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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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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

March 19, 1981

7:10 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman, Purcell Powless; V-Chairman, Norbert Hill; Secretary, Wanda Webster; Treasurer, Wendell McLester; Myron Smith, Edwin King, Mark Powless.

ALSO PRESENT: Norris Skenandore, Barbara Skenandore, Lloyd Powless, Van Roy Thomas, John Danforth, Dick Shikoski, Anna John, Barbara Denny, Francis Skenandore, Dale Powless.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the transferring of OTDC and OTE funds into a tribal fund.

Lloyd explained what he had found in the OTDC records, there had been a revision of the OTDC Corporate Charter and By Laws, but the Tribal Secretary and he could not find where it had been approved. And as for OTDC having any operating expenses, Lloyd stated they have none. Discussion on the Tobacco funds and the recent tribal lay off.

John stated when the current Board took over, they started from scratch. Barbara Skenandore stated as of Monday night there is \$24,000 in the excise tax account. Wendell stated that the OTE funds should be transferred to the State Bank of DePere, as that is where the Tribe does all of its banking. Wendell explained the action that was taken on Monday, (the lay-off) and he also explained the reason why this happened. Discussion on the Consultant that the Tribe had had, and also the salaries of the Administrative staff. Lloyd suggested: 1.) the transferring of OTE excise tax into the State Bank of DePere. 2.) A meeting with Dick and Wendell to get a clearer picture of OTE. 3.) OTDC has no funds to help the Tribe. 4.) ITAC pays the Tribe indirect cost rate. 5.) HIP, at present there is no indirect cost, there is a possibility of getting some, Lloyd will look into. 6.) The Tribe should take a stand on giving contracts to OTDC from programs, Indian preference is law.

Barbara stated if the Tribe declared a dividend on the excise tax, it would never work, as they only make .30¢ on every dollar now.

Wendell, Dick, Lloyd and Barb will meet again to discuss this.
(OTDC Board leave at 8:20)

LAW OFFICE:

Francis stated Rep. Prosser of Appleton is planning to introduce a Bill that will wipe out Indian Tobacco operations, if this Bill is introduced to the Legislature, it will wipe out Oneidas tobacco operation. Tax rule 9.08 should have been adopted by Judicare. Francis will be attending the GLITC meeting next week to request them to push Judicare to adopt this Bill. Francis stated he would like a resolution to present to GLITC supporting adoption of tax rule 9.08. The Law Office will draft the resolution.

Decision was made by Myron to adopt a resolution supporting adoption of tax rule 9.08. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BINGO:

Francis explained what is happening with Bingo, the Judge had not issued an injunction because we had not named some defendants in the Motion. The State has answered the Complaint, and the Judge has set a briefing schedule whereas the State has to reply by 3/26/81. Francis stated if the Seminoles win their case, it will be good for the Oneida's. Mark asked if there is something the people that come to bingo can do to support the Oneida Bingo operation, Francis stated that they can send letters of support to our Congressmen.

DOCKET 301:

Francis stated the New York Oneida's have not agreed to dismiss this case, the Lawyers suggest approaching the Justice Department and the Court of Claims to negotiate a settlement, if not the New York Oneida's have to agree to dismiss Docket 301. This needs to be done soon as the Court of Claims will hold Marvin Chapman in contempt.

Pre 1790 Claim:

Francis stated the Six Nations have finally responded to a letter which was sent them some six months ago, they want to meet with the Business Committee sometime in March. Jerry and Francis will draft a letter for review by the Business Committee. Mark stated he thinks the Committee should meet with them and take along some of our people that speak Oneida.

Francis stated the Brown County Corporate Council would like to hold an informational meeting in Green Bay. Mary Ann Shulstad has agreed to talk with them, but she will only come at the Tribe's request. Francis stated they only want to establish a better relationship with the Tribe. They want to meet with BIA people and someone knowledgeable of Indian Law, to learn more about Indian Tribes. Discussion: do we want to request someone from the BIA or not so Francis can respond to Mr. Binkoski's letter.

Motion was made by Myron not to do anything with this. Edwin seconded. Discussion: it seems like the Brown County Corporate Council has made plans already without asking the Tribe, if they do do this, they can ask the Tribe. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS OIL:

Francis stated Bob Thomas needs to know by March 30, 1981 if the Tribe wants to buy Thomas Oil. Discussion on the Tribe's financial situation. The Law Office will draft a letter of response to Mr. Thomas stating that the Tribe will not consider purchasing it at this time.

FLOYD ACHESON:

Francis asked what he should do with the Acheson case, as the Estate is in tax courts, and Nellie cannot get any of her money, the Courts want to compromise with Floyd's 4 children. Motion was made by Mark that in view of the financial circumstances, our Attorney's negotiate for a settlement. Edwin seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention (Norbert). Motion carried.

Chairman Powless stated that he had received a call from one employee that had been recently laid off, asking why two non-Indians had been called back to work. Wendell explained what had happened: after the lay-off was announced, Kathy had asked him if two people can stay on to help do the indirect cost proposal, and Wendell had called them back. The person complaining had caused a scene in the accounting office and other places. She had talked with the Grants Adm. who stated she would not come back to work until she is called, the Grants Adm. had been putting in free time. Wendell stated he would take full responsibility for this. Mark suggested that these two people be laid off, as that is the action that was taken. Wendell stated he had acted in the best interest of the Tribe. Wendell also stated that he had gotten out of the day to day activities in the accounting office, and if he stays on, he will be more active in the accounting office. Wendell also stated he would like the Business Committee to consider him working part-time, to consider at the next regular meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kanda