Reports

- 1.
   Kathy Hughes
   RE: Requesting Approval of the MAST Meeting Travel Report and Approve Recommended Actions
- Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the MAST meeting travel report and direct the General Manager to appoint a person as the official contact for the Census Bureau and provide an update to the Joint Executive Staff agenda on the Bureau request regarding LUCA, seconded by Patty Hoeft. . For: Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Request Approval of NARCH Meeting Travel Report, August 16, 2007, Lac Du Flambeau, Wl

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the NARCH meeting travel report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.
  - 3. Kathy Hughes RE: Request Approval of NIGA Tribal Leaders Mtg Travel Report, July 24-26, 2007, Washington
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the NIGA Tribal Leaders meeting travel report, seconded by Trish King. For: Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

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

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Proposed Process for the Tribal Vendor Listing to Be Released to Other Tribal Entities for the Purpose of Requesting Donations/Sponsorships for Tribal Events

**Excerpt from July 18, 2007:** Motion by Mercie Danforth for the Jet Team to evaluate the process of requesting donations from our vendors and to comeback in 30 days with a written process on how to do that, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the proposed process for the Tribal Vendor Listing to other tribal entities for the purpose of requesting donation/sponsorships for tribal events, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Mercie Danforth RE: Plan On How to Fill the CFO and Assistant Positions

**Excerpt from May 23, 2007:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Treasurer's office to bring back a plan on how to fill the CFO and Assistant position in 90 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried.

- Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the report on the plan on how to fill the CFO and Assistant positions, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 3. Trish King RE: OAHC Charter Amendment Jim Van Stippen

**Excerpt from August 15, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer back to the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation for submission with a resolution attached, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation Charter Amendment and Resolution 8-29-07-A to increase the board of directors terms of office from 4 years to 5 years effective with each new appointment, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 4. Bill Gollnick RE: Letter to State and Federal Representatives

**Excerpt from August 1, 2007:** Motion by Mercie Danforth to direct the Chief of Staff to develop a letter to state and federal representatives that addresses the issues raised by Hobart and other relevant issues, with draft letter brought back in two weeks, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from August 15, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve a two week deferral regarding letter to state and federal representatives, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the letter to state and federal representatives with the editorial change of the last paragraph, seconded line and other proofreading edits that might be necessary without changing the substance of the letter, seconded by Trish King. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.
  - 5. Debbie Thundercloud Re: Evaluation of the Child Care Parent Advisory Committee

**Excerpt from May 23, 2007:** Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the recommendation not post the vacancy for Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory

Oneida Business Committee Minutes of August 29, 2007 Page 4 of 11 Committee and to refer back to the General Manager for further analysis report on the status of the Oneida Child Care Parent Advisory Committee and recommendation on dissolution considering General Tribal Council action taken on September 13, 2003 regarding the fees, back in 60 days, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the evaluation of the Child Care Parent Advisory Committee and approve the recommendation to dissolve and adopt Resolution 8-29-07-B with the last resolves stating; NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Oneida Business Committee directs that Oneida Child Care tuition rates be approved by resolution to the Oneida Business Committee, NOW THEREFORE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Oneida Child Care tuition increases continue to be governed by the September 13, 2003 General Tribal Council decision requiring that increases are limited to 10 percent of the current rate in any prior 12-month period and approval by the Business Committee must be obtained 90 days prior to implementation of any tuition rate change to ensure that customers are provided adequate notice, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

# 9. New Business

#### a. Resolutions

- 1. Fred MuschavitchRE: Approval to Rescind Fee to Trust Resolution<br/>#12-07-05DD, Former Martin & Annette Bargabos<br/>Property for Incorrect Property Location & Incorrect<br/>Land use of Existing Residential & Agricultural.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve to rescind Fee to Trust Resolution #12-07-05-DD, former Martin & Annette Bargabos property for incorrect property location 201 North Main street, Canastota, New York 13032 and incorrect land use of existing residential & agricultural, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the corrected Resolution 8-29-07-C Former Martin and Annette Bargabos property for correct property location 2897 State Route 31 Canastota, New York 13032, and correct land use of tribal office, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 2. Bill Gollnick/Chris Johns RE: CY2008 Self Governance Reprogramming Request and Funding Agreement
- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt Resolution 8-29-07-D CY08 Self Governance Reprogramming request and Funding Agreement resolution and approve the FY08 Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians for Real Estate Appraisal Services, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion

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3. Bill Gollnick/Chris Johns

**RE: IHS Resolution** 

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- 4. Patty Hoeft/<br/>BC PlanningRE: Approve Resolution Conforming the Aug. 11,<br/>2007, Per Capita Motion to the Requirements of the<br/>Per Capita Ordinance
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 8-29-07-E conforming the August 11, 2007, Per Capita motion to the requirements of the Per Capita Ordinance, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

RE: Interpreting the Application of the Per Capita Ordinance to the General Tribal Council Action of August 11, 2007

- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer Interpreting the application of the Per Capita Ordinance to the General Tribal Council action of August 11, 2007 to the end of agenda, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to request the LOC to draft an emergency resolution describing how the August 11, 2007 one time special per capita payment will be processed in order to meet the deadlines and be brought back to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Ed Delgado, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.
  - b. Requests
  - 1. William Gollnick

RE: Town of Pittsfield Proposed Water Use Agreement

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Town of Pittsfield Proposed Water Use Agreement, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: Proclaim September as "National Native American Wellbriety Month

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Proclamation for September as "National Native American Wellbriety Month, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Business Committee Minutes of August 29, 2007 Page 6 of 11 3. Debbie Thundercloud

**RE:** Proposed Radio Station

- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to put together a well developed plan for proposing a Radio Station that would include the filing of a licensing application with the FCC so that we are prepared with a frequency that is available in this area in the future and bring back a status report to the Business Committee January 2008, seconded by Trish King. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.
  - 4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: IRPCC Board Nomination Butch Rentmeister
- Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the recommendation and nomination of Bruce Danforth of the Oneida Nation for the position of primary member to the Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee (IRPCC), seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King. Abstained: Mercie Danforth. Motion carried.
  - c. Travel Requests
  - 1. Kathy Hughes

RE: Canceled Travel to National Indian Health Board Conference, Portland Oregon, Sept 24-26, 2007

- Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the cancellation of travel to the National Indian Health Board Conference as FYI, seconded Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 2. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: Request for 3 O.N.E.S. Staff to Attend National Indian Education Association National Conference in Hawaii, October 25-28, 2007.(Funds Provided through grant funds)

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the request for three O.N.E.S. staff to attend the Nation Indian Education Association National Conference as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Mercie Danforth stated the Travel Policy states that departments will limit themselves to three people from the same department to travel and also states on special occasions if needed, additional personnel from the same department to attend, provided that written approval is given by the General Manager or Business Committee. When there is more than three, that is when you need approval.

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3. Patty Hoeft

RE: Tribal Secretary Request to Attend the Honoring Nations Symposium, Sept. 26-28, 2007 - Cambridge, MA(Travel Costs Will Be Covered by Secretary Hoeft Personally)

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Tribal Secretary's request to attend the Honoring Nations Symposium, Cambridge, MA, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 4. Kathy Hughes

RE: Request to travel to Indian Affairs Modernization Consultation, Sept 17, 2007, Pryor Lake, MN.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve travel to Indian Affairs Modernization Consultation, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

For the Record: Trish King stated she will oppose any travel requests during scheduled retreats.

10. Finance Committee - None

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

FOR CONSIDERATION Status of APA Amendments

**Excerpt from August 1, 2007**: Motion by Mercie Danforth to refer the Administrative Procedures Act back to LOC to review and that it be brought back to the August 29, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the status update and to defer the APA Amendments to the September 26, 2007 meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Trish King. Abstained: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

For the Record: Ed Delgado, states for the record I am abstaining because I am uncertain as to whether or not it needs to go back to General Tribal Council for approval, from my understanding it does but I am not sure, would like more time to review the information. It is my understanding that General Tribal Council created the APA but I am not sure, I didn't do the back up research on all of this, yet.

FOR CONSIDERATION	LOC Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2007

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept the LOC Meeting minutes of July 9, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

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Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the LOC Meeting minutes of July 23, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously .

FOR CONSIDERATION Adopting of the Amendments to the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the adoption Resolution 8-29-07-F amendments to the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Treasurer's Report 1:30 pm

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado, Vince Dela Rosa, Trish King. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Motion carried.

# 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

August 14, 2007 BC Planning Minutes

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Oneida Business Committee Planning minutes of August 14, 2007, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

# 14. Executive Staff Meeting

Executive Staff Minutes of August 2, 2007

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Executive Staff minutes of August 2, 2007 to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

## 15. Legislative Affairs Update

- 1. Federal Legislative Issues in Indian Country FYI
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to support the Federal Legislative Issues in Indian Country as FYI, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to recess until September 4, 2007, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado. Opposed: Trish King. Motion carried.

Oneida Business Committee Minutes of August 29, 2007 Page 9 of 11 Reconvened September 4, 2007@ 1:40 p.m. Present - Gerald Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Ed Delgado

- Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to go into Executive Session, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to go back into regular session, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

# 16. Executive Session

- a. Tabled Business None
- b. Old Business None
- c. New Business
  - 1. Patty Hoeft Cheryl Skolaski

RE: 76 New Enrollment Applications and 4 Relinquishment Requests

- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the 76 new enrollment applications and 4 relinquishments, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.
  - 2. Gerald Danforth David Webster

RE: Amendment to Assets Protection Solutions, LLC Contract

 Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the amendment to the Assets Protection Solutions, LLC Contract to not exceed \$16,000.00, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Kathy Hughes, Ed Delgado, Merice Danforth, Trish King. Abstained: Patty Hoeft, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Motion carried.

## d. Legislative Affairs Update

1. Equestrian Estate Issue

- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer the Equestrian Estate issue to the Chief of Staff Office for follow up, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Kathy Hughes, Patty Hoeft, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Motion carried.
  - e. Attorney Brief

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#### f. Audit Committee

Approval of Audit Committee Minutes of May 24, 2007

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Audit Committee minutes of May 24, 2007, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Audit Committee Minutes of June 11, 2007

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Audit Committee minutes of June 11, 2007, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
  - g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority None

#### Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on <u>September 26, 2007.</u>

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE