



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, Inc.

Approved as written
2/19/79


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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.

REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 1979
8 p.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Patricia Misikin,
Members: Margaret Doxtater, Edwin King, Jr., Myron Smith, Loretta Metoxen
Mark Powless (excused), Chester Smith (absent)

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. Prayer was said by Norbert. Chairman asked for the swearing-in ceremony for Loretta Metoxen by Frank Cornelius. Loretta stated that she takes the oath very seriously and for those in attendance stated she will carry out the responsibilities to the best of her ability.

Roll call was taken. Quorum present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting on 1/15/79 were corrected by Myron to include that he made a point of order on how we are handling procedures for hiring with regard to the Education Officer position and that, further, there was no decision made on the point of order. No other corrections or additions were made so the minutes were approved as corrected.

The minutes of 1/16/79 regular meeting (continued) were corrected to state that the meeting Anna John requested was set for Thursday, January 18, 1979 rather than December 18, 1979. There were no other corrections or additions so the minutes were approved as corrected.

The minutes of 1/19/79 special meeting were approved as written. Myron asked about the meeting Mark received permission to set up with the Passomoquody Tribal Business Committee and the Litigation Committee with the Business Committee. Chairman indicated that Mark had been contacted to set up the meeting and subsequently received permission. To date, there is no further information on the meeting.

The minutes of 1/22/79 special meeting and 1/23/79 special meeting were approved as written.

TABLED BUSINESS: Chris Doxtator wrote a memo regarding the Art & Rita Webster lease. The report stated that there should be no argument as to who the house belongs to and that they should be allowed to do as they want with their property. The Land Committee minutes of 11/4/78 had requested that the Business Committee rescind the modification of 7/19/76 and redo the entire process protecting the original lease rights of Art & Rita Webster. Motion was made by Edwin to accept the report. Margaret seconded. Loretta offered an amendment to the motion to say that the recommendation within the report be accepted regarding the Webster property. All concurred with the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

KALI WISAKS: Several points of the report were questioned. Myron voiced objection to the paragraph regarding the Kali Wisaks Speakers Bureau and Paul's request that he be in

charge of the speakers to ensure that they or those representing Kali Wisaks would understand, want to be and appreciate their Indian being. Myron also stated that he thought that Paul's request to be salaried under the administrative budget should be action taken separately. Myron made a motion to strike these two requests from the report. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta stated that she took exception with the statement in Paul's report that said: "My personal opinion is that none of the Oneida people understand what is necessary to generate and cause a recirculation of monies." She stated that she felt that not all people are of that opinion. Norbert moved to strike that sentence from the report. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Question was raised regarding the meaning of "issues" when referring to generating income. "Issues" refers to the number of issues rather than issues in the sense of subject matter. Question was also raised about interpretation of "guaranteed payment, yearly from the administrative budget to help pay for the input of Business Committee minutes, public notices and other messages ..." Loretta stated that she is more in favor of extracting or deleting the confidential items from the minutes rather than leaving them out of the Kali Wisaks altogether. Action had been taken earlier that the minutes not appear in the paper for reasons of confidentiality.

Paul stated that he was merely suggesting alternatives and was not specifically requesting action. Motion was made by Loretta to accept all the recommendations within the report that were not already acted on. Myron seconded. Vote was 4 for and 2 against. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST FROM BILL GOLLNICK: Bill Gollnick originally had asked for permission to travel to Brigham City, Utah for the purpose of meeting on P.L. 93-638 for himself and one member of the Business Committee. Because of the time crunch, he and the Controller left and could not be in attendance at this meeting. Question was raised about the funding of the trip. It was stated that we should try wherever possible to use consultant days to bring the information to the Tribe rather than having to go elsewhere. Question was also raised as to whether or not Bill and the Controller actually went on the trip or not. It was indicated that their reservations had them leaving Green Bay at 3:05 p.m. There was discussion indicating that one or the other of the travelers did not leave as scheduled. Motion was made by Loretta to concur with the Vice-Chairman's action in which he approved their travel. Edwin seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried. Loretta suggested that a policy be set in the case of people asking for travel who do not actually go.

LAND COMMITTEE: Request was made to approve the business lease of Richard and Karen Cornelius. Motion was made by Norbert and seconded by Edwin to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Request was made to approve the residential lease of Edward Stevens and his wife Gladys. Motion was made by Pat and seconded by Margaret to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Request was made by Howard Cannon per the land committee minutes of 1/22/79 to have all lands surveyed and as suggested, to have the survey conducted by the BIA. The survey would be done in total and would particularly be done on trust lands by the BIA or would be subcontracted out. Motion was made by Norbert and seconded by Pat to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Request was made to approve a lease rental for the Ed Cottrell property. Motion was made by Pat to approve. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pat to approve the cancellation of Nellie Cornelius. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Request was made to purchase the Cottrell property and if possible both parcels of the Shenandoah properties but that only 49% of the Cottrell parcel property be used for home sites. Motion was made by Edwin to approve the request. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Norbert to approve the request to purchase the Biebel property subject to title search. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Myron to approve the land committee minutes of 1/22/79. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OHA: Per a request from Jean Johnson, the monthly report for January will be scratched from the agenda or tabled to the next meeting. Report was tabled.

