Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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



Oneida, WI 54155

approved as Corrected 2.7-86 UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE 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

SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1986

- Present: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Richard Hill-Vice Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, L. Gordon McLester-Secretary, Lloyd E. Powless, Jr., Lois Powless, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, David King-Council Members.
- Others: Carl Rasmussen, Ron Melchert, Barbara Schuman, Jim Danforth, Jerry Hill, Francis Skenandore

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Personnel
- Public Information Officer Relative to Voting

Kathy moved to adopt the agenda with the additions. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Notice of Terminations of Liane Hill and Leonard Stevens. This matter was referred to January 31, 1986.

<u> 1986 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT</u> - Carl Rasmussen & Ron Melchert

Carl presented the draft 1986 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Resolution #1-24-86-A for the Oneida Mobile Home Subdivision.

All items are in place. The site plans were presented by consultant Ron Melchert.

Kathy moved to approve submitting the CDBG proposal and Resolution #1-24-86-A. Gordon seconded. Mark opposed. Motion carried.

Mark stated he is not opposed to the project, but to the site location.

NATIONAL INDIAN HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Oneida Tribe has been invited to become a member of the National Indian Housing Improvement Association (NIHIA). Lois is getting more information on this Association and asked that this item be deferred until a later time.

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION

Mark explained that there has been an increasing effort across the U.S. to bring Indian gaming operations under the regulation of State agencies. During the past three years, the National Indian Gaming Task Force has been working to prevent this from happening.

At least six bills are now in congress, address Indian gaming and various federal and state court cases on Indian gaming. Because of this, the Task Force is recommending the formation of a new National Indian organization whose specific and only purpose would be to address the interest of federally recognized Indian Tribes who conduct or operate gaming enterprises in Indian Country.

After discussion, Mark requested the adoption of Resolution #1-24-86-B which states that the Oneida Tribe agrees to join the National Indian Gaming Association and the Mark Powless is the Oneida Tribal Delegate.

Mark explained that the Task Force is meeting in Miami, Florida on February 6 & 7, 1986 to ask the other tribes to join in forming the National Indian Gaming Association.

Dave moved to approve the request to join the National Indian Gaming Association. Rick seconded. Kathy and Gordon opposed. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST - Mark Powless & Jerry Hill

Mark and Jerry are requesting approval to attend the Bingo Task Force meeting in Miami Florida on February 6 & 7, 1986.

Rick moved to approve, Gordon seconded. Lois opposed. Motion carried.

Lois opposed because she feels Jerry should be in the Office during Sharon Cornelius' absence.

PERSONNEL - Barbara Schuman

Hiring Information - Custodian - Grade 6 -- Arthur N. Charles

SUSS UPDATE ON THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT - Jim Danforth, Jerry Hill & Francis Skenandore

Jerry presented an outline of the various activities of the Oneida Public Safety Department:

- Oneida Constitution
- Oneida Law Enforcement & Security Ordinance 1985 Business Committee Resolution
- Oneida Security Firearms Control Regulation
- Oneida Conservation Ordinance 1984 Business Committee Resolution
- Public Swearing In December 9, 1985
- Conservation Enforcement
 - 1. Snowmobile on the road
 - 2. Deer enclosed in the vehicle

Jim Danforth explained that he has been in contact with the 4 local Law Enforcement Offices and with the BIA explaining the O.P.S.D.

DRAFT LETTER TO ROSS SWIMMER - Francis Skenandore

Francis drafted a letter asking the BIA to make a decision on the outcome of the recent referendum for the New York Oneidas.

After discussion, Mark moved that we not send the letter to Assistant Secretary Ross Swimmer. Dave seconded. 1 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

QUESTION ON SALES TAX AT THE HOTEL - Francis Skenandore

Some of the vendors for the Hotel do not understand that the Oneida Tribe is tax exempt and this is causing problems on materials delivered to the Hotel Site. Francis explained that a letter from the Tribe is needed, stating that the Tribe will defend on the imposition of sales or use tax of materials or supplies delivered to the Oneida Site.

Mark moved to have Francis draft a letter covering the issue on sales tax. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE FOR THE SUPER SUMMER SESSION

Last summer marked the sixteenth Summer Session during which the Oneida culture was shared with several hundred community children. Since its beginning, the program has grown to the point where it is the highlight of the summer for our children.

REQUEST TO DIOCESE (Continued)

The Green Bay Diocese has been a supporter of the program with generous financial and moral support. While the Oneida Tribe has assumed the major sponsorship role for the Summer Session, we would like to request your consideration for on-going financial support.

Kathy moved to approve, Lois seconded. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

- Lloyd Powless WAC Board Meeting Milwaukee, WI 1-24-86.
- Tony Benson Retroactive Travel to Milwaukee, WI Health Board Meeting, January 22 & 23, 1986.
- Lois Powless NCAI in Washington, D.C. February 9-12, 1986.
- Gordon McLester, Rick Hill & Francis Skenandore Land Claims Washington, D.C. March 3, 4 & 5, 1986.

Dave moved to approve the travel requests. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy moved that Lois Powless be the voting delegate and Mark be the Alternate at the NCAI Conference. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

VACATION REQUESTS

- David King February 17 21, 1986.
- Gordon McLester February 21 28, 1986.

Lois moved to approve the vacation requests. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

LETTER TO GLITC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RE: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER RELATIVE TO VOTING - Lloyd Powless

Recently you have been receiving information from Loretta Metoxen, concerning the next election year. She has developed a process to campaign for Sharon Metz. The Oneida Tribe will commit some in-kind support and administration based on the financial support of the other ten (10) tribes in Wisconsin.

Ms. Metoxen's suggested contribution was \$1,000 per Tribe. We encourage more if you can afford it. Each Tribe is encouraged to participate. Please let us know by February 15, 1986 if you are willing to participate and how much you are willing to donate. We will not proceed until all financial commitments are made and a budget is developed. All

participating Tribes will have access to the budget and regular reports when program is activated.

LETTER TO GLITC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - (Continued

Thank you for your cooperation on this important matter. If you have questions or comments, Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. will be the Oneida Business Committee contact.

After discussion, Lois moved to approve sending the letter only. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION: STATUS OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE 1986 BUDGET

10:30 Rick moved to recess. Kathy seconded. Lois opposed. Motion carried.

L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary Oneida Business Committee