



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

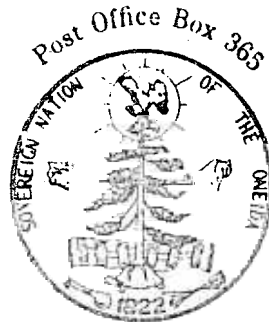
# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



UGWA DENOLUN 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

Oneida, WI 54155

*Approved as  
Corrected 12-18-84  
Special Mtg.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1984

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

Present: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Richard Hill-Vice-Chairman, L. Gordon McLester-Secretary, Lloyd E. Powless, Lois Powless, Tony Benson, David King-Council Members

Excused: Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Mark Powless-Council Member

Others: Jerry Hill

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rick moved to adopt the agenda. David seconded. Motion carried.

## GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Lois moved to have the General Tribal Council Meeting at the Irene Moore Activity Center at 7:00 P.M. on January 7, 1985. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Powless arrived at 9:10 A.M.

## TRAVEL POLICY (TRIBAL)

Lois moved to table the travel policy until Tuesday, December 4, 1984. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

## TRAVEL REQUEST-Purcell Powless

Purcell requests approval to attend the Briefing Session on the Final Report to the President of the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies-- December 10, 1984 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Lois moved to approve, Rick seconded. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST - Mark Powless

Mark requests approval to attend the Bingo Task Force meeting in Las Vegas Nevada on December 13 and 14, 1984. Rick moved to approve, Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

VACATION REQUEST - Rick Hill

Rick Hill requests a vacation day for December 4, 1984. Lois moved to approve, Lloyd seconded. Rick abstained. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF PARCEL OF LAND ON "U" & "J" - Jerry Hill

Jerry did not have the material ready for the Business Committee to review.

Lois moved to table until Tuesday, December 4, 1984. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

BRUCE KING TRAVEL REQUEST

Bruce requests approval to attend the National Credit and Economic Development Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona on December 4, 5 and 6, 1984. Mark moved to approve. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE

Lois moved to defer this item until Marlin Mousseau is present. David seconded. Motion carried.

Tony moved to have the Consultant Agreement referred to the Law Office, Rick seconded. Lois and Lloyd abstained. Motion carried.

DEFINITION OF AMERICAN INDIAN FOR RNIP

The current statutes 49.046 (1) (a) reads

"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.

Recommended language change:

"American Indian" means a person who is recognized by the elected tribal governing body of a Wisconsin tribe or band of Indians as a part of the Wisconsin tribal community, regardless of the persons' enrollment in a tribe or band.

Justification

The current definition was an attempt to address the concerns of the tribes in having to provide RNIP to Indian persons from other states who were "passing through" as part of the pow wow circuit, for example, and who would stay on a Wisconsin reservation only for the time necessary to receive RNIP.

DEFINITION OF AMERICAN INDIAN (CONTINUED)

The language needs to be clarified, however, because the word member has been misinterpreted to mean a person must be enrolled in a Wisconsin tribe. Enrollment provides benefits and tribal rights which are not available to American Indians simply because of their American Indian status.

This misinterpretation has resulted in approximately 80 American Indians, being terminated from the RNIP Program (some of whom were born and raised on a Wisconsin reservation), because they are not enrolled members of the tribe.

The recommended language change will continue to allow the Wisconsin tribes to determine their membership, but will clarify that a tribe's recognition of an Indian person for the purposes of RNIP eligibility, does not provide other rights or guarantees which enrolled members are entitled to.

There was discussion but no action was taken

DOMESTIC ABUSE CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR 1985

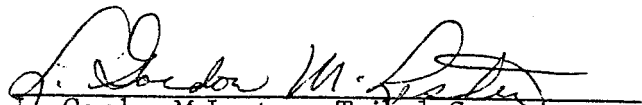
Mark moved to refer the Domestic Abuse Annual Contract Agreement to the Law Office for review. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

010-FINANCE & APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS PER MEMO OF 11/21/84

85-010 Tabled budget request from Freedom Indian Education Committee. An additional contribution is needed of \$8,106.00. Funds are available from the General Fund-Contingency. The Freedom PAC Committee members and Ronald Skenandore were present.

After discussion on the budget, Lloyd moved to approve. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

10:30 A.M. David moved to recess. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

  
L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee