

**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 MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**November 26, 2008**

**Business Committee Conference Room**

**Present:** Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair      Edward Delgado - Council member  
Tina Danforth - Treasurer      Melinda J. Danforth - Council member  
Patty Hoeft - Secretary      Brandon Stevens - Council member  
Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. - Council member  
Trish King - Council member

**Excused:** Rick Hill - Chair

**Others Present:** Barb Skenandore, Eleanora Smith, Jim Van Stippen, Barb Dickson, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberias, Jeff Mears, Rhiannon Metoxen, Lance Broberg, Wanda Diemel, Julie Denny, Wayne Skenandore, Grace Kohler, Racquel Hill, B. Pigman, Geraldine Danforth

**Opening Prayer:** LeAnne Thompson

**Special Recognitions:**

1. **Call to Order** Vice Chair Kathy Hughes at 9:06 a.m.
2. **Oath of Office**

**Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services**

Jackie Zalim – administered by Tribal Secretary Patty Hoeft on Nov. 15, 2008

3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. **Additions**
  - b. **Deletions** Legislative Affairs Government-to-government
  - c. **Moves** old business #2 Bank of America to 11:30 in Executive Session
4. **Minutes to be Approved**

October 9, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes

**Excerpt from Nov. 12, 2008:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oct. 9, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes to the Nov. 26 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Oct. 9, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes to the Dec. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

November 12, 2008 Oneida Business Committee minutes

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Nov. 12, 2008 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

## **5. Tabled Business**

October 16, 2008 Special Business Committee minutes

**Excerpt from Nov. 12, 2008:** Remains on table.

Action: Remains on table.

## **6. Reports**

a. Oneida Housing (monthly)  
Susan House – submitted

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the Indian Housing Plan to be a yearly report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion withdrawn.

Action: Motion by Trish King to recind the amendment of June 30, 2008 requiring monthly reports from the Housing Director and instead report per the request of the Interim Program Manager of the Nov. 18, 2008 memo, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. For: Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Oppose: Ed Delgado. Abstained: Tina Danforth, Patty Hoeft. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Housing monthly report, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Environmental Resource Board (quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Laura Manthe – submitted

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the Environmental Resource Board quarterly report to the Dec. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Bay Bank (quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Steve Jennerjohn – submitted

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Bay Bank quarterly report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Trish King to request the Treasurer and CFO to access the concept of putting more tribal accounts into Bay Bank and identify the risks and to report back to the Business Committee in 60 days, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation (quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Lance Broberg – submitted

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation quarterly report, seconded by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously

- e. Oneida Personnel Commission (quarterly: Feb/May/Aug/Nov)  
Genevieve Gollnick – submitted

Action: Motion by Trish King to defer the Oneida Personnel Commission report to the Dec. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Travel Reports

1. Ed Delgado RE: Approve Head Start Consultation Meeting in Phoenix, AZ Sept. 11, 2008

Action: Motion by Ron “Tehassi” Hill Jr. to approve the travel report regarding the Head Start Consultation meeting in Phoenix, AZ Sept. 11, 2008, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Approve NCAI convention in Phoenix, AZ Oct. 19-24, 2008

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the travel report regarding the National Congress of American Indians convention in Phoenix, AZ Oct. 19 through 24, 2008, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kathy Hughes RE: Approve Bemidji Area Indian Health Joint Tribal/Federal/Urban Health Programs Meeting in Minneapolis, MN Oct. 28-30, 2008

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel report regarding Bemidji Area Indian Health Joint Tribal/Federal /Urban Health program in Minneapolis, MN Oct. 28 through 30, 2008, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to recommend Vice Chair Kathy Hughes to serve on the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee and request the Chairman to forward that nomination to Dr. Annette, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Brandon Stevens RE: Approve United Tribes Technical College Scholarship Fundraiser in New York, NY Oct. 30-31, 2008

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the travel report regarding the United Tribes Technical Scholarship Fundraiser in New York, NY Oct. 30 through 31, 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Brandon Stevens RE: Approve NCAI 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribe Convention Show in Phoenix, AZ Oct. 19-22, 2008

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the travel report regarding the National Congress of American Indians travel report in Phoenix, AZ Oct. 19 through 22, 2008, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Evening meeting for reports

**Excerpt from Nov. 12, 2008:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer to the evening meeting for reports to the Nov. 26 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to refer the evening meeting for reports to the Tribal Secretary's office and to report with the finalizations at the Dec. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9. New Business

### a. Resolutions

1. Patty Hoeft RE: Oneida Business Committee meetings every second and fourth Wednesday each month

Action: Motion by Trish King to refer the resolution regarding Business Committee meetings every second and fourth Wednesday each month to the Tribal



Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to have the location the GTC Jan 5, 2009 at the Radisson with registration at 4 p.m. and the meeting starting at 6 p.m. and to have an inclement weather date at Dec. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Patty Hoeft RE: Cancel Dec. 24 Business Committee regular meeting

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the cancellation of the Dec. 24 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Travel Requests**

1. Kathy Hughes RE: Notice of MAST Impact week in Washington D.C. Feb. 15-18, 2009 and to authorize BC members who want to participate

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve procedural exception for any Business Committee member to attend MAST Impact week in Washington D.C. Feb. 15 through 18, 2009, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ed Delgado RE: Approve to attend the Tribal Court Assistance Program (TCAP) Training in Palm Springs, CA Dec. 8-10, 2008

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve Councilman Delgado to attend the Tribal Court Assistance Program Training in Palm Springs, CA Dec. 8 through 10, 2008, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Patty Hoeft RE: Procedural Exception to attend President Obama Inauguration in Washington D.C. Jan. 18-22, 2009

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the procedural exception for Business Committee members, Chief of Staff and two Legislative Affairs staff to attend the President Obama Inauguration in Washington D.C. Jan. 18 through 22, 2009, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

- 10. **Finance Committee** - none
- 11. **Legislative Operating Committee (LOC)** – none
- 12. **Treasurer's Report** - none
- 13. **Oneida Business Committee Planning** - none

**14. Executive Staff Meeting - none**

**15. Legislative Affairs Update**

1. Nathan King RE: Congressional Quarterly annual subscription contract

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to retro-approve the Congressional Quarterly annual subscription contract, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Executive Session**

Note: Recessed at 10:30 a.m. Meeting reconvened in executive session at 10:40 a.m.

Note: Recessed at 11:50 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to go back into regular session at 3:45 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Tabled Business - none**

**b. Old Business**

1. Tina Danforth RE: Sub-Committee year-end report

**Excerpt from Nov. 12, 2008:** Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer the Sub-Committee year-end report to the Nov. 26 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Sub-Committee year-end report and to delete it from the agenda, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Trish King: For the record, the data gathered by the special task force regarding the property acquisitions was started back in July and the request was for the FY 2008 budget, which is now over.

2. Paul Van Noie RE: OBC Approval of consent letter  
Terry Cornelius

**Excerpt from Nov. 12, 2008:** Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the approval of the consent letter to the Chair's office to set up a meeting with the owners, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Nov. 4, 2008:** Motion by Tina Danforth to defer the guaranty and the promissory note to the Nov. 12 Business Committee meeting to be brought back in finalized form with the necessary changes that were discussed today, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Resolution 11-26-08-C Financing Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises Acquisition of TN & Associates and promissory note for financing of Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise's acquisition, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Tina Danforth: For the record, With the changes that we discussed today, which is to change it from a 9 million dollar credit to be a 6 million dollar credit and the title on page seven for TN&A to be subsidized fully owned by Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the guaranty with the recommended changes, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Tina Danforth: For the record, as discussed the access to cash does allow me 30 days to access that with the liquidation process. That is very necessary to do that.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoefft that the Business Committee report to the General Tribal Council at the January 5, 2009 annual meeting about the Business Committee decision to loan 6.2 million dollars to Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise which is a tribally chartered corporation specializing in environmental services natural resources infrastructure engineering and construction services and that Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise will repay that loan back to the Oneida Tribe by the end of 2009 and that the Business Committee will conduct community meetings through Dec. to prepare General Tribal Council for the report on Jan 5, seconded by Trish King. For: Patty Hoefft, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Ron "Tehassi Hill Jr. Oppose: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth. Motion carried

Ed Delgado: For the record, I oppose this motion because we had earlier agreed to bring this to General Tribal Council for FYI on Dec. 20.

Tina Danforth: For the record, I oppose because we discussed having a GTC meeting on Dec. 20 to inform GTC of our commitment that we are making today in order to keep them informed and abreast of our financial decisions at this point. And I also oppose the December community meetings because there was no discussion that we would do them and the December calendar is filled with holiday time its not conducive to getting the information out there prior to January. If we are going to do it one of the items of the January meeting, why not do it for all of them. That's my opinion.

Brandon Stevens: For the record, I believe that two week time slot just being for judiciary physically responsible that we can prepare them for a greater discussion in that time. I would like to have a Dec. 20 meeting also but we can still discuss that is it is just FYI at the January 5 meeting.



Patty Hoeft: For the record, I support providing a report to GTC on Jan 5 at the annual meeting because it's anticipated that more people will come to that meeting. They'll have more time to get prepared and to learn about this very important issue.

**c. New Business**

1. Enrollments RE: Approve 90 new enrollment Applications

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to approve the 90 new enrollments, seconded by Tina Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Trish King, Melinda J. Danforth, Abstained: Brandon Stevens. Motion carried.

2. Paul Van Noie RE: Amendment to Tribe's line of  
Terry Cornelius credit with the Bank of America

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt Resolution 11-26-08-B Second Amendment to the tax exempt loan, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Tina Danforth to adopt Resolution 11-26-08-A Third Amendment to the Credit Agreement for the Bank of America, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Kathy Hughes RE: Gap financing for operations  
OTIE

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the gap financing of \$115,497.92 for Oneida Total Integrated Enterprise and direct the Chief Financial Officer to bring back the documents to the Dec. 10 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Patty Hoeft RE: Approve GTC annual report materials  
for printing and distribution

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the annual agenda for Jan. 5, the minutes of June 28, July 7, Aug. 16, Oct. 11, and Nov. 15, with changes that need to be given to the Recording Secretary before 8 a.m. Dec. 1, and the new annual report format and that the agenda and minutes are ready to go to the printer, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Legislative Affairs Update - none**

**e. Attorney Brief**

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Attorney Brief as FYI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Audit Committee - none**

**g. New York Land Claims**

1. Kathy Hughes

RE: OEDA update report

Action: Motion by Trish King to accept the OEDA update report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Rick Hill  
Tina Danforth  
Gene Keluche

RE: New York Development Team update

**Excerpt from Oct. 29, 2008:** Motion by Trish King to direct the Development Team to provide regular update reports to the Business Committee starting Nov. 12, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

**Excerpt from Nov. 12, 2008:** Motion by Tina Danforth to move the Development Team update report to executive session and to be identified as the New York Development Team, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Land Claims update, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Action: Subsequent motion by Tina Danforth to approve travel for Rick Hill to Washington D.C on Tuesday Dec. 2, 2008, seconded Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn at 4:06 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

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



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE