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SPECIAL 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.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1983

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

Present: Purcell Powless, Richard Hill, Kathy Hughes, Gordon McLester, Loretta Metoxen, Tony Benson, Mark Powless, Lloyd Powless.

Excused: Lois Powless

Others: Tony Utschig, Carl Rasmussen

110-BINGO EXPANSION BID (Economic Development) - Bruce King

There were four (4) bids on the construction of the parking lot base. The lowest was Kastars at \$27,595. This bid had been accepted by the Business Committee last week. Today, Carl Rasmussen brought in the bid from Kastars and stated that he (Kaster) had made a mistake in his calculations and has increased his bid by \$2,000.00. Discussion followed on whether or not to accept the new bid.

Kathy made a motion to go with Kastars bid increase of \$2,000.00 for the parking lot base. Loretta seconded. Four (4) voted yes: Lloyd, Loretta, Kathy and Gordon. Three (3) voted no: Mark, Tony and Rick. Motion carried.

SACRED HEART CENTER DISCUSSION - Sr. Toni

Sr. Toni explained the programs that are at the Sacred Heart Center and sent a report to the Business Committee earlier for their review. Sr. Toni's main concern was to have the Business Committee as up to date as possible on the operation and cost of the Seminary due to the ongoing negotiations with the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese.

The question was brought up concerning the clearing of the woods at the Seminary. Sr. Toni explained this was decided a year ago and this was to provide better growth in the woods. There seemed to be some misunderstanding by a few people in the community. This misunderstanding appears to have been taken care of.

220-LAW OFFICE (TAGGING OF ANIMALS TAKEN FROM THE ONEIDA RESERVATION) - Jerry Hill

Rick Hill has picked up one-hundred (100) deer hunting tags from the DNR. These tags will permit tribal members to remove deer from the Oneida reservation. Without these tags a person will be in violation of state law and subject to citation, fines and possible arrest. Jerry recommended formal procedures be developed for the issuing of the tags.

Rick made a motion to authorize the following five (5) people: Debbie Powless, Carol Silva, Sherman Thomas, Don Denny and Jim Danforth to issue tags to tribal members for removal of deer from the Oneida Reservation. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

220-TRAINING MONEY FOR TITLE SEARCHING/AMOUNT: \$1,000 - Jerry Hill

Jerry thought that when Vera Wilson was transferred to the Law Office there was training money for her and when she was transferred this training money was also transferred. Kathy stated that the training money was in the Land office budget and not just for Vera Wilson, but for training money in the land office.

Jerry stated that he would withdraw his request for the \$1,000 for training. Lloyd made a motion to take from the table the request of \$1,000 for training for Vera Wilson. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Jerry then officially withdrew his request.

VERBAL REPORT ON MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. W/REPRESENTATIVES FROM GREEN BAY, ONEIDA TRIBE AND BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

The City of Green Bay was given a half hour to state their position, then the Oneida tribe was to respond. The City of Green Bay was concerned about jurisdiction and stated if some changes could be made they would agree with putting the land into trust. The Tribe's position was that we have done everything according to the requirements to put the land in trust and that is the issue why the land is not in trust.

The City of Green Bay stated they would have their concerns ready to send to the tribe and the BIA by this week and the Tribe can review their concerns and then reply.

There were questions on how the tribe can get the BIA to do their job and put the land in trust. The City of Green Bay has Toby Roth working on their behalf. The tribe feels that we will have to get the same type of political backing. It was suggested that the Tribe invite Toby Roth here to explain his position. Mark made a motion to set up a meeting with Toby Roth at his convenience. Loretta seconded. Motion carried. Rick made a motion to set up a meeting with Senators Robert Kasten and William Proxmire at their convenience to discuss the trust issue. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

220-MEETING WITH CHD - Jerry Hill

While Jerry was in Washington, D.C. he met with the CHD people and explained the action on the tribal court and how he was preparing to close the operation down. Jerry was asked if he could seek funding from CHD in other areas. Jerry stated there are other areas for possible funding. Lois made a motion to have Jerry Hill continue to apply to CHD for funds in other areas for the Law Office and also coordinate this information with the Tribal Administrator. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

170-RNIP CHANGES/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES - Harriet Reiter

Harriet is the representative from the Oneida Tribe on the RNIP Administrative Rules Committee. The Committee met in September and October and felt impact was needed on the following terms:

- 1) Temporary Absence: At the Tribal Councils discretion not to exceed ninety (90) days. Under the current rule - one can be gone any given length of time; there is no set limit. As person could be in jail for a year and as long as he/she meets the work experience requirements he/she could remain on the program and receive RNIP benefits. The above definition would give the RNIP worker a time frame to use. There are also persons who go to treatment centers and there the time frame could be longer according to need.
- 2) Spouse: The legal husband or wife of the person who is an American Indian residing on tax free land in the same household. There were some committee members who questioned Tribal Law or customs regarding marriage whether or not the marriage partner would fit this definition.
- 3) WEP Requirements: A question was brought up about how many hours a person needs to put in due to the fact that some persons grants are cut quite low. Harriet has had some complaints from recipients about having to work the (15) hours. Harriet's feeling is that in order to be able to do any kind of training or work experience with them we need to continue at least the 15 hours per week. Under the new definition there would no longer be the first 10 day warning. A notice to the recipient would discontinue them if they failed to cooperate with the WEP. Harriet felt this may give recipients the incentive to comply with the Work Experience Program requirements.
- 4) American Indian: Means a person who is recognized by an elected Tribal governing body in this state as a member of a federally recognized Wisconsin Tribe or band of Indians.

The above definition is the exact definition that was put into law effective 10-01-83. In reading the definition, Harriet's feeling is that it is up to each tribal council to define what a "member of a federally recognized Wisconsin Tribe or Band of Indians", would be. The law has always been this way in terms of being recognized. The only thing that changed is now it needs to be a Wisconsin Tribe or band. Some tribes have taken the

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stand, that you had to be an enrolled member of a tribe in order to be recognized as a member of the Tribe. We have always recognized our people as members of our tribe, but they did not necessarily have to be enrolled.

Harriet stated the other area of concern is the situation of the student eligibility, and this is to be addressed at the next GLITC. The Business Committee discussed the definitions on the (4) points listed. The Business Committee feels every effort has to be made on the student eligibility.

010-DRAFT FINANCE & APPROPRIATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES - Tony Utschig

Tony Utschig had put together a draft on possible changes in the Finance & Appropriation Policies & Procedures. The Business Committee reviewed the recommendations and it was suggested that Kathy take these recommendations back and make some alterations based on the comments of the Business Committee and if any of the Business Committee members requested additional input that they contact Kathy.

010-INDIRECT COST/CONTRACT SUPPORT FUNDS RESOLUTION #11-14-83-A - Kathy Hughes

The Business Committee reviewed the resolution which states, "That the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin supports the concept in general of 106 rate but that an additional 30 days be given in order to properly review the information received from the American Indian Law Center (AILA) and subsequently provide a more detailed response to the alternatives mentioned in the AILC report."

Kathy made a motion to adopt the resolution #11/14/83/A. Tony seconded. Mark asked to add an additional "Whereas, that the tribe has little consultation if any in regards to indirect cost." Kathy and Tony agreed to the addition. Motion carried.

220-MEETING WITH NARF (Native American Rights Fund/Arlinda Locklear)

The Business Committee requested the Tribal Secretary to set up a meeting with NARF for an update on the court cases. A time and date has been set for Friday, November 18, 1983 at 10:00 at the Oneida Civic Center Conference Room. Mark moved to approve the scheduled meeting. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

12:00 P.M. Mark made a motion to recess. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

1:30 P.M. Business Committee meeting reconvened. Kathy Hughes excused.

WISCONSIN ACTION COALITION DELEGATES - Rick Hill

Rick stated there was a Wisconsin Action Coalition Convention on Saturday, December 3, 1983 at 9:00 A.M. in Milwaukee and he would like to know who the delegates are from the tribe. The question was deferred until Wednesday's agenda and that the tribal secretary would provide an update on the WAC.

060-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS & HEALTH

Two (2) names have been submitted by Business Committee members: Barbara Hill-Hawkins and Dan Ninham. Tony made a motion to submit the two (2) names to be on the Committee. Mark seconded. Motion carried. A resolution will be drawn up to accompany the recommendation.

420-DRAFT LETTER TO BOB DECK FROM THE ONEIDA TRIBE CONCERNING WATER POLLUTION

Letter requests the scheduling of meetings with the DNR to discuss non-point source water pollution and the Wisconsin Point-Source Pollution Abatement Program. Loretta moved to approve. Lloyd seconded. Mark and Gordon opposed. Motion carried.

060-EXCLUSIONARY FACTORS OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES - Lloyd Powless

Lloyd requests that the letter to the Wisconsin Radioactive Waste Review Board stating that we are in favor of having reservations included in an exclusionary factor concerning the siting of high level of radioactive waste repositories. Mark made a motion to approve. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

175-RE-APPOINTMENT TO ONEIDA CHILD PROTECTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION #11/14/83/B

The resolution is for the approval for the re-appointment of Carol Silva. Lloyd made a motion to approve the resolution #11/14/83/B. Rick seconded. Mark and Lois opposed. Motion carried.

Mark made a motion that all boards and committees that have vacancies be posted in the Kalihwisaks for thirty days (30). Lois seconded. Motion carried.

2:00 P.M. Loretta requested to be excused.

220-DRAFT LETTER ON RESOLUTION #SR 127

On November 1, 1983, the Senate Rules Committee voted unanimously for the Select Committee on Indian Affairs to be a permanent committee. Unfortunately Senator Gorton put a hold on the Bill. A letter is to be sent requesting our Senators to co-sponsor the resolution. Mark made a motion to approve sending the letter. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

060-TRAVEL REQUESTS (Business Committee) - Lloyd Powless, Mark Powless, Purcell Powless

Lloyd authorization to attend the Wisconsin Indian Resource Council Meeting in Stevens Point on November 23, 1983 and to also attend the Radioactive Waste Disposal meeting on November 30, 1983 at the Forest County Potawatomi Reservation.

060-Travel Requests (Continued)

Rick made a motion to approve Lloyd's travel requests. Gordon seconded. Lloyd abstained. Motion carried.

Mark Powless requested vacation time on December 1,2,5,6, 1983. Gordon moved to approve. Lois seconded. Mark abstained. Motion carried.


Purcell Powless requested vacation time on November 21,23,23, 1983. Rick made a motion to approve. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

220-LAW OFFICE FOLLOW-UP - Jerry Hill

Tony Benson would like the Law Office to follow up on a problem he had with a book that he had ordered, "Native American Funding", the book was paid in advance and as of this date Tony has not received this book. In contacting the company, they have stated that they had sent the book out twice.

Tony made a motion to send this item to the Law Office for follow-up. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

2:30 P.M. Mark made a motion to recess. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.


L. Gordon McLeister, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee