



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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UGWA DEHOLUH YATEKE
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.

SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 1982

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman.

Present: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Norbert Hill-Vice-Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Gordon McLester-Secretary. Council members-Tony Benson, Lloyd Powless, Mark Powless, Lois Powless, Loretta Metoxen.

Others: Jerry Hill

Jerry gave an up-to-date report on the Cigarette Tax Legislation from the beginning of the year up to the present. Jerry stated that an Ad Hoc meeting would be held in Wausau on December 3 at 11:00 A.M. Jerry had a draft agreement that had been worked out by the Department of Revenue and the secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee.

After reviews, the draft agreement, Loretta Metoxen made a motion that the Oneida Tribe support the agreement developed by the Ad Hoc Committee and the Department of Revenue in concept at this time. Norbert Hill seconded. Motion carried.

A discussion was held in reference to having the other Tribal Councils of Wisconsin come together for a joint meeting to discuss the Cigarette Issue. Also, any other things that are important to all Tribes of the state.

Loretta made a motion to notify the other Tribes that the Oneida Tribe is requesting a meeting for all other Tribal Councils of the state. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Notice to Send Out of the New Council Members

The Business Committee discussed sending out a notice to all agencies and other necessary parties notifying them of the new Council Members.

Gordon McLester moved to send these notices out to all necessary parties Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Mark made a motion to approve that Kathy Hughes and Loretta Metoxen attend the Ad Hoc meeting in Wausau. Norbert seconded. Motion carried.

New York Land Claims Discussion

Memo from Francis R. Skenandore

On October 4, 1982 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit handed down a decision in favor of the Wisconsin Oneidas in the entitled case (Oneida Indian Nation of New York vs State of New York, Case No. 81-7616), affirming and remanding the decision back to the Federal District Court for and evidentiary hearing.

Tim Coultier, Attorney for the Six Nations Grand Council, was submitting two Amicus briefs in this case. Mr. Coultier would submit one Amicus brief supporting the Wisconsin Oneidas claim dealing with treaty issues and rights under the treaties that protect the Oneidas rights to the land. The second Amicus brief Mr. Coultier was desiring to submit to the Court was an Amicus brief on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians. This brief would not deal specifically with the legal issues in this case, but would be more in terms of a political statement of support. The brief would further suggest that whatever the Court does in this case, it would reflect on all other Indian land claims in the United States. The Tribe objects to Mr. Coultier submitting the Amicus Brief on behalf on the National Congress of American Indians for the following reasons:

- 1 That National Congress of American Indians should consult the Oneidas before filing an Amicus brief in this case.
2. The brief would not deal with legal issues in the Oneida Claim, but would be a political statement of support.
3. If Indian Organizations, at this point, started filing Amicus Briefs in the Oneida Claim, it would create political controversy, and in all probability submerge the legal issues on which the Oneidas have been winning.
4. If a political controversy is injected into this case, at this time, Amicus Briefs would in all probability be filed by all states in which Indian land claims are pending or may be brought in the future

At this time the Oneida case has proceeded in the Courts without very much political controversy affecting the legal issues. We feel that the Oneidas presently stand in the strongest legal position ever for winning and reclaiming the land.

We definitely do not want any more political controversy than necessary affecting this case, wherein even though we are absolutely correct in all legal rights, some Judge may be forced to rule against the Oneidas because of the politics and the size of the claim.

At this point, we believe that the National Congress of American Indians will not file the Amicus Brief or allow Mr. Coultier to file it on their behalf since we objected to the Amicus brief being filed.

Mark made a motion to have our attorney Francis R. Skenandore, contact the necessary parties involved in regards to the Amicus Brief that Tim Coultier is attempting to file on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians, and to tell them that we are in opposition to that. However, we would consider a brief on the specific legal issues of the case. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting with Canadian Oneidas on Land Claims

The Canadian Oneidas held a meeting on November 27, 1982, and invited the Business Committee to attend. We did not have enough notice to send any members at that time, and asked the Canadian Oneidas if there was a follow-up meeting to be notified so the Business Committee could send a representative to that meeting.

We have been notified that they are having a meeting on December 11, 1982, and have extended the invitation again for discussion on Land Claims. A problem may arise because a meeting is also scheduled here with the General Tribal Council on that date.

Mark made a motion that the Tribal Secretary be authorized to communicate with the Canadian Oneidas in regards to meeting dates on Land Claims. Lois seconded Motion carried.

Education Resolution-12-2-82-A

Whereas, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is responsible for providing and/or facilitating educational opportunities and programs that affect it's membership and,
Whereas, it is the intent of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to ensure that programs and opportunities directly effecting it's membership are optimally managed and administered, and,
Whereas, the Acting Minneapolis Area Education Program Administrator, Mrs. Cora Jones, has invited the honest opinion and input of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and,
Whereas, such opinion and input are necessary in order to facilitate better and more cost effective services to those Tribes utilizing contracted Bureau of Indian Affairs services,
Therefore be it resolved that, the Oneida Tribe of Indians requests every consideration be made to provide the Great Lakes Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs with personnel capable of optimally administering education programs under a change in programatic line-authority from the Minneapolis Area Office to the Great Lakes Agency.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Oneida Tribe of Indians recommends the change in line-authority to the Great Lakes Agency if and only if the following provisions are adhered to:

1. Additional staff assigned to the Great Lakes Agency must possess the professional/personal and technical skills necessary to facilitate all aspects of their education specialty to users of those services.
2. Cash flow to Tribes must not be negatively effected.

CERTIFICATION
Oneida Business Committee

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 9 constitute a quorum; at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12 month 2 day of 1982. The foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstention(s).

Signed Norbert
Secretary, Oneida Business Committee

Norbert made a motion to adopt this resolution. Kathy seconded Motion carried

Step One Study Hearing

Second Public Meeting Scheduled For Oneida Pollution Abatement Study.
A study to examine wastewater pollution problems in the Oneida Village area has begun. This "Step-One Study" will provide documentation of wastewater problems and needs in the Oneida area. The study will provide alternatives for solving the pollution and health problems identified. It will provide an environmental and cost effectiveness analysis of each alternative. The study concludes with the development of a "Facility Plan". This plan will summarize study findings, recommend a single alternative, and provide estimated user charge costs. Public participation is highly encouraged during the Step-One Study. Public involvement is necessary to help identify the scope of the problem and direct the progress of the study. To facilitate public participation, three public meetings and one public hearing have been planned. The first of the public meetings was held October 25, 1982, at the Sacred Heart Center in Oneida. A second meeting is scheduled as follows: Monday, December 6, 1982, 7:30 p.m., at the Hobart Town Hall at Pinetree Road and Florist Drive. This meeting is being held to provide information and answer questions concerning the Step-one Study. All persons living within the planning area and other parties of interest are strongly encouraged to attend.

Mark made a motion to have all the Land Committee present at the December 6 meeting on the Step-One Study. He also requested that the Housing Authority send a representative, and Loretta will be excused from the Regular Monthly Meeting to attend the Step-One Study Meeting. Norbert seconded. Motion carried

12:00 - Norbert moved to recess until 1:30. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

1:35 - Meeting was called to order.

Tribal Administrator Position Discussion

Because of the importance of this position, Kathy Hughes is formerly the Acting Tribal Administrator. The Business Committee will try to fill this position as soon as possible. Personnel Director Joe Villagomez, will contact the applicants for this position and set up interviews as soon as possible with the Personnel Selection Committee. The Director needs someone to contact in terms of Tribal Business.

Mark made a motion that Joe Villagomez will be Acting Tribal Administrator until a new Tribal Administrator is selected. Kathy Hughes will work with Joe, helping him in this position. Gordon seconded. Kathy abstained. Motion carried.

Press Release

Loretta made a motion to have a Press Release prepared by the Law Office and the Tribal Secretary concerning the four new Council Members that just came on board. The Business Committee will review the Press Release before it is released. Lois seconded. Motion carried.


Indirect Cost with the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dick Shikoski is having problems with the Bureau of Indian Affairs not willing to pay the full Indirect Cost. Kathy Hughes and Norbert Hill have been directed to follow this problem up with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and get an answer as to why they will not pay the full Indirect Cost.

4:00 p.m. - Norbert moved to recess. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary