

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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



UGWA DEMOLUM 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 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2008

Noon 12:00 p.m.

Business Committee Conference Room

Members: Rick Hill - Chair
Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair
Patty Hoeft - Secretary

Edward Delgado - Council member
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member
Brandon Stevens - Council member
Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member
Trish King - Council member

Excused: Tina Danforth - Treasurer

Others Present: Mindimoye, Jim VanStippen, Kitty Melchert, Brian Beaulieu, Fred Muscavitch, Ted Hawk, Pat Cornelius, James Elm, Pete King III, Paul K. Ninham, Leon White, Julie Denny, Racquel Hill, Sharrell Hill, Nate Wisneski, Louise Cornelius, Jackie Smith, John Breninger, Diane House, Marjorie E. Stevens, Rhiannan Metoxen, Pricilla Dessart, Sherole Benton, Leanne M. Doxtater, Michelle Klarowski, Paul Hockers, Peter D. King, Nathan King, Beverly DeCoteau, Bill Williams, Susan White, Twylite Moore, Apache Danforth, Cheryl Stevens, Kim Nishimoto

Opening: Paul Ninham

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Rick Hill at 12:10 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the agenda, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to amend the main motion to add an executive session item to the agenda to allow the Committee to go into discussion about strategy regarding Thornberry Creek Country Club and Golf Course acquisition, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Regular Session

1. Rick Hill RE: Thornberry Creek Country Club and Golf Course acquisition

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to proceed with the purchase the Thornberry Creek Country Club and Golf Course, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Oppose: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Ed Delgado: For the record, my opposition is because I believe it to be a violation of a General Tribal Council resolution.

Rick Hill: For the record, there's a limited opportunity we lose our first option if the Committee didn't proceed here and if we had the luxury of time we would do that. But if the Business Committee is in charge of the day to day responsibilities and reflect on the last whereas, now therefore be it resolved, that gives the authority to the Business Committee to act to the best interest to the tribe for our oath office and our responsibilities.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the letter being sent out that was drafted for us to the tribal citizens regarding the activities that we are taking on the Thornberry but also to make one correction. That is on second page, first paragraph, second line to change the word "without" to "with", seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstain: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to recess for 10 minutes at 1:32 p.m., seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to come back into session at 3:28 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Adopt Expenditure Authorization and Reporting Requirements Resolution

Action: Motion by Trish King to move agenda #3 to #2 moving Melinda's adoption expenditure authorization resolution to the #2 position, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt Resolution #10-09-08-A Expenditure Authorization and Reporting Requirements with the change of the fourth resolved be changed from \$500,000 to \$250,000, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Sub-sequent motion by Brandon Stevens to direct Councilwoman Danforth's office to develop a plan and implementation with the Treasurer to be carried out in the FY09, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Melinda J. Danforth: For the record, this resolution is not intended to be a long term fix to the permanent process, but a rather short term fix until we can deal with the larger problem.

Trish King: Point of clarification, just to note the statement of effect needs to be updated to reflect the change on the third further resolved of the resolution.

3. Rick Hill

RE: BC recommendations regarding
Madelyn Genskow petitions

Non-Confidential Information

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to support the Non-Confidential Information recommendation of the Business Committee regarding the statement on the application form and to not to support the adoption of the proposed resolution because we already changed the application form, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to prepare a memo for the General Tribal Council packet recommending that the Business Committee adopt the resolution that the applications about confidentiality for Boards, Committees, and Commissions applicants be changed, seconded by Ed Delgado.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Business Committee recommendation regarding Non-Confidential Information resolution, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Note: Suggestion by a GTC member to address item #3 Thornberry Creek.

Action: Motion by Trish King to move agenda item #3 to #1 regarding the Thornberry Creek Country Club and Golf Course acquisition at 12:32 p.m., seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to take the resolution from the table regarding the Non-confidential Information, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to go into executive session at 3:34 p.m. for Thornberry, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to come out of executive session at 4:02 p.m., seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Seven Generations

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the recommendation regarding Seven Generations Corporation to not adopt the petitioner's resolution and the BC recommends the adoption of an alternative resolution, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Disestablishment of Oneida Venture Fund

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to not recommend adopting the resolution regarding the Establishment for the Venture Fund and to recommend the 2.9 million dollars allocated in the venture fund be transferred to the land acquisition fund in the FY2009 budget and suspend any further activity in the venture fund until policies and procedures are reviewed and approved by the General Tribal Council, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Burial Fund Increase

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Business Committee recommendation regarding the Burial Fund to defer this resolution to the January General Tribal Council meeting at which the FY2009 Budget is expected to be presented, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Restictions

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens that the Oneida Business Committee take no action on the proposed resolution regarding Expenditure Restrictions because there was a resolution adopted on October 9, 2008 regarding expenditure and authorization and reporting requirements that was approved, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Personnel Commission Membership

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to support the Business Committee recommendation regarding the Oneida Personnel Commission Membership resolution and this be adopted with the following clarifying amendment, Now therefore be it resolved that management, for purposes of this resolution, includes the following positions: General Manager - Assistant General Manager, Division Directors; Gaming General Manager - Assistant Gaming General Manager and Directors; Chief Financial Officer - Chief Financial Advisor and Controller, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to support Oneida Business Committee recommendation to not adopt the resolution regarding Executive Session because the petitioner's resolution too narrowly restricts the reasons when a meeting can be convened into closed session and that the current open meetings and records law of the tribe addresses it, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Non-Confidentiality

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to support the adoption of the resolution regarding Non-confidentially Information, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Reporting to GTC

Action: Motion by Trish King to recommend the petitioner's resolution regarding the Treasurer Reporting to GTC not be adopted and recommend the adoption of the alternative resolution, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Prior GTC Directives

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to support the Business Committee recommendation regarding Prior General Tribal Council Directives Resolution and not to adopt the petitioner's resolution as we have taken steps to better track General Tribal Council directives and to report them to the General Tribal Council, seconded by Trish King. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Trish King to recommend that this resolution regarding Prior General Tribal Council Directives Resolution not be adopted because most of the directives have been completed and the Business Committee is developing a more efficient tracking system for following progress on General Tribal Council actions, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried. For: Patty Hoeft, Trish King, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Ed Delgado: For the record, I abstain because I do believe we do need an amendment that notifies BC members when you don't abide by General Tribal Council directives you due subject yourself to removal.

Melinda J. Danforth: For the record, I abstain because I didn't catch it going through all those things there. I thought there was a lot of good information that Jo Anne provided to us in terms of going through all the agendas for the last how many years and she provided some statistics for us. That would have been helpful. It's a little too vague for me.

Action: Motion by Trish King to amend the letter to state the purchase prices of 10.5 vs. 10 million dollars, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Trish King stated on the recommendation regarding executive session resolution the last paragraph says "a current tribal meetings law" should state the correct title of the "Open Records and Open Meetings Law."

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to recess until 11:00 a.m. Oct. 10, 2008, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES
SPECIAL RECONVENED MEETING
October 10, 2008
11:00 a.m.
Business Committee Conference Room**

Members: Rick Hill - Chair
Kathy Hughes – Vice Chair
Edward Delgado - Council member
Melinda J. Danforth - Council member
Brandon Stevens – Council member
Trish King - Council member

Excused: Tina Danforth – Treasurer, Patty Hoeft - Secretary, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member

Others Present: None

Reconvened meeting called to order by Chairman Rick Hill at 11:11 a.m.

b. Requests

1. Rick Hill RE: BC recommendations regarding Madelyn Genskow petitions

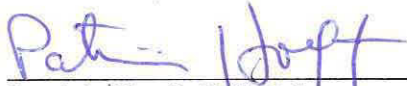
Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the packet to present the resolutions in the order of: 1. Non-Confidential Information 2. Disestablishment of Oneida Venture Fund 3. Oneida Personnel Commission Membership 4. Burial Fund Increase 5. Oneida Seven Generations Corporation. 6. Executive Session 7. Expenditure Restrictions 8. Treasurer Reporting to GTC 9. Prior GTC Directives, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Executive Session

5. Recess/Adjourn

Action: Motion by Brandon Stevens to adjourn at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on March 11, 2009.



Patricia Hoelt, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE