

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin 615.8



Oneidas bringing sovaral 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 comenting a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United Status was made possible.

# SPECIAL MEETING

May 26, 1981 10:25 A.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Villegomez, Dick Shikoski.

Progress report and recommendations were presented by Joe, the recommendations must be evaluated, modified and passed on before a reorganizational plan can be successfully implemented.

#### 1. ENTERPRISES AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS "SCHEDULE A"

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the recommendation that the Comptroller shall be directed to establish a seperate account for all enterprises and discretionary funds. Furthermore, the Business Committee shall direct OTDC to surrender all funds held in the name of OTE immediately, except that budgeted amount "monthly" needed to successfully operate OTE for the Oneida Tribe. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# Discussion on paragraph.

Motion was made by Loretta that the second paragraph read "This amount be jointly agreed upon between O.T.D.C and the Oneida Business Committee." Also, all accounts, accounting records and physical inventory are to be audited quarterly by the Comptroller for the Tribe. Wendell seconded. Vote was 6 for with 1 opposing (Myron). Motion carried.

#### II. LIST OF TRIBAL PROJECTS "Schedule D"

Dick stated those programs that the Tribe subsidizes should continue to seek funds. Motion was made by Wendell to approve recommendation II, the list of tribal projects, "Schedule D". Loretta seconded. Vote was 6 for with 1 opposing (Myron). Motion carried.

### III. THINGS TO BE PASSED ON:

Joe recommended that the Industrial Developer and the Resource Developer's job descriptions be combined.

Motion was made by Wendell to approve the recommendation of combining the two positions. Edwin seconded. Vote was 6 for with 1 opposing (Myron). Motion carried.

## Discussion on the Oneida Nation Industrial Board.

Motion was made by Mark that the Oneida Nation Industrial Board be dissolved when the Resource Developer position is filled. Wendell seconded. Vote was 5 for with 2 opposing (Myron and Norbert). Motion carried.

III.(B) It was decided to go through the normal process of finding candidates for the position of Tribal General Manager.

Discussion on III. "C" upgrading existing staff for other department management positions.

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# III. "D" Discussion on governmental committees.

Motion was made by Wendell to adopt item "D" with the exception of those committees that are elected by the General Tribal Council. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. "E" Each new/old committee will be assigned a Business Committee member to work with, Wendell stated Business Committee persons should be non voting members and should know and provide tribal policy to that committee.

Discussion on a finance and appropriations committee, Wendell stated all requests and proposals should come to the Business Committee before it goes to a finance and appropriations committee.

Motion was made by Mark that all new proposals be presented to the Business Committee and if approved, forwarded on to the finance and appropriations committee. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MUSEUM - BOB SMITH:

Bob stated the Museum will not have anything in their account by this Friday, they are in need of funds or the Museum will have to be closed down. It was explained to Bob that the Business Committee had tenatively approved a budget for the Museum this morning in the amount of \$37,000. Wendell suggested that Bob meet with himself and Dick this afternoon or as soon as possible to do a budget.

Discussion on the Public Relations man, program directors are not going through the proper procedure in letting out information to the news media. Mark suggested that all program directors should be directed that any kind of press releases are to go through Rick Wheelock and he in turn submits the releases to the Business Committee for approval.

Bob stated he did not know that Rick was the Tribe's public relations person, and he feels that he did not make mis-statements to the Press on the Museum.

Motion was made by Loretta that a memo be sent to all program directors on the public relations procedure and if it is not followed disciplinary action will be taken. Edwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell recommended that the Business Committee return to work June 1, 1981. Motion was made by Norbert that the Business Committee come back to work full time on June 1, 1981. Mark seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention (Edwin) and 1 opposing (Myron). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 will continue at 1:30 P.M.

MEETING CONTINEND AT 1;30 P.M. (SAME PEOPLE WERE PRESENT, ALSO LLOYD POWLESS.)

Discussion on who will notify the OTDC board on the action that was taken this morning. Also discussed was the fact that the OTDC Board did not notify the Business Committee of the suspention of Lloyd, the OTDC Board will be meeting tonight. It was decided that a letter be sent to the OTDC Board notifying them of the action that was taken and also requesting to meet with them on Thursday night, (5/28/81) at 5:00 P.M. at the Civic Center. Lloyd stated he would take the letter and hand deliver it to the Board tonight.

Discussion on the programs that have a tenatively approved budget. Dick and Wendell will contact those program directors.

Discussion on the pension plan. Dick stated the pension plan was approved by the Tribe and the IRS but it was never implemented, the Tribe should make a decision as to if they want a pension plan or not.

Motion was made by Mark to rescind the pension plan due to lack of interest by employees. Wendell seconded. Vote was 5 for with l abstention (Wanda). Motion carried.

Dick will draft a letter to the IRS and to the employees on the action regarding the pension plan.

Discussion on shrubs be taken from the Cottrell property.

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Carl stated he did not give anyone permission to take the shrubs. Wendell stated the Business Committee should be notified anytime Tribal property is involved.

Carl stated the paperwork is being done on the ANA proposal, he will follow-up on this and report back to the Business Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday morning at 9:00 A.M. (5/28/81) Meeting ended at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wanda Webster, Secretary