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# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



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

De Pere  
Route 4



Wisconsin  
54115

UGWA DEHOLUH 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.

## REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 1980

8:00 pm

**PRESENT:** Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Treasurer, Wendell McLester, Secretary, Wanda Webster. **MEMBERS:** Loretta Metoxen, Edwin King Jr., Margaret Doxtator. **EXCUSED:** Mark Powless, Myron Smith.

Chairman Powless called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Prayer was said by Amelia Cornelius. Roll call of officers was taken, Quorum was present.

**Minutes:** January 21, 1980 - Special Meeting - Approved as corrected.  
January 21, 1980 - Regular Meeting - Approved as corrected.

The Treasurer had no report, just information regarding the Farm Operation for 1979.

**TABLED BUSINESS:** Wendell made a motion to table the two reports (OTDC and Post Office Project). Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Carl Rasmussen arrives to answer questions regarding the Post Office Project.

The total cost of the project will be seven (7) million dollars, the payments would be set up for a 20 year period.

In order to establish a lease fee, cost estimates must be run following the design and specifications prepared by the Post Office. These estimating costs will cost \$3,000-\$4,000, this money would be reimbursed to the Tribe as part of the final package financing, if the Project is accepted.

Loretta made a motion to authorize the established amount requested. Norbert seconded. Vote was 3 for, 2 oppose and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Ernie arrived to answer any questions regarding his report of 1/21/80

Ernie stated that money will not be released from ITAC-Denver until Oneida's accounting office is certified by a CPA and that the ITAC funds should be given directly to ITAC until the accounting office is certified.

Norbert made a motion that ITAC funds be sent directly to ITAC until the Tribal accounts are certified, then the funds be put back into the central accounting system. Edwin seconded.

Ernie read a letter from ITAC-Denver regarding the things that need to be done before they will release any funds.

Chairman Powless read the certification from Harry T. Merriman, CPA, stating that the Oneida accounting office is certified.

Norbert withdrew his motion, second concurred.

Ernie stated he had asked that the Treasurer set up a special bank account and get a loan. Wendell responded that he did set up the special bank account, but no action was taken of obtaining a loan. Discussion on how much of a loan is needed, and who will pay the interest on the loan. \$10,000--\$12000 loan is needed for 30 days, with the interest to be paid (about \$140) when ITAC gets their money.

Loretta made a motion that a loan for \$10,000 be implemented immediately. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Margaret made a motion that the letter of certification be sent to whoever it should go to. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ernie stated that he wanted to strike items 1 and 2 from 1/21/80 ITAC recommendations to the Business Committee, and that we reaffirm the remaining recommendations.

Norbert made a motion to reaffirm the recommendations from ITAC. Edwin seconded. Vote was 3 for, 2 abstentions and 1 oppose. Motion carried.

#### MEMO FROM FRAN-RIGHTS OF WAY REQUEST:

Fran presented applications for rights-of-way request from the Oneida Housing Authority to Wisconsin Electric Power Co. The action must be done by a Resolution, which was also presented.

Edwin made a motion to grant the Easements and waive damages. Norbert seconded. Discussion followed regarding future Easements. Edwin withdrew his motion, second concurred.

Edwin made a motion to grant the Easements and ask for damages to the Housing Sites. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Fran will redo the Resolution.

Fran stated there are prior rights-of-ways that have been granted that are invalid, because the proper procedure was not followed.

Loretta made a motion to validate existing Wisconsin Electric Power Co. and Wisconsin Public Service Easements and waive damages on Easements. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

#### ONEIDA TOWN CHAIRMAN:

Secretary read a letter to the Oneida Town Board from the Commission on Aging and residents who live on Poplar Lane. The letter was to petition the Town of Oneida to make certain changes on the road. (Poplar Lane & Government Road).

Wendell made a motion to refer this to the Land Committee and we will act on their recommendations. Chris is to get in touch with all those that have signed the petition. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ONEIDA BINGO OPERATION:

Fran recommended that a memo be sent to all Tribal Employees stating that they are not to talk to any news media concerning the Bingo Operation at Oneida or it will be grounds for termination.

Norbert made a motion of the above recommendation. Wendell seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

#### PERSONNEL OFFICE:

Norbert made a motion to concur with the recommendation from the Personnel Office to hire Ron Larsen for the position of Personnel Manager. Edwin seconded. Vote was 3 for, 2 oppose and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Loretta made a motion to approve recommendation at the advertised salary.  
Wendell seconded. Vote was 3 for and 3 abstentions. Motion carried.

#### LIBRARY REPORT

The Treasurer will meet with the Librarian and the Controller this week.  
In December a re-revised budget was presented, with a request from the  
Tribe for \$5,000.

Wendell made a motion to honor this request contingent on the availability  
of funds. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Norbert made a motion to approve of Librarian's vacation from Feb. 17 to  
March 3, 1980. Loretta seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Loretta made a motion to accept the Library report Norbert seconded. Motion  
carried unanimously.

#### LAND COMMITTEE:

Norbert moved to approve the cancellation of Lillian Bischoff lease. Edwin  
seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Edwin made a motion to approve the agriculture lease for Betty Dennison  
Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell made a motion to approve of Residential leases for Cheryl Cornelius,<sup>Shirley</sup>  
DeCoteau, Patricia Metoxen Harmes. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Wendell made a motion to include access or Rights-of-Way to Cheryl Corenlius  
lease. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Norbert made a motion that the Tribal Attorney expedite Tribal codes. Wendell  
seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Edwin made a motion to extend the lease of Pearl House to Oct. 6, 1980.  
Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell made a motion to approve the Long House request for the logs on the  
Margaret Summers land. Edwin seconded. Vote was 5 for, 1 oppose. Motion  
carried.

Loretta made a motion to accept the Forestry budget. Wendell seconded. Vo  
was 5 for with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Loretta made a motion to refer to the next meeting, Chas. Wheelock's request  
for his back rent to be paid. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Loretta made a motion to adopt a resolution pertaining to the John Skenandore  
parcel. Wendell seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Loretta made a motion to accept the land Acquisition Draft Plan. Wendell  
seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Wendell made a motion to approve the request of the use of 26 acres of  
Jordan land on Old Seymour Road in conjunction with 58 acres of Matusak property  
Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.  
Chairman stated the Land Committee should check with the County regarding  
the Andrew Schuyler land.

Norbert made a motion to table the Land Coordinator and Title Searchers Report.  
Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Edwin made a motion to approve of the Resolution for terms of office for the  
Land Committee. Wanda seconded. Vote was 5 for, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Norbert made a motion to purchase the balance of shares of the Daniel Skenandore allotment with Community Block Grant monies. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Edwin made a motion to approve the Land Committee's report Norbert seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

ONEIDA NATION MEMORIAL BUILDING:

Wendell presented report for Sonny. The proposal will be submitted to ITAC and OTDC for \$20,000 for additional supply space.

Wendell moved to approve the request. Edwin seconded. Vote was 3 for, 1 oppose, and 2 abstain. Motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD MINUTES OF 1/14/80:

Wendell moved to accept the minutes. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF 1/28/80:

Wendell made a motion that the Tribal Secretary coordinate a meeting with the Land Committee, Housing Authority and Health Board regarding the Lagoon, within 2 weeks. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Norbert made a motion to table the page 2, par.1, regarding the non-payment of medical bills, and to find other options of payment. Loretta seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Edwin moved to approve of the minutes of 1/28/80. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LANGUAGE PROGRAM:

There was a request to Hire Bill Gollnick as a Curriculum Development Coordinator. Wendell made a motion to approve of the request. Edwin seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried. (Bill has some responsibilities to finish before leaving his job as grants writer). Norbert made a motion to accept the report. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

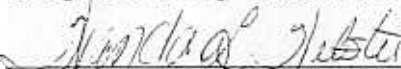
Norbert made a motion to ask the Legal Dept. to draft a Condemnation Ordinance. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING OFFICE:

Carl presented a General Corporate Resolution, which is to change names on a checking account. Loretta moved to adopt Resolution. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 pm. Edwin seconded. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda Webster, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee