

Oneidas 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 December 19, 2007 Business Committee Conference Room

Present: Gerald Danforth - Chair Kathy Hughes - Vice Chair Mercie Danforth - Treasurer Patty Hoeft - Secretary

None

Trish King - Council member Paul Ninham - Council member Vince DelaRosa - Council member Melinda J. Danforth - Council member Edward Delgado - Council member

Excused:

Others Present: Marty Antone, Barb Skenandore, Floyd Silas Sr., Lois Strong, Kitty Melchert, Mark Powless, David Bischoff, Diana Mann, Arlie Doxtator, Brad Graham, William Graham, Rose Johnson, Lois Powless, Harrison Cornelius, Leonard Cornelius, Dottie Krull, Eric McLester, Geraldine Danforth, Wanda Diemel, Fred Muscavitch, Leyne Orosco, Noreen Smith, Louise Cornelius, Racquel Hill Susan White, Arleen Elm

Opening Prayer: Oneida Hymn Singers; Shirley Powless, Donna Lake, Noel Cleven, Jan Frion, Rose Johnson, Carol Cornelius, Mercie Danforth, Bruce Danforth, Margaret Danforth, Harry Cornelius, Lenard Cornelius, Lois Powless, Arlene Elm, Betty McLester, Betty Dennison

# **Special Recognitions:**

- 1. Call to Order Chairman Gerald Danforth
- 2. Oath of Office: administered by Patty Hoeft

#### **Airport Hotel Corporation Board:**

David Bischoff - Present

Oneida Pow Wow Committee: Floyd Silas Sr. - Present

Approval of the Agenda
 a. Additions
 Add #4. Executive Session - Attorney Contract

#### b. Deletions

Delete Executive New Business # 2, and New Business Request #3.

#### c. Moves

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the agenda of Dec. 19, 2007, with changes; to add Executive Session #4. Attorney Contract, delete New Business Request #3 and Executive Session, New Business #2, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. Minutes to be Approved

Regular Minutes of Dec. 5, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Oneida Business Committee minutes of Dec. 5, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting Minutes of Dec. 12, 2007

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the Oneida Business Committee minutes of Dec. 12, 2007, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. Tabled Business - None

#### 6. Reports

- a. Oneida Housing Authority (Monthly) **submitted** Susan House
- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Oneida Housing Authority report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

# 7. Travel Reports

1. Vince DelaRosa

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

Deferred Nov. 7, 2007, Nov. 21, 2007, Dec. 5, 2007

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

2. Kathy Hughes RE: Request to approve Travel Report for M.A.S.T. Winter Meeting, Dec. 6-7, 2007

Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve the travel report for the M.A.S.T. Winter meeting Dec. 6-7, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

Action: Motion by Trish King to approve the travel report for Native Health Research Advisory Council meeting, December 3, 2007, seconded by Mercie Danforth For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth, Mercie Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Kathy Hughes. Motion carried.

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

 1. Patty Hoeft
 RE: GTC Meeting date regarding

 Linda Dallas petition
 Linda Dallas petition

 RE: Judiciary Code and Administrative Procedures
 Act

 RE: Richard Moss Petition
 RE: Restance

Deferred Nov. 7, 2007, Nov. 21, 2007, Dec.5, 2007

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the date of Apr.19, 2008 for the Judiciary Code and Administrative Procedures Act General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the GTC date of May 10, 2008 for the Linda Dallas

<sup>3.</sup> Kathy HughesRE: Request to approve Travel Report for Native<br/>Health Research Advisory Council Meeting, Dec. 3,<br/>2007; Washington D.C.

	petition, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.		
Action:	Motion by Mercie Danforth to add the Richard Moss petition subject to the July 7, 2008 Semi Annual GTC meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.		
2	. Matt Cornelius	RE: Monthly Ombudsman Update	
	-	lotion by Paul Ninham to defer the monthly 9, 2007, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion	
Action:	Motion by Kathy Hughes direct Chief of Staff to provide recommendations for the Ombudsman's office location and expansion of duties at the next Executive Staff Meeting agenda, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.		
Action:	Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Monthly Ombudsman Update, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.		
3.	Kevin Cornelius	RE: Follow-up action regarding State Senate Bill 150 Smoking Ban	
		lotion by Mercie Danforth to defer the juality management to December 19, 2007, ion carried unanimously.	
Action:	Motion by Paul Ninham to re-title Air Quality Management to State Senate Bill 150 Smoking Ban, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.		
Action:	Motion by Vince DelaRosa to direct Legislative Operating Committee to coordinate a workgroup on the State Senate Bill 150 in order to make a final policy recommendation on this particular bill and our position on smoking and gaming issues, the group would be Legislative Affairs, Gaming Management, Law Office and LOC, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.		
Action:	Motion by Kathy Hughes to direct Chairman Danforth to place the State Senate Bill 150 on the Great Lakes Intertribal Council (GLITC) agenda for discussion, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.		
Action:	Motion by Trish King to accept the Legislative Affairs verbal update on State Senate Bill 150 but would like written report of what you just told us for the record, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.		
4.	LOC RE:	Resolution establishing Policy for any Organizational	

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**Excerpt from Nov. 21, 2007:** 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.

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the resolution establishing policy for any organizational changes to create or dissolve divisions and business units of the tribe to Jan.23, 2008, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

RE: Resolution establishing Policy for Wage and Salary Compensation System for the Tribe on an annual basis

**Excerpt from Nov. 21, 2007:** 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.

- Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the resolution establishing policy for wage and salary compensation system for the tribe on an annual basis to Jan. 23, 2008, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. New Business

5. LOC

- a. Resolutions
- 1. Bill Gollnick RE: Request to approve resolution for Support for the Flandreau Indian School Grant School Status
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Resolution 12-19-07-A for Support for the Flandreau Indian School Grant School status with corrections, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Requests
  - 1. Patty Hoeft

RE: Request to re-post the following vacancies: School Board one (1) vacancy, Arts Board three (3) vacancies and SEOTS Board one (1) vacancy

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve re-posting the vacancies for School Board one (1) vacancy, Arts Board three (3) vacancies and SEOTS Board one (1) vacancy, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Debbie Thundercloud

RE: Requesting approval to transfer & activate Paul Witek, Butch Rentmeester the balance of the R.R. Settlement Funds into CIP#06-004, Duck Creek Trail

- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the transfer and activation of the balance of the R.R. Settlement Funds into CIP#06-004 Duck Creek Trail, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 3. Melinda Danforth RE: Requesting approval of the Project Charter Trish King Team to Access Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Team to consist of Secretary Hoeft, Councilman Delgado and Councilwoman Danforth

#### DELETED

- 4. Gerald Danforth RE: Recommendation to fill vacancy for the Oneida Gaming Commission
- Action: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the recommendation of appointing Oscar Schuyler to fill the vacancy on the Oneida Gaming Commission, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 5. Bill Gollnick RE: Written report on contract issues regarding the Contract with Exxon Oil Company
- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to direct the General Manager to offer an opinion on the issues that have been raised by Ms. White's memorandum and bring forward a legal memorandum relating to our contact with Exxon Oil Company and the questions which were raised today, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to amend the main motion to have page two of the memorandum in your package be retracted and maintain in a confidential matter, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 6. Patty Hoeft RE: Request to approve recommendation of **Dellora** Cornelius ONCOA to appoint Eugene Danforth to the remainder of term
- Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the recommendation of appointing Eugene Danforth to the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging for the remainder of term, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 7. Patty Hoeft

RE: Request BC approval to direct the Chief of Staff to provide a Status Report on the Hobart

### Service Agreement.

Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the Chief of Staff to provide a written report on the complete status of the Hobart Service Agreement ending Nov.16, 2007 listing the pay-outs to close for the closure of the record and bring back at the next Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Patty Hoeft RE: Request BC approval to direct the General Manager to provide a Status Report on Oneida 500-year flood plain survey work.

- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct General Manager to provide a status report on the Oneida 500 year flood plain survey work at the Jan. 9, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 9. Patty HoeftRE: Request BC approval to Direct the General<br/>Manager to provide a Status Report on Census 2010<br/>LUCA Project.
- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to direct the General Manager to provide a status report at the Jan. 23, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting on the work on Census 2010 LUCA project, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Patty Hoeft

RE: Status Report on SEOTS new space or building

- Action: Motion by Patty Hoeft to request a written report from the General Manager be given to each Oneida Business Committee member by Dec. 27, 2007 on the status of the SEOTS new space or building, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Travel Requests None
- **10.** Finance Committee None
- 11. Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) None
- 12. Treasurer's Report None
- 13. Oneida Business Committee Planning

Dec. 11, 2007 BC Planning Minutes

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the Oneida Business Committee Planning minutes of

Dec. 11, 2007 to the Jan. 9, 2008 Oneida Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

# 14. Executive Staff Meeting

Executive Staff Minutes of Dec. 6, 2007

Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Executive Staff minutes of Dec. 6, 2007, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

## 15. Legislative Affairs Update

Dec. 10, 2007 Memo

- 1. Letter to Chairman Phil Hogan re; Supplemental Comments on Facility License Standards Retro Approval
- Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to retro approve the letter to Chairman Phil Hogan regarding supplemental comments on Facility License Standards, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 2. Letter to Congressional Delegation (James Walsh, David Obey, Tom Harkin, and Arlen Specter) re: Support for Esther Martinez Native American Language Revitalization Programs - Retro Approval
- Action: Motion by Ed Delgado to retro approve the letter to Congressional Delegation regarding support for Esther Martinez Native American Language Revitalization Programs, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

10:43 a.m. Into Executive Session

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to go into Executive Session, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

12:10 p.m. Into Regular Session

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to go back into Regular Session, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

# 16. Executive Session

- a. Tabled Business None
- **b. Old Business** None

# c. New Business

1. Cheryl Skolaski		RE: Approval of 2 new enrollment applicants	
Action:	Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the 2 new enrollment applicants, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.		
		RE: Approval of 4 new enrollment applicants	
Action:	Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the 4 new enrollment applicants, seconded by Patty Hoeft. For: Patty Hoeft, Ed Delgado, Kathy Hughes, Vince DelaRosa, Trish King, Paul Ninham. Abstained: Mercie Danforth, Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried.		
2. Gerald Danforth Neil Cornelius		RE: Request reconsideration of the BC action taken Nov. 7, 2007 regarding the Gaming Management Incentive Plan	
DELETED			
3. Terry Cornelius		RE: First Amendment to the Wastewater Treatment Facility	
Action:	Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt Resolution 12-19-07-B First Amendment to Loan Agreement with Bank of America, N.A., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.		
	Anne House ming Commission	RE: Attorney Contract for William Cornelius	
Action:	Motion by Kathy Hughes to authorize an extension to the current contract for William Cornelius for 30 days, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.		
Action:	Motion by Kathy Hughes to table the current Attorney Contract for William Cornelius to the Jan. 9, 2008 Oneida Business Committee meeting, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.		
d. Legislative Affairs Update - None			
e. Attorney Brief Federal Subpoena			

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to approve the Federal Subpoena as FYI, seconded by Mercie Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.

BIA Solicitation for Input of Lease Policy

Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to approve the BIA Solicitation for Input of Lease Policy as FYI, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Elder Per Capita Tax Questions

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to send the Elder Per Capita Tax Questions to the General Manager to get release out to the Elders and to reformat the information, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Railroad Easement

Action: Motion by Kathy Hughes to recommend to wait until Outagamie records are updated to approach the BIA with the Railroad Easement matter, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Per Capita Attachment Appeal

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to accept Per Capita Attachment Appeal as FYI, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### f. Audit Committee

1. Status Update on the OHA Audit Report

- Action: Motion by Paul Ninham to lift the recusal for Vice Chairman Kathy Hughes and Vince DelaRosa regarding the OHA Audit, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to defer the OHA issue back to the Audit Committee for finalization back in Jan. 2008, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Oneida Enterprise Development Authority - None

# **Recess/Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Mercie Danforth to adjourn, seconded Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved as corrected on Jan. 9, 2008

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Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE