



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



UGWA DEHOLUN YATENE

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.

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SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 24, 1983

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

Present Purcell Powless, Kathy Hughes, Gordon McLeister, Lloyd Powless, Lois Powless, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Loretta Metoxen

Excused: Norbert S. Hil

Others Tony Utschig, Administrator; Joe Villagomez Personnel Director
Dean Blue, BIA; Bruce King; John Spangberg.

PETERSON LAND PURCHASE

The Business Committee approved the purchase of the Peterson Land. Kathy stated the purchase should go to the Finance and Appropriation Committee. Mark stated he is not opposed to the purchase of the land but he would like to see a plan developed before the Tribe finalize the agreement. Mark made a motion that the Liaison from the Business Committee, the Law Office, Land Committee and the Treasurer be involved in negotiations of the Peterson Land. Lois Seconded. Loretta Abstained. Motion Carried.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS - Joe Villagomez

Mark moved to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Selection Committee of January 20, 1983, for the position of Chemical Dependency Counselor at the Oneida Health Center, The first choice of the Committee was Lillian M. Antone. Lloyd Seconded. Motion Carried.

Lloyd moved to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee of January 20, 1983 for the position of Mail Clerk. The first choice of the Committee was Norbert J. Elm. Mark Seconded. Motion Carried.

TONY UTSCHIG - TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

Tony asked to see the policy on the pay to the Personnel Selection Committee for interviews. The Treasurer will check out the policy and the amount that has been paid out.

There was a question if the General Tribal Council ever took action at an earlier

date about selection of the Personnel Selection Committee. The secretary was requested to research the minutes on any General Tribal Council action concerning the Personnel Selection Committee.

OTE REQUEST: The manager is asking about the lease agreement of the warehouse and who is responsible for maintenance and repairs of the building. The Tribal Administrator is directed to respond to the memo from the OTE manager.

DISCUSSION ON PRESS RELEASE: Art Houlihan and Frank Church were recommended by Tony as contact people about press releases. He felt they would give the positive approach about the Tribe's business. Tony and Percy will develop recommendations for press releases and bring these back to the Business Committee.

HEALTH CENTER ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Business Committee discussed the job description and gave Joe Villagomez the changes to make and bring the final job description back this afternoon.

NEW INDIAN HOUSING GRANT

In a letter from Housing Affairs dated 12/17/82, HUD proposes to use funds to test 2 new approaches, including use of FHA financing on tribal lands and a block grant approach. The straight block grant would cover not only housing construction costs but also water and sanitary facilities, now provided by the Indian Health Service, and home repairs, now covered under a Bureau of Indian Affairs program. The block grant proposal would result in a reduction of funding. Indians are skeptical of the FHA approach, which they say won't work on reservations even if HED waives marketability criteria. They are particularly troubled by a proposal to make Tribal Councils co-mortgagors, ultimately responsible for all payments on homes built under the program.

Lois will meet with the Housing Authority and explain the objections the Business Committee have against what is being considered and find out the Housing Authority position.

NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER RESPONSE

The Native American Center sent a report and asked for the Tribe to sign the report indicating that we have received and reviewed the report. This was a Training Seminar on Tribal Management for the Business Committee. Mark made a motion to approve the signing of the evaluation. Tony Seconded. Motion Carried.

BOARD SELECTION POLICY DRAFT

Tony recommended creation of a Board Selection Committee. This Board could be composed of three individuals appointed by the Business Committee. These three individuals should have extensive experience as board members. Term of office should be established as two years with no reappointments.

This committee would be responsible for making recommendations for filling any vacancies which occur on Tribal committees, boards, or commissions which are appointed by the Business Committee. Reappointments should be considered prior to establishing a vacancy.

All vacancies should be advertised in the Kalihwisaks. Applications for openings should include a statement detailing qualifications for committee members and

reasons for applying. All applications should be forwarded to the Tribal Secretary's office.

Kathy recommended that (3) three of the Business Committee members develop a Selection Policy. Mark, Kathy, Tony, and Tony U. will develop a policy.

INCOME MAINTENANCE

Two (2) budgets were presented on December 29, 1982. Tony B. would like to have the Business Committee review these budgets again.

Mark made a motion to send the two budgets from Income Maintenance to the Finance & Appropriations Committee to review the budgets for recommendations and that it be revised in the 1984 budget. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Tony Benson requested vacation - January 25 through 28, 1983. Kathy made a motion to approve the request. Lloyd seconded. Tony abstained. Motion carried.

Gordon requested vacation on January 27 & 28. Kathy moved to approve the request. Loretta seconded. Gordon abstained. Motion carried.

TRIBAL SCHOOL SALARIES REQUEST

Lloyd moved to refer to Finance & Appropriations Committee. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

11:00 A.M. Mark moved to recess until 3:00 P.M. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

3:00 P.M. - MEETING RECONVENED - NORBER LLOYD EXCUSED

DEVELOPMENT AT AIRPORT/DISCUSSION

Bruce gave an update on the development on the airport property. A feasibility study has been completed in 1983. A study has been done on alternatives for supplying utility service to the airport site from the village of Ashwaubenon.

HIP (HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)

A survey had been done by John Spangberg and Dean Blue (from BIA) on the HIP list to make sure the people on the list were in the right category.

CATEGORY A

Frank Danforth
Mary Jourdan
Joyce Hoes
Sara Skenandore
Susan Daniels
Commodore Metoxen
Beverly Metoxen
Eugene Cornelius

CATEGORY B

Clayton Cornelius
Gerald Cornelius
Alice Cornelius
Lorraine Cornelius
Stanley Webster
Delphine Doxtator
Lee McLester IV
Vernon Jourdan

CATEGORY C

Theada Kirby
Shirley Garsow (Schuyler)

Kathy moved to approve the list presented with the corrections on the category and Alfrieda Grignon removed from the list. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

LETTER TO TONY EARL IN REFERENCE TO RNIP

Honorable Governor Anthony Earl:

This is a request that you remove from your present budget bill any consideration regarding the Relief To Needy Indian People Program. Specifically, the Relief to Needy Indian People Program should be maintained, as is, for the following reasons;

The RNIP eligibility changes included in your present budget bill are substantive in nature and therefore, should be made only after prior deliberation with Tribal governments.

The American Indian Study Committee of the Legislative Council on January 19, 1983, recommended removal of this part of the budget bill.

Although we are concerned with the proposed reductions to recipients, we are more concerned with changes that will affect the rights of recipients.

For the above stated reasons, the Oneida Tribe urges you to delete from your budget bill any consideration of the RNIP, particularly amendment to eligibility requirements until the Tribal political leadership may be consulted for alternative proposals. Until such time, the RNIP should be maintained at its present level.

ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

Lois moved to approve sending this letter. Kathy seconded. Motion carried

HIGHER EDUCATION RESOLUTION #1-24-83-A

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin request all Congressional Representatives, Senators and elected Public Officials to closely examine the Office of Management and Budget recommendations for fiscal year 1974; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education scholarship program be re-inserted within the FY 1984 congressional budget at levels equal to or greater than FY '83.

Mark made a motion to approve the resolution. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Joe Villagomez returned with the Job Description for the Health Center Administrator with the changes that were requested. It was agreed to post the position.

Mark moved to have the General Tribal Council Meeting on February 7, 1983 at the Sacred Heart Center at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium. Loretta seconded. Kathy, Lois, Gordon opposed. Motion carried.

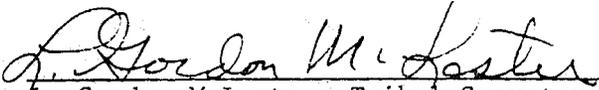
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Mark moved to rescind the former motion Lois seconded. Motion carried

Lois moved to have the General Tribal Council meeting on February 14, at 7:00 P.M. at the Sacred Heart Center in the Auditorium. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

4:30 P.M. Recess. Gordon made a motion to recess. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted


L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary