



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  
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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.

De Pere  
Route 4



Wisconsin  
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## SPECIAL MEETING

August 6, 1980  
1:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Wanda Webster, Treasurer, Wendell McLester, Loretta Metoxen, Mark Powless, Edwin King Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bill Gollnick, Lloyd Powless, Chris Doxtator, Howard Cannon, Yvonne Tubby, Debbie Gauthier, Debbie Powless, Professor Helen Cornelly, UW-Stevens Point.

V-Chairman Norbert Hill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

First item was recommendations from the Education Board.

The Education Board held a special meeting on August 5, 1980 to review the present situation concerning the Tribal School Administrator. The person the Education Board is recommending is Don White, Don would like a firm committment from the Tribe that he would have a job offer before he moved to Oneida. Bill stated that Don needs to know today or he will take another position, he has agreed to take the same salary as Jerry Hill now has. Bill stated he has his resume on file. Jerry will be leaving the last week of August. Mark stated Jerry should have given the Tribe some consideration and allowed us more time in filling that position.

Motion was made by Wendell that Don White have a one year contract and that the Law Office work out the contract to the satisfaction of the Business Committee. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The second recommendation from the Education Board was that Amelia Cornelius assume the position of half time Principal for a 90 day period for the Tribal School. Amelia would work out a system to direct the teachers and staff to provide administrative functions as needed.

The second recommendation was discussed, no action was taken on it.

Dr. Cornelly gave a presentation on Associate Degree for Tribal employees, there is no grant for this, the teachers donate their own time. Discussion on does this meet the needs of the people, and the possibility of bringing this program to the reservation. It was suggested that a questionnaire be sent to Oneida programs to get their ideas as to what they would like. Wendell will be the contact person, he will get the reactions and inform Dr. Cornelly. This may be possible to implement this next spring, but UW-Stevens Point needs at least 20 firm committments from those interested.

### LAND AND LAW OFFICES

Jerry Hill explained the situation of Mike Melchert. Mike had a residential lease, residence was occupied by himself and Ms. Thundercloud, Mike has left the residence and Ms. Thundercloud remains, refusing to vacate the premises, claiming she paid for the material for the improvement on the property, and has since applied, along with Mike's brother to the Land Office for that assignment.

Jerry stated there is no clear regulation by the Tribe of the BIA whether an assignee of Tribal land for residential purposes can relinquish his interest to a relative contrary to priorities established by the Land Office. Jerry will write a letter to all parties concerned, stating that the Tribe's interest is the land, which is superior to their domestic needs, he will also meet with them and try to work out something. The Land Committee will set up a time as to when this should be settled.

Jerry will give a report on lease ordinances at the next regular Business Committee meeting.

V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill recommended that Business Committee liasons have Program Directors inform their employeed of the General Tribal Council meeting to be held on 8/9/80 at 10:00 a.m. at the Seminary. Chris stated the Land Office will be phoning people to inform them of the meeting.

LLOYD POWLESS

Lloyd request permisson to purchase a 1976 Ford Window Van for the electricians. Loretta stated Rose Melchert should be aware of this, as she is the purchasing agent.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the purchasing of the 1976 Ford Van, and to inform the purchasing agent. Mark seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

Wendell request to have reconfirmation letter for the DePere State Bank be signed. The purpose of this is to show authorization of the Tribes accounts at the Bank.

Motion was made by Mark to approve the signing of reconfirmation letter. Loretta seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

Wendell request to attend United Indian Planners Conference in New York on August 20, 1980. Motion was made by Mark to approve the request. Edwin seconded. Vote was 4 for with 1 abstention (Wendell). Motion carried.

Discussion on the HIP Program.

Motion was made by Loretta that a letter of complaint concerning the H.I.P. Program be sent to the Area Office and legislators. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Loretta that Wanda and any help she can get call people and inform them of the General Tribal Council Meeting on Docket 301, to be held on August 9, 1980. Edwin seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 4:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda Webster, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee