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## Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



WISCONSIN 54115



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Bocause 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 possible.

SPECIAL MEETING May 4, 1979 9 a.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Patricia Misikin, Members: Loretta Metoxen, Mark Powless, Edwin King, Margaret Doxtater Also present: Area Director Edwin Demery, Solicitor Elmer Nitschke, Ernie Stevens, Frank Cornelius, Jerry Fischer, Mike King, Douglas Smith

and Carl Rasmussen

Meeting began at 9:10 a.m. Purpose of the meeting was to review the tobacco ordinance and other items pertinent to the Oneida Tobacco Enterprise.

Ernie gave a brief presentation about the origin of the Oneida Tobacco Enterprise and outlined its current operation. He indicated that a letter of assignment or a contract needs to be drawn. He stated that he will draw the papers for review by Francis, who, acting on behalf of the Tribe, will then present them for approval by the Business Committee.

Discussion ensued on the second tobacco ordinance which surfaced some time after much of the plans had been laid and implemented on the Enterprise. This ordinance reduces the sales tax from 30¢ to 5¢ per carton. It also raises a question about issuing traders licenses. If the Tribe views the Enterprise for generating income for Tribal ventures/purposes, we would not issue licenses.

Another concern of the Enterprise revolves around the State tax law. Currently, sales to non-Indians are limited to two cartons per person unless they are willing to buy more after reading the poster Ernie drafted outlining their risk per the law. Lengthy discussion ensued about whether or not the ordinance should be amended to reflect a two-carton limit.

Lengthy discussion ensued on the issue of whether or not to amend our ordinance to have the Tribe retain exclusive rights to sell all cigarettes on the Reservation, to provide for individual outlets, or to provide for a combination of both. Consensus was that the Tribe retain exclusive rights to sell all cigarettes on the Reservation. Question was asked about the license issued to Jim Hill. Loretta moved to rescind the action approving the individual license for Jim Hill and that fees that he has paid be returned to him. Margaret seconded. Norbert moved to amend the motion to include that Jim Hill be considered for a manager position of a Tribal smokeshop. All concurred with the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Margaret moved that the tobacco ordinance be redrafted to show that the Tribe retains exclusive rights to sell all cigarettes on the Reservation, that the sales tax be 30¢ instead of 5¢ per carton, that the traders licenses provision be deleted and that the method Ernie recommended on Page 7 of his May 3 memo be used to resolve some of the other legal issues the Enterprise faces. Mark seconded. Vote was 6 for and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

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Next item of discussion concerned the proposed warehouse and retail outlet which is to be located in the Industrial Park. The approximate cost for building a physical plant is \$26,128. Mark made a motion that the Business Committee, as a condition of paying all or part of any revolving credit or bank loan, require that the same financial institution loan the Oneida Tobacco Enterprise approximately \$26,128 for the purpose of building a physical plant to be located on the lot immediately northwest of the intersection of Lewellen and Hinkle with the loan to be paid back from the proceeds of the lease payments required to amortize the loan. Norbert seconded. Loretta offered an amendment to the motion striking the words "to be located on the lot immediately northwest of the intersection of Lewellen and Hinkle". All concurred. Motion carried unanimously.

Question was asked of the Solicitor about the Tribe's intent to secure an injunction on the road construction on County GG. He indicated that improper title could not be used as grounds for the injunction because the issue would have to be settled legally first. He suggested that the tact to take would be to make the DNR aware of the situation and to request an environmental impact study.

Other items of general discussion included the drainage problem on the Airport land and state taxes on fee land.

Margaret requested travel permission for the week of 5/7/79 to 5/11/79 to travel to New York with Education Board representatives. Edwin moved to approve the request. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Edwin moved to adjourn. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Misikin, Tribal Secretary