

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Ind



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of cern to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them. DE PERE ROUTE 4



WISCONSIN 54115 Because of the help of this Oneida' Chief in comenting a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made pos-

SPECIAL MEETING February 26, 1979 9 a.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Patricia Misikin, Members: Mark Powless, Margaret Doxtater, Loretta Metoxen, Edwin King and Myron Smith

Also present: Sonny King, Ernie Stevens, Jerry Fischer, Mike King, David Danforth

Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. Sonny requested to be first on the agenda. His request was that the Tribe consider paying Paul Nicholson full-time for work he does as a maintenanceman at the Archiquette Building. Mr. Nicholson is currently working under the WIN Program. Sonny indicated that Mr. Nicholson has received good comments from the directors at the Archiquette Building for the work he is doing. Discussion ensued on the monetary ramifications. It was suggested that Sonny put his request in writing after conferring with the Accounting Office for feasibility.

Request was made by Ernie to approve the Indian Action Project proposal. The proposal asked for consolidation of ITAC and OTDC toward a plan that would lead ultimately to an all-Indian organization, a construction company. Trainees from ITAC have been asked for their opinion of the proposed merger and David Danforth reported that the majority of those he has spoken with are in favor of the consolidation.

It was suggested that ITAC be reimbursed for repair work they do around the Tribe. They will submit bills for the work and the Business Committee would decide to pay contingent on funds.

Discussion ensued about cost accounting and its value on the total operation of the ITAC/OTDC Program, possibility of awarding a certificate of achievement or something similar to the trainees who complete their training, and whether it is desirable or not to have the President of the Corporation act as the General Manager also. Ernie stated that the President of the Corporation is the person authorized to run the Corporation and that it had not been decided yet whether or not to keep the General Manager position.

Item #4 of the proposal referred to hiring/firing policies and it was suggested that, if those policies are approved, they apply to everyone with the exception of the Manager who would fall under the Redbook.

Item #6 referred to an alternative for filling the full-time carpenter position. It was suggested that the terminology read: "That the position be filled on a part-time and/or limited-time employment and/or a contract basis to accomodate....."

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Loretta made a motion that items 1 and 2 of the proposal be accepted as proposed. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark made a motion to approve items 3 through 6. Norbert seconded. Discussion ensued on the positions of President and General Manager and terminology in item #6. Edwin offered an amendment to item #6 to state "That the position be filled on a part-time and/or limited-time employment and/or a contract basis.....". Myron stated that he took exception with the President also being the General Manager on the basis of conflict of interests in holding two positions. Motioner concurred with the amendment. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried.

Next item of business concerned the 'Partnership' contract. Lengthy discussion ensued on the deliverables of the proposed two-part contract for the \$75,000 being asked for services.

Ernie asked for exclusion of OTDC from the contract. He stated that he is willing to participate but only if 'Partnership" is directly responsible for development. He stated that relationships should be spelled out clearly and that payment for services, now or later, be defined in terms of what payment for what services.

Mark asked that Item II-B referring to travel include a statement as follows: "that neither payment for services nor reimbursement for travel and related expenses shall exceed that prescribed by regulations of the funding agency."

Loretta requested exclusion of the Margaret Summers tract from the proposal. She also asked for clarification of the contract terms as it pertains to payment after the fact

Loretta moved to excluse the Margaret Summers tract from any agreement. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously. That tract of land will be scratched from the developmental contract. Mr. Hoelter said he would take our concerns back and proceed from that point.

(Recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.)

Next item of business concerned the draft letter to Forrest Gerard from the Litigation Committee. Loretta corrected item number 1 in the memo to the Business Committee to state: "...to determine fair market value for rents due <u>from the respective county-held</u> lands for the years 1968 and 1969 by Pomeroy Appraisal Associates....."

One other change in the draft was to delete the last sentence and insert "We urge your immediate response."

Loretta moved to approve the draft from the Litigation Committee with the revisions and corrections inserted. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark made a motion to adjourn. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Misikin, Tribal Secretary