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

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

APPROVED AS
CORRECTED 3/10/87

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1987

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

PRESENT: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Richard Hill-Vice Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, L. Gordon McLester-Tribal Secretary, Lloyd E. Powless, Jr., Mark Powless, Tony Benson-Council Members

EXCUSED: Lois Powless, Dave King-Council Members

OTHERS: Mike Bowman, John Powless, Bill Gollnick, Carl Rasmussen

AGENDA

Rick Hill moved to adopt the agenda, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

January 9, 1987	Approved as Written
January 13, 1987	Approved as Written
January 20, 1987 A.M.	Approved as Corrected
January 20, 1987 P.M.	Approved as Corrected
January 23, 1987	Approved as Written
February 3, 1987	Approved as Corrected

050-VACATION REQUEST - L. Gordon McLester

L. Gordon McLester is requesting approval for vacation on February 18, 1987. Lloyd Powless moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

461-LAND REQUEST FROM ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY - Mike Bowman

On Monday evening, February 9, 1987, the Oneida Housing Authority requested the Meacher property, Pierre Property and the property adjacent to the north side of the Rolling Hills site be leased to the Oneida Housing Authority for approximately 20 home sites to be built. The exact amount of land will be determined by the surveys and perc tests. The Land Committee recommended that the request be rejected as per the Land Committee minutes of February 9, item

461-LAND REQUEST FROM ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY (Continued)

#3, "Because of their dissatisfaction of HUD Homes". The Oneida Housing Authority requested the Business Committee to consider the request to allow the land requested be leased to the Oneida Housing Authority for development

After discussion, Mark Powless moved to approve the request from the Oneida Housing Authority and that the recommendation from the Land Committee to oppose the request be denied. Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

464-LAND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - JOHN POWLESS JR. RENTAL OPTION

The Negotiations Committee met with John Powless on Friday, February 6, 1987
The following recommendations were made:

- Purchase price of the property will be \$59,000;
- To extend the rent with option to purchase to March 1, 1988;
- 1/3 of monthly rent to be applied to the down payment.

Rick Hill moved to approve the recommendations, Gordon McLester seconded.
Mark Powless did not vote. Motion carried.

464-LAND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS OF FEBRUARY 9, 1987

1. Discussion on the Assignment of Lease for Robert Thomas. There was a question on whether or not Winifred Thomas was listed on the lease. Winifred had requested to be informed if anything regarding this lease came before the Land Committee. The Land Committee recommended this be referred to the Law Office to check original lease and divorce settlement. Mark Powless moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Gordon McLester abstained. Motion carried.
2. The Land Committee recommended placing the White Property (Resolution #2-13-87-C) and the Hendricks property (Resolution #2-13-87-D) into trust. Tony Benson moved to approve, Dave King seconded. Motion carried.
3. The Land Committee recommended opposing the Oneida Housing Authority's request to lease land (Meacham property, Pierre property and tract of land located on west side of Rolling Hills Subdivision) for the purpose of a new housing development. Action was taken earlier to deny the recommendation to oppose.
4. Richard Powless is requesting 100 logs of aspen from the County "U" site to finish his log cabin home. He is requesting under the Free Use Policy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This area is now under clear cutting. Terry Jordan stated that he spoke to the BIA Forester and was assured that there was enough wood there for this. Rick Hill moved to approve, Lloyd Powless seconded. Mark Powless abstained. Motion carried.

LAND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

There was discussion regarding some type of controls being established so people are not just taking the logs without permission first, etc. The Land Committee recommended to table this item and have Terry Jordan write up some type of log control to be brought back to the next Acquisition Meeting in two (2) weeks.

5. The Land Committee reviewed the draft of the Loan Agreement for the Down Payment Loan Fund. Suggested changes on the guidelines. Change Guidelines to Requirements, add vacant (acceptable septic system/percable) land to options, add #5. Primary residence of applicant. There was discussion on how to enforce after the loan is repaid. The Land Committee recommended that the Business Committee put at least \$500,000 into the 1988 budget for the Down Payment Loan Fund. Mark Powless moved to refer this recommendation to Finance & Appropriations. Lloyd Powless seconded. Gordon McLester opposed. Motion carried.
6. Agriculture Lease (Gerald Kurowski & Terry Jordan). Pat Cornelius removed herself from the meeting as Jerry Kurowski is her brother. The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m., Chairman took out of Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. The Land Committee recommended the following: to pay Jerry Kurowski back the \$700 that he paid for the lease of the Land Contract. Jerry Kurowski will have to pay back the \$1,400 Mr. Burkel stated that Jerry Kurowski's payment would be and also any amount of rent that Mr. Burkel had paid to him if any. Jerry Kurowski's agricultural lease on the Stephani property will also be cancelled. Kathy Hughes moved that the recommendation from the Land Committee and Gerald Kurowski's lease be referred back to the Land Committee for procedural Review. Tony Benson seconded. Motion carried.

302-PUBLIC RELATION STATEMENT ON THE STATE LOTTERY - Jerry Hill

The Tribe has been contacted by the media for a response on the effect the proposed Wisconsin State Lottery will have on the Tribe.