EOC: Question was asked about how many students have been recruited since the program started. Reply was that 6 students have been recruited during the month of December (the last half) and January. Lengthy discussion regarding reasons given for wanting to be out from the Education Board structure. Myron took exception with the action of the Business Committee action of 1/29/79 in which two programs were deleted from the Education Board structure. Lengthy discussion ensued on the original resolution of the Education Board and the provision made allowing programs to be deleted. Motion was made by Myron not to accept the EOC report. Loretta seconded the motion and stated that she supported the motion because she thinks that the Oneida Tribal Council and particularly the Education Board need to have a code and feels that the code can be worked out to the best interests of everyone. Vote was 2 for and 4 against. Motion lost.

POSTAGE METER: Request was made to lease a postage meter through Pitney-Bowes. The initial postage request amounts to \$150 which mandates Business Committee approval because it is in excess of \$100. Rental fee amounts to \$10 per month. Motion was made by Margaret to approve the request. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARY: Barbara Denny requested approval of her budget modification as presented and approval to place unbudgeted overlap monies from the previous budget in the wage account with any excess being used to purchase library materials. Motion was made by Pat to approve the requests. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

She also requested vacation time from 2/17/79 to 3/2/79. Motion by Norbert to approve the request. Seconded by Edwin. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pat to approve the Library Report. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION: Request was made to approve the Language Project Revised Budget for FY '79. Norbert moved to approve. Margaret seconded. Vote was 3 for and 2 against and 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Lengthy discussion ensued on the \$10,000+ overspent in the previous budget. Motion was made by Pat to refer the matter to the Controller for investigation and resolution. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Smith introduced Alan Crooks, the new Museum Director. Mr. Crooks indicated that he and his staff will work hard and professionally. He could not cite a date for the opening of the Museum but stated that he hopes it will be open sometime in the Spring.

PERSONNEL SELECTION COMMITTEE: Request was made to repost the Solid Waste Manager and Counselor-Paraprofessional positions because of lack of qualified Indian applicants. Margaret moved to approve the request. Norbert seconded. Vote was 4 for, 1 opposed (Myron) and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Norbert moved to approve Carla J. Burmeister for the position of Instructional Coordinator. Pat seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried.

Edwin moved to approve the hiring of Harvey Melchert, Jr. for the position of Coastal Planning Aide. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta moved to accept Artley Skenandore's resignation from his position as OJDPP Director with regrets. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Norbert to repost the position for the OJDPP Director. Loretta seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on the request of the T/TA meeting dates of March 5-9, 1979. A workshop on those days would develop a training and technical assistance plan for 1979. Pat moved to approve the dates. Margaret seconded. Loretta requested that another week either earlier or later be considered and offered her request as an amendment. The amendment was accepted by the original motioner. Second did not concur. Vote was 4 for and 2 against. Motion carried.

Ted White presented information on the Community Services Administration Emergency Energy Conservation Program and asked if the Business Committee wanted to have a proposal sent on behalf of the Tribe. Norbert moved to approve the request. Edwin seconded. Vote was 4 for and 2 opposed. Motion carried.

WE ARE ONEIDAS PROPOSAL: Marge Stevens explained the theory behind the proposal and gave a brief summary of its implementation. Request asked for approval to pursue the funding of the proposal and for letters of support from the Business Committee. Loretta moved to approve the request. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Debbie House and the Tribal Secretary will draft the letter of support.

ONEIDA ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: The report cited accomplishments and problems. Question was raised about difference of opinion between the Director and the Project Administrator. Motion was made by Pat to approve the report. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Anna John presented the resignation of Steve Hardman from his position as Social Worker at the Health Center. Motion was made by Norbert and seconded by Edwin to accept the resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Request was made to hire Steve Hardman as the Nursing Home Administrator at an annual salary of \$16,500 with the first 90 days being his probationary period. Pat moved to approve the request. Margaret seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

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Request was made to approve the recommendation of the Nursing Home Commission to leave the Commission and the Health Board as they exist with the Commission responsible to the Tribal Council for a period of one year to find out if such would be a detriment or a benefit. Norbert moved to approve the request. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Edwin moved to adjourn. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Pat', written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Misikin, Tribal Secretary