

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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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 States was made possible.

APRIL 22, 1982

Meeting called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairman

Present: Gary Metoxen, Norbert Hill, Gordon McLester, Joy Ninham, Howard Cannon, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Frank Cornelius

Excused: Wendell McLester

Others: Loretta Webster, Francis Skenandore

IROQUOIS COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE - Back Rent

Francis stated the Iroquois Community Cooperative sent him a letter dealing with the following back rent for the farm - improvements for farm - rental of farm by ICC. The ICC withdrew their offer of \$300.00 per month for rent. The \$24,000.00 capitol improvements/investments would more than cover the back rent which ICC stated was \$1,500.00. Mark moved that the relationship between the Business Committee and ICC be severed and the improvements for the farm be considered in place of the back rent. Howard Seconded. Motion Carried.

Howard will see if there are any other tribal members interested in the use of the land at the farm and bring any information back to the Business Committee as soon as possible because of the planting season so near.

TAX ON INDIAN CIGARETTES REPORT - Tony Benson, Gordon McLester, Gary Metoxen

The three of us spent 2 days in Madison trying to see as many of the legislators as possible. The legislators we talked to said they were not in favor of the Tax Rider going thru and would do what they could. Dave Prossor, the person who introduced Bill #500, said the Indian Tribes were not doing their part in giving more communication to the State on the development of a Tax on the cigarettes.

If the Budget Bill passes with the Tax Rider on it, our next point is to convince the governor to veto the rider. More meetings will be necessary in Madison to try and stop this Tax Rider. The total involvement of GLITC is very important in this matter. Jerry Hill prepared a letter to be sent to the Joint Finance Committee stating the Tribe's concerns. Oneida Tribe Of Indians Of Wisconsin Special Meeting - April 22, 1982 Page 2

The Oneida Tribe has met with legislators this past year to try and resolve this important matter. The help from the cigarette sales to meet economic needs of Indian people on the Reservation cannot be looked at lightly. The Oneida Tribal government strongly urges the members of the Joint Finance Committee to withdraw this controversial proposal from their emergency budget consideration at this time and allow the negotiating process to continue.

CODE OF ETHICAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

I: THE ETHIC OF RESPONSIBILITY - TO ELICIT TRUST

The members of the Business Committee must be self governing if they are to be responsible. They will know the limits of their performance to those services which elicit trust from the individuals and society whom they serve.

COMMITMENT TO THE TRIBAL MISSION - PURPOSES AND GOALS

The members of the Board have a mission in common to implement programs and activities essential to the fulfillment of responsible individual interests and goals, and the general welfare of the tribe.

COMMITMENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE

The members of the Business Committee are committed to cause the best possible decisions to be made. The quality of responsible decisions, actions and performance is in proportion to the contributing competence and skill of Board Members.

COMMITMENT TO A PROFESSION

The members of the Business Committee, associated with those who by their deeds and words, honor the "ethic of responsibility" and cause those "who would knowingly or unknowingly do harm" to be identified and counseled. The profession shall provide not only the standard to judge competence but the means to acquire it.

V: COMMITMENT TO SERVE OTHERS ABOVE SELF

The members of the Business Committee are committed to serve the Tribe and are dedicated to improving the status and conditions of mankind by serving others first. The professional trusts that those who are benefited will reciprocate appropriately.

Gary put together the first draft of the Code and gave this to the Business Committee. After discussion on the 5 principle's, Gary will make a second draft of the Code. No action at this time.

SALESPERSON FOR THE ARTS & CRAFTS

A request was made to post the job for a Salesperson in Arts & Crafts. Norbert moved to approve. Joy Seconded. Motion Carried.

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Gary asked that Norbert go to GLITC in Lac Du Flambeau in his place because he would be at the EOC Conference on Friday. Gary gave official recognition to all Tribal secretaries and that the Tribe thank them for all their hard work.

11:40 Norbert moved to recess. Mark Seconded. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary

GM/pb