After discussion, Gordon McLester moved that the Tribe's official response will be: "The Tribe has no response at this time, but will be taking the matter under advisement." Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried.

302-BINGO RESOLUTION #2-13-87-A - Jerry Hill

Jerry Hill presented a draft resolution that addresses Bingo fraud incidents. A number of Indian gaming enterprises have been hit by fraud schemes that appear to be the work of a "gang". This "Gang" has attempted, and succeeded in some cases, to present altered cards or pull-tabs. This has caused bingo managers from other tribes to communicate their concerns with one another.

302-BINGO RESOLUTION #2-13-87-A (Continued)

Approximately one month ago several tribal bingo managers met at the Rodeway to discuss establishing a network for mutual assistance in dealing with cheaters. This meeting was unofficial and the Oneida Tribe was not involved or represented. The Chairman indicated that the Oneida Tribe should address the matter locally before dealing with any other tribes. Jerry Hill has had meetings within the Tribe to go over the presentation for the Tribe. People from other Tribes have requested having meetings to discuss the Bingo problems on a state level. Because of these requests the following resolution was drafted:

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has established an Oneida Bingo Enterprise, which is highly successful and upon which it is reliant in the generation of governmental revenues necessary to the development and self-reliance, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe desires to protect its valuable enterprise from all attacks against its integrity, including any and all fraud schemes that unscrupulous criminal elements may attempt to perpetrate in the Oneida Bingo Enterprise, and

WHEREAS, other Indian tribes have been victimized by fraud schemes in their bingo enterprises and it appears that certain criminal individuals have singled out Indian bingos to attempt their fraudulent and unlawful activities, and

WHEREAS, it is the interest of the Oneida Tribe to protect its bingo enterprise by exchanging information on suspected fraud perpetrators and law breakers with other tribal bingo operations, and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Oneida Tribe to deal with all other governments, including Indian governments on a formal basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe will cooperate with other tribes on any matter affecting our mutual interests including bingo. Provided that such other tribe is represented by its chairman or other persons delegated by its Council or Business Committee and that their communications and concerns are set forth in writing and presented to the Chairman of the Oneida Tribe and the Oneida Business Committee. All such communications shall be strictly confidential.

After discussion, Kathy Hughes moved to adopt the Resolution and that Purcell Powless would bring this matter up at the next Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council meeting. Tony Benson seconded, Mark Powless abstained. Motion carried.

010-REVOLVING LOAN FUND UPDATE

The Land Committee, Law Office and Don Wilson have been working on a draft of the Revolving Loan Fund. The following are some of the guidelines:

Eligibility Requirements: Must be 21 years of age; Must be enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe.

Applicants will apply to Oneida Land Committee and will be accepted contingent on meeting the State Banks Applications standards.

Property must be within original Reservation boundary or on boundary line.

Options: Existing Homes; New Home Construction; Upgrading of Present Home.

Applicants must provide an approved septic and well inspection on existing property or a certificate of approved perc test on vacant land for an acceptable system.

Applicants must obtain an inspection report from the Home Service Program for existing and present home.

Applicant must have hazard insurance and mortgage insurance.

The Oneida Tribe will provide up to 20% or no more than \$15,000 including closing costs and down payment.

Interest rate shall be a fixed rate of three (3) points lower than the average charged by commercial lenders at day of closing.

Payments would be placed in escrow by the bank

Pay-back on the 20% will be a maximum of ten (10) years.

Applicant agrees to place property in trust after all liens are removed.

The Tribe (1st) or another tribal member (2nd) be given first option in case of default or sale.

In case of death, surviving spouse would inherit interest. In case of death, where two or more individuals are applying for the program and are approved, a joint tenancy shall be created which will provide for the two or more joint tenants an equal interest in the whole property for the duration of the tenancy, irrespective of unequal contribution at its creation.

On the death of one of two joint tenants, the survivor becomes the sole owner; or the death of one of three or more joint tenants, the survivors are joint tenants of the entire interest.

010-REVOLVING LOAN FUND UPDATE (Continued)

Taxes will be escrowed by the bank.

Applicants agree to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances of the Oneida Tribe.

Trailer homes will not be considered, however, modular homes (double wides) on a permanent foundation with basement will be eligible.

Sufficient funds to provide five (5) loan transactions up to October 1, 1987 will be taken from the Land Acquisition monies.

Loans shall not be made on parcels that are in conflict with the tribal land acquisition program.

The revolving loan fund will be redrafted with everyone's input and brought back for another review.

400-PERSONNEL

- Hiring Information: Fitness Coordinator - Grade 14 - Dean V. Rollins. Mark Powless wanted the records to show that he is opposed to this hiring. He feels an Indian person should have been hired.
- Promotion Information - John Powless, Jr. was promoted to Manager of Economic Development.
- Request for a New Position - Intake/Secretary at the Health Center. The need of the position is because of the type of services, quality of services and growth (program development) at the Health Center during the past three years. The position would be Grade 12. Rick Hill moved to approve, David King seconded. Tony Benson opposed. Kathy Hughes abstained. Motion carried.

Tony Benson opposed because he feels the grade 12 is too high compared to the Duties and Responsibilities of other secretaries.

050-INFORMATION ON THE \$1 MILLION ACCOUNT WITH E.F. HUTTON - Kathy Hughes

Kathy Hughes stated that the Investment Committee and the Administration staff have everything ready to enter into the E.F. Hutton \$1 million account and asked if there were any questions from the Business Committee.

Mark Powless requested a special meeting to review the Tribe entering into the \$1 million account and that the Investment Committee and the Administrative staff be present. Kathy Hughes said she would coordinate the meeting.

107- RESOLUTION ON TRIBAL SCHOOL - Bill Gollnick

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized tribe with a history of meeting the needs of its people through the process of contracting of services under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, and

107- RESOLUTION ON TRIBAL SCHOOL (Continued)

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has successfully operated an elementary school for the Indian youth of this community for the past seven years, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Oneida Tribe to continue the process of educations for its constituency, and

WHEREAS, it is the considered decision of the Oneida Business Committee, not the expansion of the Oneida Education System, to include a highschool, grade 9 through 12, which will materially advance the interests of the Oneida Tribe in the education of its young people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians hereby formally authorizes the expansion of the existing Kindergarten through eight grade program to include grades nine through twelve.

Bill Gollnick explained that the freeze has now been lifted on new school starts and expansions, because the appropriations language for '88 no longer contains restrictions on expansions, and because the new rules are not yet in place, there is an opportunity to formally request and expansion with the likelihood of approval. It is foreseeable that the obtaining of approval at a later date will be much more difficult, and until approval is received there will be no hope of securing Bureau operating funds. This process is extremely important.

Once approved, the school will be eligible to generate funds employing the ISEP formula (identical to the elementary). Funding will be available for '88, but to be considered for an allocation, the grades in which the students are enrolled must be approved. Because the approval process will be the most significant hurdle, because the timing is critical, and implementation, it is recommended that the Tribe pursue an expansion to include all four high school grades as soon as possible.

Mark Powless moved to adopt Resolution #2-13-87-B. Dave King seconded. Motion carried.

050-PERSONAL DAY

Tony Benson requested for a Personal Day on February 16, 1987. Dave King moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

452-SESQUICENTENNIAL-TREATY OF 1838 - Carl Rasmussen

Carl Rasmussen explained that February 3, 1987 was the 149th anniversary of the signing of the treaty. Next year will be the 150th anniversary.

452-SESQUICENTENNIAL-TREATY OF 1838 (Continued)

Little needs to be said about the Treaty of Buffalo Creek's importance as the source and the protector of Oneida Tribal rights, authority and sovereignty. Almost every aspect of our daily operations today are tied in one way or another to guarantees within the Treaty. Yet those who would bring down the Tribe are quick to classify the Treaty as a dusty old relic from a distant age. As each year passes with little formal remembrance perhaps we in part contribute to this image.

This year we will all see and hear much about the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Much will be said about this 200 year old document as a living, active guiding force today. The celebrations and proclamations will provide many opportunities for comparison that a 150 year old treaty is every bit as alive and still "the supreme law of the land".

Many activities during the next year could elevate awareness about the Treaty and its provisions. This could be directed not only to Oneidas but to all residents of northeast Wisconsin. The Tribe and its enterprises could sponsor a series of television commercials through 1987, similar to those made during the Bi-Centennial which recognize important events or persons leading to the signing of the Treaty.

If possible, the Oneida Museum could secure for display the actual Treaty itself. A special commemorative display could be created at the Museum highlighting the Treaty. The display could be taken on tour to other museums and libraries of northeast Wisconsin. Our print-shop could prepare limited reproduction of the original Treaty suitable as treasured keepsakes or training in the local schools.

A speakers bureau could put together a talk suitable for the classroom or civic organizations. Such a presentation could explain the Treaty and its meaning to everyone. A forum could be held at the Rodeway or other suitable location where attorneys and other experts could openly debate the merits of the Treaty outside the high stakes atmosphere of the courtroom.

For a finale to this year of the Treaty a re-creation of the actual signing could occur. The Tribal Chairman and U.S. President could re-affirm the deal struck in 1838. U.S. Representatives and Tribal leaders could assume the same positions taken then.

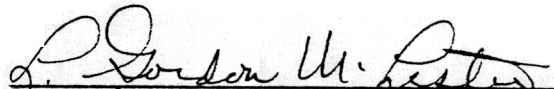
1988 will also mark numerically the beginning the the seventh generation of Oneidas to live under the provisions of the Treaty. A Sesquicentennial Celebration would give ample opportunity to explore, promote and reflect upon this aspect of Oneida culture which looks forward seven generations.

452-SESQUICENTENNIAL-TREATY OF 1838 (Continued)

These few suggestions are made only to stimulate ideas and discussion. Many more creative and appropriate activities could be developed, but it should get moving soon. Perhaps Tribal Public Relations, the Law Office and Museum could coordinate a small group to get things rolling.

Lloyd Powless moved to have the Public Relations office follow-up on the recommendation from Carl Rasmussen. Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

12:00 Gordon McLester moved to recess, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried.



L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee