



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

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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.

SPECIAL MEETING

July 3, 1980
8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Wanda Webster, Treasurer, Wendell McLester, Loretta Metoxen.

ALSO PRESENT: Loretta Webster, Carol Elm, Francis Skenandore, Jerry Hill, Bill Gardner.

Loretta Webster presented proposal for a Community Cannery. The proposal will fund two new positions for a two year period. The Cannery is also trying to get a license to sell their products. The deadline for the proposal is Monday. Motion was made by Norbert to table the proposal until Monday so that everyone would have a chance to review it. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on unemployment cliams, Oneida is three weeks behind in getting these out. Information that O.I.G. needs will go out today.

LAW OFFICE 9:10 A.M.

Law Office requested a special closed meeting to review some of the cases they have.

ITEM 3 #3 Indirect cost proposal agreement-Mr. Smerud.

Mr. Smerud was paid with tribal funds, the amount paid him is \$62,500.

Discussion on what has happened with our indirect cost rate so far, we had a approved rate, then it was recinded, we now have a "temporary" rate. All of the funding agencies have been notified of our current rate. Mr. Smerud is supervising and getting the depreciation schedule done.

Motion was made by Loretta to recover the payment on the indirect cost under OASC 10. Wanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next step will be to contact the U.S. Attorney. No more payments will be made to Mr. Smerud for anything.

Francis stated everything said in this meeting is to be confidential.

ITEM 1. INDIAN CHILD WELFARE CASES

1. The case of Tyrone Kuhn, the opinion has not been issued as yet. The Law office recommended that the Tribe appeal if the decision is not in favor of the Child.
2. The case of James Edward Hill was won, the child will be turned over to the Aunt and the proceedings are to be held in the Menominee Tribal Court on July 25, 1980.
3. The case of Deborah Skenandore infant child, the mother is agreeable to adoption to an Indian family, the Tribe will be intervening and the case may be transferred to the Memoninee Tribal Court.
4. Vivial Williams case, the court decided not to terminate the parental right and the child will remain in the foster home.

Francis stated all of these cases are very time consuming.

ITEM 2 ONEIDA TRIBE AND STATE OF WISCONSIN

1. Nursing Home: the state is trying to exert their administrative rules and regulations over the Nursing Home. Francis stated the Nursing Home does not have to be licensed to receive medical assistance funds.
2. Mary Lehman: the equal rights division has decided to drop the case, there has been no response from them.
3. Oneida bingo: Francis stated the Attorney General, Bingo Control Board and the Brown County D.A. are not planning to do anything with the Oneida Bingo operation.
4. Oneida Tobacco Enterprise: this operation will stay as is, the State law may change in the future.
5. Taxation of Indian Fee Land: question was asked if the State has the right to tax those people that live on fee land. Francis stated the Tribe should maintain control and pay taxes to whoever provides services.
6. Non-Indians benefiting from Indian tax-exemption: non-indian person being reimbursed by the state because he does 90% of his business with Indians. Law Office will contact the Dept. of Revenue for investigation.
7. Ceta - Unemployment Tax: Motion was made by Norbert to adopt option 2, which is, to continue to research and prepare to appeal the states decision through its internal administration process. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (this is in regard to the Dept. of Industry, Labor and Human Relations claiming that CETA has not paid unemployment taxes for 2nd quarter of 1978 to 1st. quarter of 1980.)

ITEM 3 INTERNAL TRIBAL AFFAIRS

1. Tribal Court-Codes-Administrative Process: the grant for the Campaign for Human Development is being funded for a two year period, there are certain steps that need to be followed with this grant. The Law Office will be visiting other Tribal Courts to look over their systems and will give a presentation to the Business Committee.
2. Internal Disputes: Francis stated the Law office should not have to get involved with many cases that could be handled through a Grievance Committee.
3. (see first page--Item 3, number 3)
4. Internal Tribal/Tribal Entities Agreements: Law office should look over all proposals before the Tribe enters into an agreement. There are some persons using the Tribe without Tribal consent.
5. Confidentiality: Francis stated information has gotten out before decisions have been made, the news media is over anxious to get information.
6. Tribal Contracts: Law office should exam proposals/contracts before instead of after, such as the indirect cost proposal agreement.

ITEM 4 LAND CLAIMS

- Seminary Lands: preliminary negotiations are in order, Father Keifer is the contact person.
2. Docket 301: Francis stated we need to get the General Tribal Council approval on dropping docket 301 and they need to know the reasons as to why it should be dropped, Francis received a call from Mr. Chapman asking if the Tribe would like him to come to the General Tribal Council meeting to be held on Saturday. Consensus was that there is no need for him to come.
 3. HUD: letter will be coming from Mr. Franco regarding the meeting which was held at the HUD office in Milwaukee on June 17, 1980. Francis stated HUD was not aware of Indian owned land and decisions were made without Oneida's input.

4. Acheson Will: a demand order was issued to the Tribe requesting the Tribe to turn over all documents, Francis stated the Tribe has no documents regarding the Acheson case.

Industrial Park Lease - Bay Engineering Casting: the Law Office is in the process of drafting up a Lease.

6. Hunting and Fishing Rights: discussion on as to how rules and regulations can be enforced. The Law Office is to draft a code.

Francis stated Mr. Jay Fletcher, the Attorney for the Winnebago's would like Oneida's Tobacco Ordinance.

Motion was made by Norbert that Mr. Fletcher make his request in writing, and that the ordinance be used as a basic structure for individual Tribe's and their needs. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Francis stated Mr. Chevez of the Paiute Tribe would like a copy of the Bingo Ordinance. Loretta moved that the same procedure (above motion) be used for all requests. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Francis stated that Jim Blue of TV-Channel 5, would like to have a news conference with the Tribe, he would like information on Oneida land and policy. Norbert stated no information should be given out.

Francis had no information on the Six Nations meeting which is to be held at Oneida on the fourth of July weekend.

Tribal Enrollments: Francis stated the Oneida Tribe is not following the Constitution regarding enrollments, the constitution should be amended. The Law office will draft up a recommendation and present to the Business Committee.

Memo from the Personnel Committee recommending Paul Skenandore be dismissed from employment for cause, the cause being an unwillingness on his part to cooperate with the Advisory Board as well as other Programs within the Oneida structure, also for being insubordinate to the directives of the Oneida Business Committee.

Motion was made by Wendell to approve the recommendation. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (effective date of termination is 5/31/80)

Interviews for the Commodity Food distribution program will be held on Monday.

Motion was made by Loretta to adjourn at 1:10 P.M. Wanda seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Webster

Wanda Webster, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee