



Onedidas 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

#### NOVEMBER 21, 2007

#### Business Committee Conference Room

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

#### Excused:

**Others Present:** Mindimaye, John Hill, Jodie Skenandore, Chris Cornelius, Jim Van Stippen, L. Bowman, Larry King, Joe Danforth, Tamar Cornelius, Florence Petri, Lois Strong, Byron Wagner, Barb Metoxen, Pete King III, Curtis Danfoerth, Judy Cornelius, Linda Dallas, Teresa Berger, Racquel Hill, J. Skenandore, Julie Cornelius, Julie Denny, Pearl McLester, Laura Manthe, Marty Antone, Pam Danforth, Kitty Melchert, Marsha Danforth, Warren Skenandore, Wanda Diemel, Troy Parr, Charlene Smith, Noreen Smith, Wayne Metoxen, Cheryl Skolaski, Jennifer Hill Kelly, Christine Klimmek, Wayne Skenandore, Scott Doxtator, Cathy Bachhuber

**Opening Prayer:** Paul Ninham

**Special Recognitions:** General Manager Debbie Thundercloud recognized that three \$500 grants were awarded to three different schools on behalf of Oneida Retail/Exxon Mobil and the Oneida Nation.

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Gerald Danforth at 9:10 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office** administered by Chairman Gerald Danforth

**Oneida Environmental Board**

Chris Cornelius- Present

Pamela Johns Danforth-Present\*

Al Manders-Not Present

**Oneida Personnel Commission**

Jodie C. Skenandore-Present

**Veterans Affairs**

Russell Metoxen administered by Vince DelaRosa on Nov. 9, 2007

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve agenda of Nov. 21 with noted changes: Housing Report will be first item on agenda, delete Regular Session request #3, move regular minutes of Oct. 24, 2007 under tabled business, Regular Session request #11 will be discussed right after Reports, move into Executive Session right after discussion of Regular Session request #11 and then back into the remainder of Regular Session agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Minutes to be Approved**

Regular Minutes of Nov. 7, 2007

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to table the regular minutes of Nov. 7, 2007, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Need to double check page 4 of 10 and second motion regarding NCAI presidential endorsement.

**5. Tabled Business**

Regular Minutes of Oct. 24, 2007

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Trish King to table the Oct. 24, 2007 minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Remains on the Table

**6. Reports**

a. Bay Bank (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Bay Bank quarterly report, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Bay Bank quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Environmental Resource Board (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Ted Hawk - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the Environmental Resource Board quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Environmental Resource Board quarterly report, seconded Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (Quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Lance Broberg - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Airport Hotel Corporation quarterly report with the next report including a summary of the total financial impacts and a summary of the strategic plans to improve the food and beverage revenues, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Oneida Housing Authority (Monthly)  
Susan House

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Oneida Housing Authority report and direct the General Manager to come back with a report on what can take place to answer the issues raised today, such as, but not limited to: rent increases, housing policy in regards to designated purposes for the Three Sisters Housing site, develop standard tenant meetings and possibilities of looking at the issue of neighborhood committees, with a report due back by Jan. 9, 2008, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to move into Executive Session and to go back into regular session at 1:30 p.m. for discussion of request #11 regarding the Per Capita garnishment, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m.

Back into Regular Session at 1:33 p.m.

## **7. Travel Reports**

1. Vince DelaRosa RE: Legislative Issues - Chicago, IL Aug. 17 - 19, 2007

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the travel report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the Legislative Issues - Chicago, IL Aug. 17-19, 2007 Travel Report to December 5, 2007, seconded by Kathy Hughes. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Trish King. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried.

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

1. Chief Counsel RE: Resolution Establishing Policy for Wage and Salary Compensation System for the Tribe on an annual basis

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to establish the policy that the Business Committee will approve the wage and salary compensation system for the tribe on an annual basis, that Chief Counsel prepare a resolution with this policy for approval by the Business Committee at the regular Nov. 21, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to defer the resolution establishing policy for wage and salary compensation system for the tribe on an annual basis to LOC for further review, back in 30 days, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chief Counsel RE: Resolution Establishing Policy For Any Organizational Change to Create or Dissolve Divisions and Business Units of the Tribe

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to establish the policy that the Business Committee will approve any organizational change to create or dissolve divisions and business units of the Tribe; that Chief Counsel prepare a resolution with this policy for approval by the Business Committee at the regular Nov. 21, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Paul Ninham, Melinda J. Danforth, Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth. Abstained: Trish King. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the resolution establishing policy for any organizational change to create or dissolve divisions and business units of the Tribe to LOC for a history on the organizational structure, back in 30 days, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft

RE: Waterfowl Complaint follow-up request

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer the waterfowl complaint to the General Manager's office for status report at next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the waterfowl complaint follow-up request to the Dec. 5, 2007 agenda for a written report from the General Manager, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft

RE: Rescheduling GTC Meeting date regarding Linda Dallas petition

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the rescheduling of the GTC meeting date to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer rescheduling of a GTC meeting date regarding the Linda Dallas petition to the Dec. 5, 2007 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously

5. Gerald Danforth

RE: Airport Hotel Corporation Board Recommendation

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to refer the Airport Hotel Board recommendation to Chair's office, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the recommendation to appoint David Bischoff to the Airport Hotel Corporation Board, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Resolutions**

1. Debbie Thundercloud  
Cheryl Stevens, Marsha Danforth

RE: Request to approve resolution to authorize and submit a grant application to the State of WI, Department of Justice for the 2008 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant in Collaboration with Brown County Sheriff's Department for an amount up to \$34,527

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Resolution 11-21-07- A to authorize and submit a grant application to the State of WI, Dept. of Justice for the 2008 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant in collaboration with Brown County Sheriff's Department for an amount up to \$34,527, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud  
Cheryl Stevens, Marsha Danforth
- RE: Request to approve resolution to authorize and submit a grant application to the State of WI Department of Justice for the 2008 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant in Collaboration with Outagamie County Sheriff's Department for an amount up to \$31,801

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Resolution 11-21-07- B to authorize and submit a grant application to the State of WI Department of Justice for the 2008 County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant in collaboration with Outagamie County Sheriff's Dept. for an amount up to \$34,527, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud
- RE: Request Approval of Fee to Trust Resolution Former Golden Pond Park II, LLC Property and Approval of Fee to Trust Warranty Deed for the Same Property

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve Resolution 11-21-07- C to approve Fee to Trust Resolution Former Golden Pond Park II, LLC Property, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve Fee to Trust Warranty Deed for the Former Golden Pond Park II, LLC Property, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Debbie Thundercloud  
Barbara Metoxen
- RE: National Alliance of Tribal TANF Resolution

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve Resolution 11-21-07- D, National Alliance of Tribal TANF with changes to include Barbara Metoxen as designee and Kathy Hughes as alternate, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Requests**

1. Gerald Danforth
- RE: Recommendation to the Fill One Vacancy on the Oneida Pow Wow Committee

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the recommendation of Floyd Silas Sr. to

the Oneida Pow Wow Committee, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Doctoral Thesis -Neil Trottier - FYI  
(PDF document on G: Drive)

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the letter to Mr. Trottier asking him to make four major changes to thesis, then resubmit thesis to the Business Committee with final changes, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Melinda J. Danforth RE: Request General Manager to Appoint a Person  
to Serve on Wisconsin NAIG Committee and  
Develop Internal Task Force to Handle Indigenous  
Games Communications

Deleted

4. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Requesting approval of site  
Butch Rentmeester, Troy Parr corrections to be made for addressing the  
Water/flooding Issues at the Oneida Cemetery along  
with a request for funding those corrections-CIP  
#06-008

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to activate funds for the site corrections to be made for addressing the water/flooding issues at the Oneida Cemetery along with a request for funding those corrections-CIP #06-008 from the 2008 CIP budget, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Patty Hoeft RE: Recommendation to Post 4 Vacancies on the  
OEDA Board

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to delete this item from the agenda, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Neil Cornelius RE: Request to approve Facility License Renewals  
for Main Casino and IMAC

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the facility license renewals for the Main Casino and IMAC, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Kathy Hughes RE: Request from the Oneida Relay for Life

Relay for Life Committee

Committee to use the Vendor List to contact vendors for monetary or gift donations to the Annual Relay for Life Event Scheduled July 2008

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Oneida Relay for Life Committee to use the vendor list to contact vendors for monetary or gift donations to the Annual Relay for Life event scheduled July 2008, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Melinda J. Danforth

RE: Request to approve the recommendation of appointing Melinda J. Danforth to WI Department of Corrections Religious Practices Committee

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the recommendation of appointing Melinda J. Danforth to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Religious Practices Committee, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.

9. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: Request approval to proceed with one of four options utilizing previously approved CIP Funds for the NHC Phase VI Renovation - CIP Project #06-013.

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the approval to proceed with one of four options utilizing previously approved CIP funds for the NHC Phase VI Renovation-CIP Project #06-013 to the January Business Committee Planning agenda, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Trish King. Motion carried.

10. Patty Hoeft

RE: Request to cancel the Oneida Business Committee Meeting of January 2, 2008

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the recommendation to cancel the Oneida Business Committee meeting of Jan. 2, 2008 and to start the calendar year for the 2008 Business Committee meetings on Jan. 9, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Tamara Cornelius

RE: Request regarding the December 2007 Per Garnishment

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to amend the Per Capita Ordinance and allow 75 percent of the one-time payment to be garnished for child support payments or debts owed to the tribe, seconded by Paul Ninham. For: Kathy Hughes, Paul Ninham, Patty Hoeft.



Opposed: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Mercie Danforth, Ed Delgado. Motion failed.

**c. Travel Requests - None**

**10. Finance Committee - None**

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

For Consideration: Jan. 8, 2008 Public Hearing Date for Political  
Appointments: Oneida Business Committee Law

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Jan. 8, 2008 public hearing date for political appointments: Oneida Business Committee Law, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Treasurer's Report - 1:30 pm**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Treasurer's Report to the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Oneida Business Committee Planning - None**

**14. Executive Staff Meeting -None**

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Indian Health Care Improvement Act Update
2. Farm Bill Update

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Legislative Affairs update report as FYI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Comments on Facility License Standards (Chief Counsel Jo Anne House)**

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the comments on facility license standards, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session at 3:27 p.m.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to go into Executive Session, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Session at 4:30 p.m.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to go into Regular Session, seconded by Ed Delgado.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**

**a. Tabled Business - None**

**b. Old Business**

1. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Attorney Charlene Smith Contract

**Excerpt from November 7, 2007:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to refer the attorney contract for Charlene Smith to the General Manager for further follow-up, and report back to the Business Committee agenda November 21, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve Attorney Charlene Smith Contract Addendum extension to December 8, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. New Business**

1. Paul Ninham RE: National Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to accept the NRDA report, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Cheryl Skolaski RE: Request to approve 223 new enrollment applications

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the request to approve 223 new enrollment applications, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Debbie Thundercloud RE: Oneida Housing Authority Update (Verbal)

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the Oneida Housing Authority verbal update, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs Update**

**e. Attorney Brief**

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to direct the Law Office to continue to pursue matters regarding tribal debt, appeal motion for injunctive relief, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Kathy Hughes, Mercie Danforth, Patty Hoeft, Vince DelaRosa, Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Opposed: Ed Delgado. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to deny compliance with Federal Tax levy, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

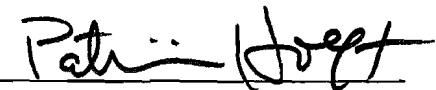
**f. Audit Committee - None**

**g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - None**

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn at 4:33 p.m., seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on Dec. 5, 2007.**

  
Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE