

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



Oneidas bringing su eral hundred bags **^** to Washingto corn Luciting army at Va' luy Forge, after the colonists had consist ently refused to aid them. colonists







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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in comenting a friend-ship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United nation, the United Status was made possible.

REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 1981 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Powless called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., a prayer was said by Amelia Cornelius, roll call was taken, quorum was present. Those present were: Chairman, Purcell Powless; V-Chairman; Norbert Hill, Secretary; Wanda Webster, Treasurer; Wendell McLester, Loretta Metoxen.

MINUTES:

Special meeting minutes of April 1, 1981, were approved as written. Special meeting minutes of April 3, 1981, were approved as corrected, correction was on paragraph 4, that Department heads be responsible to Business Committee. Special meeting minutes of April 6, 1981, were approved as written. Regular meeting minutes of APril 6, 1981, were approved as written. Special meeting minutes of April 13, 1981, were approved as written. Special meeting minutes of April 14, 1981, were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

MARCH BINGO REPORT:

Motion was made by Wendell to approve the March Bildgo report. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bingo also requested to purchase a new electrical bingo machine and board to replace the old one, the old one will be overhaul the old one and keep it in stock in case the new one breaks The cost of a new bingo machine is \$2,450.00. down. Motion was made by Wendell to approve the request. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously

The Bingo Committee requested a special meeting with the Business Committee to discuss a building for the bingo operation. Does the Tribe want a new bingo building or can they take over the gym at the Civic Center, they would remodel the gym and use it completely for bingo. The bingo operation now pays rent to the Civic center and also for the maintenance, which should be included in the rent. Wendell stated the Law Office had recommended not to go ahead with a bingo building at this time, due to the news coverage the Tribe has been getting lately, he recommended the Business Committee meet with the Bingo Committee and discuss this. Motion was made by Loretta to meet with the Bingo Committee on Monday, April 27, 1981 at 9:00 A.M. at the Tribal Building. Wanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Lloyd Powless asked if policy on instant bingo also be on the agenda. Alma stated that the Council should make decisions on instant bingo.

RUBY WHITE - REQUEST TO TRAVEL:

Request to travel to Charolette, Minnesota on May 3-6 to attend a Title IV conference was made by Ruby. She also requested permission to travel to Albuquerque to attend a National Indian Child Confernece on May 18-20, 1981. Ruby stated according to her contract she should attend one Indian Child Conference yearly, she did not the last one.

Motion was made by Norbert to approve the travel requests. Loretta seconded. Vote was 3 for with 1 abstention (Wendell). Motion carried.

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NURSING HOME MARCH REPORT:

No one was present from the Nursing Home. Motion was made by Norbert to table the report. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

URBAN HEADSTART PROGRAM:

Shirley Hill and Laura Brezinski represented the urban program, they stated they requested from Mary Ellen Hayes to see the budget and she has not allowed this and will not meet with them.

Motion was made by Loretta that Mary Ellen Hayes meet with the Amerindian Board of Directors and that she provide the information needed by them, also a copy of request to meet be sent to the Business Committee. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EOC MARCH REPORT:

Yvonee Tubby stated she had received a call from her project officer in Washington stating he wants to meet with Yvonne in Madison to adjust her budget, instead of a 10% increase in her budget, she would only get a 4%. She would have to modify her budget from 10% to 4%, this would mean a lay off of staff next summer.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the request to modify the EOC budget to 4% increase. Norbert seconded. Discussion: If the budget is approved now, the Business Committee will not get to see it until after it is changed. Loretta amended her motion to add "that whenever the changes are made, the Business Committee be provided the changes". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the EOC March report. Wendell seconded. No one opposed motion carried.

Request from the Accounting Office, Wendell requested that this be put at the end of the Agenda.

PERSONNEL OFFICE:

Memo from Pam Webster recommending the personnel office move to the Tribal building for the following reasons: 1.) more space and privacy for interviewing. 2.) more efficiency in working with the Business Committee on suggested employees and employees presently on board. 3.) Business Committee is the actual supervisors of the Personnel Office and need to have more direct contact with the Personnel office.

Dick stated the Personnel Office is presently under Adminstration and this request should have gone through the proper channels. Discussion on the use of the Mormon church as the Tribe now is heating and maintaining it.

Motion was made by Wendell to table this recommendation temporary as the Tribe is in the process of reorganizating. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the memo regarding Carl Rasmussen's employee benefits. Motion was made by Loretta to refer this back to the Personnel Office, Accounting Office and Carl for clarification. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER FROM LENA CORNELIUS AND STAN WEBSTER:

Letters from Lena Cornelius and Stan Webster requesting a license to sell cigarettes at their businesses. Wendell stated the persons requesting this should be present to answer questions the Business Committee might have. We should utilize all the outlets to sell cigarettes. Motion was made by Loretta to refer this to the Law Office for legal advice and to have a response by Friday, April 24, 1981. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Lloyd stated we should read the Tobacco Ordinance, it spells it out in there.

ONEIDA HOUSING REPORT AND BOARD VANCANY RECOMMENDATION:

Jean stated the Vice Chairman position is vacant, the Board of Commissioners will elect a V-Chairman. The Oneida Housing Board of Commissioners recommended Lois Powless of the four names received, they were: Mary Ellen Jourdan, Bev Shane, Lois Powless, Ernest Marlewski. Motion was made by Loretta to approve the recommendation that Lois Powless fill the vacancy on the Oneida Housing Board of Commissioners. Norbert seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

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Motion was made by Norbert to approve the Oneida Housing Authority March report. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING OFFICE:

Letter of intent to pursue a waste landfill was presented by Carl. Waste Management of Wisconsin, Inc., is interested in developing a solid waste landfill in Wisconsin, and because the Tribe is tax exempt, they have asked if the Tribe would be interested in receiving title to 120 to 160 acres of property to be put in trust. The site would be used for a landfill for 10-20 years and then landscaped, in addition to receiving land the Tribe would be paid a loyalty for each tom of refuse brought into the site.

Motion was made by Wendell to pursue this. Loretta seconded. Discussion: Loretta stated she is in favor of the invitation extended by Waste Management to examine their 120 acre landfill site just outside of Milwaukee. Motion carried unanimously.

CD BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION:

Carl stated the deadline for submitting the application is April 27, 1981. Motion was made by Norbert to approve the CD Block Grant Application. Wanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the name change of Lewelyn Street, Carl suggested renaming it to Standing Stone Road.

Motion was made by Loretta that Carl research the renaming of the street and bring back and recommendation to the Business Committee. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Carl requested vacation on May 18 - 22, 1981 and a personnel holiday on May 15, 1981. Motion was made by Norbert to approve the request. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

RON SKENANDORE:

Ron gave a oral report of the meeting which was held last week on JOM, many parents were in attendance, also Mr. Mooney representing the BIA attended. Ron asked for a meeting with the Business Committee to discuss the future of contracting JOM. Ron stated Mr. Bluen, who is an ex-Congressman would be available to attend the meeting, he would need \$1,000 consultant fees and also air fare, NCAI would sponsor him.

Meeting was scheduled for April 30, 1981 at 1:00 P.M. in room 22 at the Sacred Heart Center Discussion on who will be testifying on May 9, 1981 in Washington. Ron will check to see if he has funds for the Chairman to travel to Washington to testify.

HEALTH DIRECTORS MARCH REPORT:

Motion was made by Wendell to approve the Health Directors March report. Loretta seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 1981;

Discussion on page, par. 2, Business Committee wanting special treatment. Motion was made by Wendell to approve the Health Board minutes of March 23, 1981. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Audrey asked what the Business Committee would recommendation for the Cottrell preporty, hooking up the water/sewer systems to the present system or put in individual wells for the proposed homes that are to be build there. Audrey stated she would recommend individual wells as they would be the most ecomomical. Wendell stated there needs to be documentation before the Business Committee can act on this.

CETA:

Bruce requested to transfer five positions to Title III for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion was made by Loretta to approve the request of item I. Wanda seconded. Motion carried

Motion was made by Wendell to approve the recommendation to terminate 3 participants and extend the other two until the funds run out. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wendell to approve the recommendation to submit a modification to use the summer youth monies to fund youth experience positions. Wanda seconded. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Loretta to approve two supervisors be included in the modification. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wendell to approve the new job description for Frank Doxtater. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wendell to approve to advertise for a Counselor's Assistance . Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce requested to travel to Milwaukee to attend the Governor's Symposium on the Employment outlook for 1981 on April 29 & 30.

Motion was made by Norbert to approve the request. Wendell seconded. Motion carried.

OTDC MONTHLY PREGRESS REPORT:

Lloyd distributed corrected OTE balance sheet. Discussion on the management fees paid OTDC. Lloyd stated OTDC would like to put in a bid for the Keshena High School project, this would be a million dollar project.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the reports. Norbert seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd stated the new tobacco warehouse is still open for inspection. Lloyd stated he would like \$6,040.00 be taken out of the excise tax which amounts to \$11,027.75 and be paid directly to OTDC for completion of the new tobacco warehouse, the balance of \$4,987.75 will be paid to the Tribe.

Motion was made by Wendell to take the balance of monies out of the working account of OTE rather that the excise tax account to finish the warehouse. No second, motion dies.

Dick stated a new lease needs to be negotiated for the new warehouse, and also the Tribe should be named the insurer on the policy for the Warehouse, as tobacco enterprise provides the insurance.

Motion was made by Loretta that Dick be directed to work out theinsurance with Lloyd on the tobacco warehouse and negotiate the lease subject to final approval of the Business Committee. Wanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SIX NATIONS:

Francis distributed materials on the events relative to the Six Nations in the Oneida Land Claims suit.

Francis stated the issue would be who has the right to pursue the Claim, in the event the Business Committee and Six Nations meet, do we want to meet with the Six Nations or go ahead and pursue the Claim, this needs to be resolved soon.

Motion was made by Loretta that the Business Committee meet with representatives of the Six Nations at our earliest convenience and that a agenda be developed by the Law Office and that out Tribal Attorneys be in attendance. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimosuly.

MUSEUM:

Bob stated the Museum needs operational expenses of \$2,200 for the month of May. Fort Howard may fund the museum \$54,000, funding looks good. Chairman Powless asked Bob if he would consider donating his time contingent on funding. Bob stated he could not do this, as he has a family to support, and the museum is booked heavily for the month of May. Wendell stated he could not vote in favor of this request as there are people laid off now. It was decided to consider this on Monday in the meeting with the Bingo Committee, it may be possible to have an instant bingo for this.

MEMO FROM KATHY HUGHES:

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the recommendation that the Cannery administer the home garden project. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick stated the old ANA grant needs to be closed, and we cannot use old ANA funds to do this. Wendell recommended using Loretta Webster to do this, as she is working while Kathy is on vacation, also, she was the former ANA Director.

Motion was made by Wendell to utilize Loretta Webster, along with her ohter duties, to complete the first three projects, with DLAD as the low priority. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell gave an oral report of a meeting he had with Audrey on the print-outs. Audrey requeste that the Health Center receive all the reports and the Directors make their own decision as

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to if they want the print.outs/reports.

REFUSE SERVICE:

Discussion on the refuse service. Wendell suggested: 1.) change of route, dropping some customers. 2.) a two day route of 16 hours. Audrey stated there are a few things that are holding down the refuse operation, that is the payment on the gruncher and the actual operation of the maintenance building, the

electricity is \$7,980 since January. Dick stated programs need to work together more. Wendell suggested that the Business Committee be paid \$50 per meeting and meet two times a week, this will be discussed more at Friday's meeting.

Audrey stated the payment on the gruncher per month is \$1,280. The furnace at the maintenance building is still not working correctly, a couple months ago \$240 worth of fuel leaked out. Audrey recommended not to shut down the refuse service but to look over the operation in June to see where we are at, and if it is not feasible to shut it down July 1, 1981. Other programs that use the maintenance do not contribute anything to it.

Motion was made by Loretta that the Refuse Service continue at a reduced two day pick-up and service whatever customers are in that area, this is to be effective 30 days from today and that the Refuse Service be re-evaulated on or about June 15, 1981 for continuation. Wanda seconded. Discussion: This needs to be monitored on a day to day basis. Loretta added to her motion, "that Eugene be put in charge of the Refuse Service and report to the Accounting Office on a day to day basis". Motion carried unanimously.

Lloyd stated the Wisconsin Indian Resource Council needs a representative from Oneida, he would like to the representative and he will recruit someone to be an alternate. Motion was made by Loretta to approve Lloyd as the representative from Oneida to be on the Wisconsin Indian Resource Council. Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wendell to adjourn at 5:45 P.M. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Webster, Secretary