

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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 Sept. 23, 2009 Regular Meeting

### Minutes

**Present:** Kathy Hughes, vice-chair, Tina Danforth, treasurer, Patty Hoeft, secretary, Melinda Danforth, council member, Ed Delgado, council member, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., council member, Trish King, council member, Brandon Stevens, council member

**Others present:** Madelyn Genskow, Barb Skenandore, C.J. Skenandore, Pre Leverance, Rev. Earl Smith, Twylite Moore, Arlouine Bain, Debbie Danforth, Linda Mercier, Elaine Doxtator, Yvonne Metevier, Frank Cornelius, Sandee Mahn, Gerald Danforth, Kerry Rae Brunette, Gary Smith, Peril Huff, Rhiannan Metoxen, Marty Antone, Fred Muscavitch, Thomas E. Wilbur, Apache Danforth, Mindimoye, Pat Skenandore, Susan White, Nate Wisneski, Ernie Stevens III, Pat Cornelius, Rose Johnson, Pearl McLester, Carol Elm, Florence Petri, Lois Powless, C.L. Metoxen, M. Debraska, Lois Strong, Dan W. Skenandore, Paulette L., Terry Cornelius, Jim Van Stippen, Barb Kolitsch, Stacie Danforth, Cathy Bachhuber

**Opening prayer:** Richard Baird

**Recognitions:** Tina Danforth, Financial leadership by Native American Finance Officers Association

**I. Call to Order** by Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes at 9:03 a.m.

### II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the agenda with the following changes; move item no. 1 new business, cost containment recommendations for first half of FY 2010 to Resolutions, item no. 4, post-pone quarterly reports to the Business Committee meeting Oct. 14 at 5:15 p.m., schedule Land Claims report at 2 p.m. and add the draft letter from Chairman Hill about zoning and well permitting to Hobart as the last open item on the to agenda, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

### III. Oaths of Office

#### Oneida Appeals Commission

Linda Dallas not present

#### **IV. Minutes to be approved**

##### **1. Aug. 26 Business Committee minutes**

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Aug. 26 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

##### **2. Sept. 9 Business Committee minutes**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Sept. 9 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

##### **3. Sept. 15 Special Business Committee minutes**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Sept. 15 Special Business Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

#### **V. Reports**

##### **1. Stimulus Initiative report**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud/Jennifer Hill-Kelley

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Stimulus Initiative report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

##### **2. Oneida Recreation summer program report**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Oneida Recreation summer program report, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

#### **VI. Travel Reports**

#### **VII. Follow up Reports/BC Directives from Previous Meetings**

##### **1. Native American Group Consortium "P-Card" proposal by Seminole Tribe of Florida & SEED Inc.**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Native American Group Consortium "P-Card" proposal by Seminole Tribe of Florida & SEED Inc. for 60 days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

## **2. Contingency plans for operation**

Sponsor: Joint Executive Team

**Excerpt from Aug. 26:** Motion by Trish King to accept the Contingency Plan report and request a status report from the Sept. 23 Business Committee meeting with also a preview look at how this year's budget will impact the 2010 fiscal year budget, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to move follow up no. 2 Contingency plans for operations to resolution no. 4, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

## **VIII. General Tribal Council**

### **a. Petitions**

#### **1. Petition by Lilian King/Madelyn Genskow re: enrollments office location/status report**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the enrollments office location status report as FYI, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

### **b. Meetings**

#### **1. Continue Aug. 1 special GTC meeting business on Oct. 31, 2009**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the special GTC meeting business on Oct. 31, 2009 update report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

#### **2. Status of petition by Madelyn Genskow/Amelia Cornelius to purchase hyperbaric oxygen chamber**

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the hyperbaric oxygen chamber as FYI and request for additional information before Oct. 14, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

## **IX. New Business**

### **a. Resolutions**

#### **1. OTIE to seek and secure finances without first obtaining OBC approval**

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes/Butch Rentmeester

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer the Oneida Tribal Integrated Enterprises request re: language changes in their loan guaranty with M&I Bank to Chief Counsel for a legal analysis and to the Treasurer/CFO for a financial analysis due back at the Sept. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer to the Oct. 14 Business Committee to allow the Chief Financial Official and the Legal Council to work together with OTIE to bring back a recommendation to the Business Committee, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth

For the record: Tina Danforth opposed because this is not in the best interest of the tribe. It doesn't help to foster dependency financial and economically of the resources of the tribe and to increase our liability. We are going into a constraint financial era unfortunately with the economy. I promote OTIE growing on its own with its capabilities not on the shirt-tails of the tribe.

## **2. Resolution to Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth/Terry Cornelius

Motion by Trish King to adopt resolution 09-23-09-A Resolution to Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations for the Oneida Residential Central Care Community, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

## **3. Continuing to operate in FY 2010-2012**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Continuing to Operate in FY 2010-2012 resolution to the Joint Executive Team with a recommendation at the Sept. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 09-23-09-B Continuing to operate in FY 2010 (FY 2010 – 2012 Budget Cycle), seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

## **4. Cost containment recommendations for first half of FY 2010**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the following process for adopting the FY 2010 budget; 1. Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer to conduct a series of work meetings for the Business Committee and Joint Executive Team to review the FY 2010 budget line by line, education scholarship increase proposal and the petition to purchase the hyperbaric oxygen chamber during the period of Sept. 28 through Oct. 9, 2. Schedule a special Business Committee meeting on Oct. 12 starting at 9 a.m. for the Business Committee to adopt the FY 2010 Budget and authorize it to go to GTC and if the Business Committee is unable to come to a decision on Oct. 12 that the meeting be recessed and re-convened on Oct. 13 until they make a decision, 3. Schedule a special Business Committee meeting on Oct. 19 starting at 9 a.m. for the Business Committee to approve the GTC agenda and agenda packet that will go to the printer for mailing to GTC, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention.

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 09-23-09-C Emergency Resolution Implementing Spending Restrictions and Cost Containment For the First Six Months of FY 2010 (FY 2010 – 2012 Budget Cycle), seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried with three abstentions:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Trish King,

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Brandon Stevens

Amendment to the motion by Patty Hoeft that the Joint Executive Team, Treasurer and CFO management provide a report to the Business Committee by Sept. 25 listing the savings for each of the eleven items in the resolution, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

## **b. Requests**

### **1. Restructure of Oneida food pantry**

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth

Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the General Manager to re-open the food pantry within the next two weeks and to re-establish whatever food was in there to make it functional with the volunteers, workers, and food to serve the people and there needs to be in compliance with any audit findings be addressed and a report be brought back to the Oct. 14 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Tina Danforth to recess until 1:30 p.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes at 1:32 p.m.

Present: Ed Delgado, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Melinda Danforth and Patty Hoeft arrived at 1:35 p.m., Tina Danforth arrived at 1:40 p.m.

### **2. SEOTS board need for funds to finish FY 2009**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to deny the request for additional funding with the understanding that SEOTS Board will work with accounting to address this issue because there is money in the budget, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Tina Danforth

### **3. Restructure and realign the divisions under the General Manager**

Sponsor: Trish King/Kathy Hughes

Motion by Melinda Danforth to direct the General Manager to access the functions of the areas under her responsibility and identify re-structure recommendations based upon three components; 1. Programs and services, 2. Enterprises, 3. Internal services and that a preliminary review report be completed by Dec. 2009 with a final recommendation by April 1, 2010, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Tina Danforth

### **4. Michael Best & Fredrich LLP contract approval for HIPPA services**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Michael Best & Fredrich LLP contract for HIPPA services, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Tina Danforth

### **5. Native American Rights Fund donation request**

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Ed Delgado to deny the request based on the recently passed contingency resolution, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

### **6. Letter to President Obama supporting National Indian Gaming Commission leadership appointments**

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the letter to President Obama supporting Nation Indian Gaming Commission leadership appointment, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

### **7. Support Norm DesRosiers for National Indian Gaming Commission re-appointment**

Sponsor: Rick Hill

No action taken.

### **8. Retro-approve Councilman Steven's testimony for the Passage of Indian Child Welfare Act public hearing**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick/Tana Aquirre

Motion by Patty Hoeft to retro-approve Councilman Brandon Steven's testimony for the passage of Indian Child Welfare Act public hearing, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**9. Oneida Police Commission Brabazon Law Offices contract**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House/Bernie John-Stevens

Motion by Tina Danforth to deny the Brabazon Law Offices contract request, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Motion by Melinda Danforth to table the Brabazon Law Office contract request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft,  
Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth

**10. ADT contract for security services at Oneida Health Center at 1:30 p.m.**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the ADT contract for security services at the Oneida Health Center, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

Abstained: Trish King

**c. Travel Requests**

**1. Retro-approve Deputy Assistant Secretary Del Laverdure and Policy Advisor Wizi Garriot meeting in Washington D.C., Sept. 21-22**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens

Motion by Melinda Danforth to retro-approve Councilman Brandon Steven's travel to Washington D.C. Sept. 21 and 22, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**2. IHS Health Research Advisory Council meeting Nov. 12, Catoosa, OK**

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve travel request for Kathy Hughes to attend IHS Health Research Advisory Council meeting Nov. 12 in Catoosa, OK, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**3. Attorney General Indian Country Listening Session & OVW 2009 Tribal Consultation Minneapolis, MN Oct. 28-30**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to withdraw his travel request based on the passed cost containment resolution, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**4. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Land Consolidation Symposium Oct. 26-30 Catoosa, OK**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Trish King to withdraw her travel request, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**5. Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee meeting Oct. 19-21 Grand Portage, MN**

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Melinda to approve travel for Councilman Hill to attend Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee meeting Oct. 19 through 21 in Grand Portage, MN, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Trish King,  
Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

**X. Community Development Planning Committee**

**1. July 2 CDPC minutes**

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the July 2 Community Development Planning Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**2. Aug. 6 CDPC minutes**

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Aug. 6 Community Development Planning Committee minutes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention.

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft,  
Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Tina Danforth

**3. Sept. 3 CDPC minutes**

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Sept. 3 Community Development Planning Committee minutes, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

Motion by Trish King to defer the action items on the follow up memo to the budget meetings, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Trish King to defer the cultural center development to the Business Committee budget meetings, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

Motion by Tina Danforth to deny the request for the Environmental Resource Board of \$25,000 in 2010. Motion failed for no second.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the request by the Environmental Resource Board of \$25,000 for FY 2010 to the Business Committee budget meeting starting Sept. 28, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth,

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve a letter to the Trust Committee and that the Chair of the Community Development Planning Committee Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. will send out and defer the resolution to GTC until we have the follow up from the Trust Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Tina Danforth

## **XI. Finance Committee**

## **XII. Legislative Operating Committee**

### **1. Sept. 2 LOC minutes**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Sept. 2 Legislative Operating Committee minutes, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

### **2. Adoption of the Marriage Law public hearing Nov. 10**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve setting Nov. 10 as the public hearing date to consider adoption of the marriage law, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**3. Adoption of the Divorce, Annulment, Legal Separation Law public hearing Nov. 10**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the public hearing date on Nov. 10 for adoption of the Divorce, Annulment, Legal Separation law, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish  
King, Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Melinda Danforth

**4. Real Property Law amendments public hearing Nov. 10**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the public hearing date of Nov. 10 to hear the amendments to the Real Property law amendments, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**5. Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance amendments resolution**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the resolution 09-23-09-D Adoption of Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance (ONGO) Amendments, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**6. Repeal of the burial endowment fund policy resolution**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to adopt the resolution 09-23-09-E Adoption of the burial endowment fund policy resolution, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**7. Oneida Higher Education scholarship and tiered funding forward to the Nov. 21 GTC meeting**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Trish King to defer the Oneida Higher Education scholarship and tiered funding to the Oct. 14 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft,  
Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

## 8. Children's Burial Fund policy emergency resolution

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to table to the end of the meeting, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Trish King adopt resolution 09-23-09-F Children's Burial Fund Policy Emergency Resolution, with the following language; Be It Finally Resolved that the Trust Enrollment Committee has the discretion to consider extending burial benefits for those children who are eligible for benefits at the time of their death, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft,  
Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Tina Danforth

## 9. Letter to Hobart

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Ed Delgado to retro-approve the letter to President Heidel regarding wells, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Ed Delgado to retro-approve the letter to President Heidel regarding zoning, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

## XIV. Executive Session

Motion by Ed Delgado to go into executive session at 2:33 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Brandon Stevens to come out of executive session at 3:27 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

### a. Unfinished Business

#### 1. Review of all aspects of Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus

Sponsor: Jo Ann House/Larry Barton

**Excerpt from Aug. 12:** Motion by Ed Delgado to have the Chief Counsel and Chief Financial Officer to come back in 30 days with report to determine if any possible conflict of interest exists with staff connected with the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus program, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the review of all aspects of Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus to the Sept. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken.

## **2. Railroad easement**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens

**Excerpt from July 22:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to ask Councilman Brandon Stevens to take the lead in dealing with the railroad easement issue and to bring us back monthly reports on progress, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Brandon Stevens to defer the railroad easement to the Sept. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken.

## **3. Business venture with Oneida Airport Hotel Corp.**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the business venture with Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation to the Chief Financial Officer for a report and recommendation at the Sept. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken.

## **4. Federal lobbyist Carlyle Consulting contract for FY 2010**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick/Nathan King

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the federal lobbyist contract for FY2010 update and receive a recommendation at the Sept. 23 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken.

## **5. Chief of Staff employment contract**

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the recommendation of having the Chairman as a single point of contact for the Chief of Staff contract, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Sept. 9:** Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to approve the recommendation negotiation of the Chief of Staff contract, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with two opposed.

No action taken.

## **6. Seven Generations investment opportunity**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens/Kevin Cornelius

**Excerpt from Sept. 15:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to support the Life Settlement Investment proposal by JNC Advisory Services as presented by Seven Generations Corporation and direct the Chief Counsel and Treasurer/CFO to bring back authorizing documents for consideration by the Business Committee at the Sept. 23 regular meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Melinda Danforth to accept the Life Settlement investment opportunity as FYI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**b. New Business**

**1. 95 Oneida enrollment applicants**

Sponsor: Trust/Enrollments/Cheryl Skolaski

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the 95 Oneida enrollment applicants, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**2. Gaming General Manager contract**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

No action taken.

**3. Design project along Highway 41 presentation**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick

No action taken.

**4. State lobbyist Jim Tenuta contract FY 2010**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick/Nathan King

No action taken.

**5. Personnel complaint dated Sept. 17**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the personnel complaint dated Sept. 17 as FYI, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft,  
Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Tina Danforth

**6. R.W. Baird contract following recent bond applications approved by the IRS**

Sponsor: Larry Barton/Terry Cornelius

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the R.W. Baird contract following recent bond applications approved by the IRS, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Trish King

## **7. General Manager employment contract**

Sponsor: Trish King

No action taken.

## **8. Personnel complaint dated Sept. 18**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Patty Hoeft to send a letter to the tribal employee who submitted a complaint that we received on Sept. 18 and that letter will be referred to the General Manager to follow the regular process to deal with this matter, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention.

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Opposed: Tina Danforth

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

For the record: Ed Delgado supported the motion but his position on this issue needs to be followed through in a very fair and an independent manner.

For the record: Melinda Danforth re-accused herself because of personal conflict.

For the record: Tina Danforth opposed because it just creates another level of bureaucracy to deal with a matter that the General Manager should have dealt with in the first place, because when it gets to the appeal level, its going to end up there anyway. She also opposed it for the reason only speaking with the General Manager and not the complainant.

## **c. Reports**

### **1. New York Land Claims settlement update and retro-approval of development agreement changes**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick/Jo Anne House

Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the New York land claims verbal update, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Brandon Stevens to consent to cordish entering into a non-disclosure agreement with third party [name redacted under section 7.4-1 (a) of the Open Records and Open Meetings Law to protect confidential information third party name is in confidential records] for the purposes of reviewing documentation and specifically requiring separate approval for the purposes of authorizing any project subject to section 2.1(a) of the Development Agreement, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

Abstention: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth

For the record: Melinda Danforth recused herself from this item.

## 2. General Manager report

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

No action taken.

## 3. Attorney Brief

Sponsor: Jo Anne House

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the assignment as the Treasurer to serve as a Business Committee representative in a case between HRD and the Business Committee, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

## XV. Adjourn

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to adjourn at 3:36 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Oct. 14, 2009.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE