

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Oneidas bringing soveral hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valloy forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to ald them.



-SPECIAL MEETING-

Oneida, WI 54155



Bocause of the help of this Oneida Chief in comenting a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the U nited States was made pos-

approved B Read June 21 1982

MAY 12, 1982

Meeting called to order at 1:20 P.M. by Gary Metoxen, Chairman

Present: Gary Metoxen, Norbert Hill, Wendell McLester, Gordon McLester, Mark Powless, Tony Benson

Excused: Frank Cornelius, Howard Cannon, Joy Ninham

GARY METOXEN REPORT

Report by Gary on the trip to Madison on May 1, 1982

"The first meeting of the GLITC-created Special Committee was held on May 11, 1982, at the Madison offices of the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe. The meeting was attended by:

Gary Metoxen, Oneida Tribal Chairman Jerry Hill, Oneida Tribal Attorney Francis Skenandore, Oneida Tribal Attorney Harry Steindorf, Wisconsin Winnebago Vickie Ackley, Mole Lake Tribal Vice-Chairman Rita Keshena, Menominee Tribal Attorney Jim Hawkins, Wisconsin Judicare Kathryn Tierney, Wisconsin Judicare Bob Miller, GLITC Executive Director, ex officio member

Gary Metoxen was named Chair of the Committee. The following decisions were made:

- (1) The Committee determined to implement the GLITC Resolution to work to sustain the Governor's veto of the change in the cigarette tax by addressing a letter on GLITC letterhead to all members of the State Senate and Assembly requesting their support for the veto as the correct method of resolving the strains of the relationship between the Tribes and the State on cigarette sales to non-members The letter also pledges that the Tribes intend to enter into good faith negotiations with the State on cigarette sales. The letter will be signed by Mr. Metoxen on behalf of all Tribes, and a copy will be furnished to all.
- (2) The Committee decided to recommend to all Tribes that each Tribe

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> contact, by telephone or in person, their local State Senator and Representative in request their support for the sustaining of the veto.

To assist Tribes in answering questions by legislators on the impact of a change in the cigarette tax on Indians, Francis Skanandore and Jerry Hill will draft a general position paper on the issue which will be furnished to all Tribes.

- (4) Jerry Hill and Rita Keshena, who are members of the American Indian Study Committee, will report to that Committee during its meeting of May 12, 1982, that all Tribes support the veto by the governor of the cigarette tax change and will recommend to the Committee that it take an active role in the issue if the events of May 26, 1982, warrant it.
- (5) Rita Keshena will contact Todd Berry, Assistant to Secretary of Revenue Mark Musolf, on behalf of the Committee to schedule a meeting with the Department to discuss negotiations on cigarette sales. The Committee directed that the meeting be scheduled for the first week of June. In this way, legislators can be told that efforts are being made by the Tribes to resolve the controversy through negotiation.

The Committee also stands ready to furnish to Tribes requesting it, information and assistance in developing tribal ordinances regulating the sale of cigarettes.

The Committee will hold it's next meeting on May 20, 1982, at the Oneida Reservation. It recommends that all Tribes contact their legislative representatives prior to that date. At the next meeting, Committee members will assess the chances of an override of the veto being successful; if the chances look good, the Committee will recommend to the Tribes that contact be made with legislators from all over the State.

The Committee will also make all efforts necessary to keep the Tribes informed of any developments prior to its next formal meeting.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE PERSONNEL CONCERN OF FRANK CORNELIUS

Frank was not here as well as two other members. The Business Committee said the discussion of Frank's part-time position would be on the agenda for 8:00 A.M. on May 13, 1982 and one of the lawyers would be present.

Joy arrived at 1:35

LAND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAY 11, 1982

Mark moved to approve the recommendation of the Land Committee regarding the Tribal Farm House:

- That the rent be set at \$300.00 per month with the tenents paying their own utilities. Security Deposit.
- (2) That George Samardichs' request be denied and that we offer to rent to Tribal Members.

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> (3) That we have the house painted (interior) as soon as possible to be able to rent.

Joy Seconded this motion. Motion carried

There was discussion on George Semardichs' position at the Nursing Home, about an employment agreement. Tony will get more information on this and bring this back to the Business Committee.

Norbert moved to recess at 2:45 P.M. Tony Seconded. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary