



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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*Approved As Read
Regular Meeting
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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.

REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 1982

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

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

Excused: Joy Ninham

RNIP Recommendations

Harriet Reiter and Tony Benson brought back their recommendations and the Business Committee went through these recommendations:

Block Grant - which would allow the Tribe to regulate the eligibility requirements, financial benefits and administrative cost according to the needs of each individual tribe.

Recommendation - that the Tribe be able to serve all Indian persons living within our existing reservation boundaries.

Tribal Administration - which would allow the Tribe to regulate the requirements for eligibility, financial benefits and administration cost according to the needs of the Tribe.

Recommendation - RNIP get away from being governed by the AFDC Rules and Regulations. It could become a general Assistance Program meeting the very basic needs of an individual for each tribe.

Residency - Recommend this be changed to help all Indian persons living within the reservation boundaries. Require a 30 day residency before getting any assistance.

Assets - Need to define what liquid assets are.

Recommend the benefits be set up in categories of need according to the number of persons living in the total household unit.

Being that the Food Stamp Program and the Commodities Program have changed how they treat each individual, recommend this should be removed from the recommendations.

In agreement with the recommendation regarding the asset limit of \$100.00 and income of any sorts earned or unearned be adjusted dollar for dollar, no exclusions.

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Benefit Periods - would be certified for up to a 3 month period of time but could be shorter if determined the need is very temporary.

Recommended a shorter application form be used for RNIP if the Program goes to a General Assistance Program. Much of the information in the combined application form is not necessary.

Recommend an investigator be on board to investigate various areas of concern in all programs.

WEP - Recommend that this be turned into a work fare program if the RNIP Program goes in that direction. We feel the state or statutes should provide an appropriate appeal procedure.

Recommend the Tribe be allowed to set this program up according to the needs of each reservation.

Recommend, as a contribution to administrative cost, the tribes could arrange to make available various tools, equipment or other supplies necessary for the work fare program to be a success. They might also provide the space for this worker or workers.

Medical Benefits - Recommend medical benefits should be available for any Indian person living within the existing reservation boundaries. Agreed that it would only pay for emergency medical care when it could not be obtained from any existing source on the reservation and only as a last resort after all other available funds are exhausted.

There should not be blanket coverage for medical benefits, one should have to come in and request the assistance and then perhaps be done by a voucher system.

Howard Cannon moved to approve these recommendations, Frank Cornelius seconded. Motion carried.

George White Lease

Mark Powless moved to have the Law Office review the lease of George White and also provide Notice To Renew Lease Agreement if the review proves to be agreeable with the Law Office and George White. George White is to supply the Tribe with the necessary information on taxes to complete the rent.

Tony Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried

Mark Powless moved to approve the Tribal Secretary accompany the Chairman to Washington, D.C. on the hearings of the land claims on June 21-22-23. Tony Benson seconded the motion. Motion Carried, with Gordon abstaining.

Howard would like the Business Committee to give some thought about moving the cigarette sales from the Mason sales shop up to Oneida One Stop.

At 12:00, there will be a farewell for Dr. Kiser at the Health Center

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Travel Request


Bruce King requested permission to attend the Wisconsin Indian Economic Development conference in Racine on June 30 to July 1st.

Frank Cornelius moved to approve the request, seconded by Norbert Hill. Motion carried.

Norbert Hill moved to recess, seconded by Howard Cannon. Motion carried.

4:30 Meeting recessed.

Respectfully submitted,


Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary