

Oneida Indians Inc.
Executive Committee
January 22, 1964
Home of Irene Moore
Special

Present: Chairman Irene Moore, Treasurer Althea Schuyler, Secretary Eva Danforth
Visiting Official: E. J. Riley BIA, Mr. Lawrence Kuzlowski

A special meeting was called at the home of Irene Moore at the request of Mr. Riley. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Housing Program and in regards to compiling the Annuity Roll.

Mr. Riley advised the committee that Miss. Radtke would make a visit to Oneida the week of February 10th to review the Annuity payroll for final typing.

Mr. Kuzlowski gave report on the Housing Authority trip to Chicago to meet with the Public Housing Administration and said that the PHA was very impressed with the progress thus far. He also stated that he thought there should be a closer tie between the Executive Committee and the Housing Authority so the Executive Committee would be in position to know of the progress being made.

A discussion was held concerning the absence of Ruth Baird and Vernon Ninham from the Housing Authority and it was suggested that a member of the Executive Committee replace one of these persons.

Mr. Kuzlowski said the Architects discussed the progress of Housing Programs from the housing authority in detail and signed the contracts and other necessary paper work was taken care of.

He advised that the paper work or Program part of the housing is now complete and the next step would be the planning (which will be finished when bids are let) then the construction and finally the management.

Question was raised at the possibility of having two projects on low rent housing. Mr. Kuzlowski advised that any expansion would have to come from the original investment on a cost basis and that the original project for 26 units at a cost of \$100,000 could be doubled for \$110,000, so it wouldn't be practical to think of starting another separate project.

He stated that they had discussed the possibility of locating a 50 to 100 acre tract of land for mutual help housing with streets etc. if this program comes about and Mr. Ventura said that he would recommend Oneida for a pilot program when that time comes. The CCC area was also mentioned as a location for self help housing (15 acres) as it was brought out that only ¼ to ½ acre would be necessary for a home site.

Discussion was also held concerning the Oneida Planning Commission. Mr. Kuzlowski said that it is very important that this commission accomplish something on the Workable Program in connection with the Public Housing Program as their money will be cut off if the program isn't being carried out. He also stated that the Housing and Home Finance Agency have control over the Workable Program.

Question was raised as to the effect of Force Accounts pertaining to Oneida Tribe. Mr. Riley explained that this is already in effect as any project the agency undertakes, they hire their own employees but so far the Oneida Tribe has had no reason to be affected by this.

Mr. Riley advised Committee that the American Jewish Society which is an organization of college students are available to help with work programs in Indian communities and that they would meet their own meal expenses but housing in Indian communities must be provided by the individual tribe. A supervisor would be required for High School. The Quakers also are available for these same type of projects also and are College student who would work on same principal. Committee to think about this and let agency know if interested.

Mrs. Moore asked Mr. Riley about the status of the tribal land located on highway EE on North side of road next to Al VandenHeuvel as someone has inquired as to the possibility of leasing or getting an assignment to this. Mr. Riley said he would have Mr. Hall look into this and inform her of such.

Discussion held concerning students in college as it seemed to be the feeling that not enough interest was shown on part of adult members of tribe to encourage children to want to further their education. Mr. Riley said the Winnebago's have been having an annual luncheon for college students hoping that it will help to encourage the students to continue their education and let them know that the adults are behind them. The suggested that perhaps the Oneida tribe could plan something like this.

Mr. Kuzlowski said he and Frank Brady were going to visit colleges and universities throughout the state to make personal visits to Indian students to find out how they are progressing and to help them if they are encountering any difficulties.

He also said they would contact the high schools in the surrounding areas in regards to future education for deserving Indian students.

The following birth certificates were submitted for enrollment:

1. Harold Hartman Skenandore
2. Dorothy Lena Cornelius
3. Suzanne Michelle Tlachac
4. Brenda Lea Graham
5. Kristy Louise Metoxen
6. Karen Katherine Graham
7. Gerald Gregory Graham
8. Allan Carl Eastman JR.
9. Leroy Reuben Graham
10. Bradley William Graham
11. Ronald Burton Steffes
12. Florence Elaine Schwamp

A motion was made by Eva Danforth to approve the 12 birth certificates, seconded by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Committee discussed possibility of Mr. Kuzlowski attending the next meeting of the planning commission. Mrs. Moore said she would find out when they will meet and contact Mr. Kuzlowski.

Motion by Eva Danforth to adjourn. Seconded by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Eva Danforth

Tribal Secretary Reproduced March 26, 2013 by Janice DeCorah – Original in Records Management