



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

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Approved
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UGWA DEHOLUH YATENE
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

October 3, 1980
10:10 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Purcell Powless. Vice Chairman Norbert Hill, Secretary Wanda Webster, Treasurer Wendell McLester, Edwin King Jr., Mark Powless, Loretta Metoxen.

ALSO PRESENT: Francis Skenandore, Jerry Hill.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss Mr. Smerud's position with Oneida. Jerry explained the letter which was received from Mr. Gordon Thayer, Chairman of the Lac Courte Oreilles Governing Board. Oneida did not request Lac Courte Oreilles tribal attorney as stated in the letter. The law office stated they will draft a letter in response to Mr. Thayer's letter. Francis stated we need to get specific dates on Lac Courte Oreilles indirect cost proposal. Mr. Smerud has made no formal request for final payment on the indirect cost proposal or the technical assistance management system.

Motion was made by Loretta that the Law Office seek full restitution on technical assistance monies paid Mr. Smerud. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOYD ACHESON WILL:

Francis stated the Tribe is the only one which will receive any money from the Will, which would be around \$346,000. Mr. Michael McCanna who is an Attorney thinks we should stick by the Will, while Mr. Robert Sigman, Attorney for the children of Mr. Acheson is suggesting to compromise, where 1/3 would be divided equally among the Children, Mrs. Acheson and the Tribe, he is also saying if the Tribe does not compromise we may not get anything. Both Attorneys would like to meet with the Business Committee. It is the recommendation of the Law Office to stand by the Will.

Motion was made by Norbert to stand by the Will as it is written. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on meeting with the two Attorneys.

Motion was made by Loretta that we not meet with the Attorneys. Norbert seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention (Edwin). Motion carried.

SIX NATIONS:

Francis stated he attended a pre-trial meeting in New York on October 9, 1980, whereas Tim Coulter stated the Six Nations holds title to all Six Nation lands in New York state, and that the Wisconsin Oneidas do not have any interest in any New York land claims.

Discussion on meeting with the Six Nations without their Attorneys present, and discuss why they are claiming the Wisconsin Oneida's do not exist.

Motion was made by Mark that the Law Office draft a letter to the Six Nation Chiefs to be signed by the Tribal Chairman and to indicate in the letter the response is to be made directly to him also. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Francis requested that Jerry Hill be the Project Director for the Campaign for Human Development project, with an increase in salary of \$30,000.

Motion was made by Mark to approve the request. Edwin seconded. Discussion: Wendell stated official notice should have been given, Francis will put this request in writing. Vote was 5 for with 1 opposing (Wendell). Motion carried.

Loretta moved that the Indian Child Welfare grant be negotiated for additional indirect cost monies. Wendell seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

Norbert requested travel to the Hall of Fame at Haskell on October 7-10, 1980, at no cost to the Tribe.

Motion was made by Mark to approve the request. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Webster, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee