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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 made possible

Approved As
Read 3/10/87

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1987

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.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, David King-Council Members

EXCUSED: Lois Powless-Council Member

OTHERS: Harold Grimes, Paul Zoidis, Barbara Hill-Hawkins, Roberta Kinzhuma, Don Wilson

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- \$5,000 each for Tony Merrill and Little Bear King
- Environment Travel Request and Public Hearing
- Travel Request - Wausau, Bad River and Washington, D.C.

Rick Hill moved to adopt the agenda with the additions.

BONDING - E.F. HUTTON - PRESENTATION BY HAROLD GRIMES & PAUL ZOIDIS

A presentation was given by Paul Zoidis on the various bonding projects that E.F. Hutton has worked on with other Indian Tribes. Mr. Zoidis briefly covered the Government Tax Status Act of 1982 which enabled Tribes to raise money in the tax exempt bond market.

After discussion on the various bonding possibilities, Gordon McLester moved to have the Project Team that is presently working on the development of the Carlton Property, work with the people from E.F. Hutton and develop some recommendation to be brought back to the Business Committee. Lloyd Powless seconded. Motion carried.

204-HEALTH EXPANSION FUND BUDGET FOR FY'87 - Barbara Hill-Hawkins, Roberta Kinzhuma, Don Wilson

Barbara Hawkins and Don Wilson presented concerns regarding budget shortfalls for FY 88 in the IHS Contract funds. This is critical for this year. In previous years there has been carry-over funds but due to increase in patient load, there will be no carry-over. Barbara mentioned the budget for FY'88 is to be submitted by June 15, 1987 and there is an anticipated 5% cut. It was recommended that Don Wilson and Barbara Hawkins and whatever necessary staff begin working on a strategy to get more funds in the IHS Contract for next year and the Tony Benson, as Liaison would develop a plan working from the legislative level and bring these recommendations back in one month.

406-TABLED MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST POSITION

Rick Hill moved to take this item from the table. Dave King seconded. Motion carried.

The item was tabled until the Business Committee had the discussion on the Health Center Budget and the Health Expansion Fund. Rick Hill moved to approve the new position of Medical Receptionist for the Health Center. Dave King seconded. The funds will come out of the Health Expansion Fund. Motion carried.

464-LAND POLICY UPDATE - Rick Hill

Rick Hill presented a draft format letter and resolution:

The Oneida Business Committee is presently in the process of reviewing and restating its Public Land Policy. It intends to accomplish this task through the cooperation of its tribal committees and staff. We are particularly interested in receiving recommendations and input from the Oneida Land Committee and the Land Office Staff. The Policy statement is critically needed for the following purposes:

- The Land Acquisition Plan which will be submitted to the General Tribal Council in July;
- The Comprehensive Plan which is presently being prepared for consideration by the Tribe;
- The New York Land Claims Negotiations;
- For on-going purposes including for the guidance of programs and administration.

We are also interested in receiving recommendations from other committees and staff including the legal, planning, economic development, conservation, law enforcement, environmental, housing, and accounting departments. Generally, all staff people are encouraged to submit recommendations.

464-LAND POLICY UPDATE (Continued)

The Land Sub-Committee of the Oneida Business Committee has been designated to coordinate the preparation of this document. At an early future date, the Oneida Land Committee and the Land Sub-Committee will meet to jointly arrive at a recommendation for an Oneida Land Policy.

When the policy statement is finally reviewed and approved by the Oneida Business Committee, it will provide policy direction for all parts of the Tribe. Additionally, the policy will direct the on-going administration and programs of the Tribe. In considering the comprehensive plan for instance, all proposed goals, objectives, programs and projects must be in line with the

Tribe's stated policies. For purposes of continuing the process of accomplishing the New York Claims negotiations, the policy will be reflective of the philosophies and directions desired by the Oneida People.

Enclosed is a draft policy statement which has been prepared for your consideration and comment. This draft statement is a generally acceptable statement which reflects the philosophies and inclinations of the Tribe in the recent past. You are requested to submit written comments related to this statement, including how you generally feel about the statement. Additionally, you are requested to supply specific criticisms and suggestions for any proposed changes you wish to recommend.

We intend to complete the work and approval of the proposed Oneida Land Policy by April 6, 1987. You are requested to submit your written recommendations by the close of business, March 6, 1987. Tribal Committees, Boards and Commissions should submit their recommendations by March 20, 1987. We will meet shortly thereafter to discuss the recommendations prior to submission to the Oneida Land Committee and the Land Sub-Committee of the Oneida Business Committee for final review. The recommended statement will be submitted prior to April 10, 1987 for Oneida Business Committee approval.

We are very enthusiastic about the development of this statement. We thank you for your prompt attention.

RECOMMENDED PROCESS OF REVIEW & APPROVAL

Distribution of Draft Policy Statement	February 20, 1987
Comments Received by Staff and Departments	March 6,
Comments Received from Commissions, Boards, and Committees	March 20,
Redraft of Policy Statement and Submittal to Oneida Land Committee and Land Sub-Committee of the Oneida Business Committee	March 27,

464-LAND POLICY UPDATE (Continued)

Joint Meeting of Oneida Land Committee and
Land Sub-Committee for Joint Approval of a
Recommended Oneida Land Policy Statement April 3, 1987

Final Approval of the Land Policy Statement
by Oneida Business Committee April 10, 1987

Adoption of the Oneida Tribal Land Policy

WHEREAS, the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin considers the perpetuation control, protection, acquisition, and development of its tribal lands to be of paramount importance to the Tribe and its members, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe must increasingly depend on its own resources, its land and its people to provide for the economy and benefit of its present and future generations, and

WHEREAS, it is clear that the Oneida Tribe and its membership desire to be the principal beneficiaries of the development of tribally owned lands and their related resources, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe is in need of a more adequate land base to support the needs of the Tribe and its membership, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, it shall become necessary to provide for policies, laws, regulations, and procedures for the administration of lands under the jurisdiction of the Oneida Tribe, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, it shall become necessary to provide for policies, laws, regulations, and procedures for the administration of lands under the ownership and jurisdiction of the Oneida Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That for the purpose of maintaining control and sovereignty over tribal lands, promoting their maximum beneficial use; and to insure that land resources shall be made available for the present and future use of the Tribe and its members; the Tribe hereby establishes the following as the ONEIDA TRIBAL LAND POLICY:

1. The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, shall, in all cases, assert its inherent right to sovereignty over tribal lands, promoting policies and laws that reserve unto the Tribe, exclusive authority to withdraw or otherwise set aside, tribal lands for various purposes and further, the Oneida Business Committee and the Oneida Land committee have been delegated the authority to administer the laws regulations and procedures related to the implementation of these policies. and

464-LAND POLICY UPDATE (Continued)

2. The Oneida Tribe shall treat land acquisition as a first priority. Such acquisitions shall be for tribal use as well as for the benefit of individual members in commerce, agriculture, forestry, conservation, residential, and public uses. Periodical reviews shall be undertaken to determine the existing status of tribal lands, their classification, their use, and the value in order to maximize benefits to the Tribe and its members, and
3. The Oneida Business Committee shall establish laws, regulations, and procedures that become necessary for the implementation of these policies, in a manner best calculated to protect the environment; maximize income and employment benefits; and generally promote and enhance the Oneida general welfare. These laws, regulations, and procedures shall be equal to or better than those of the federal government, state government, or those of the surrounding municipalities, and
4. The Oneida Tribe shall perpetually assert and protect its sovereign right to zone or otherwise classify land under its jurisdiction. the Oneida Business Committee, and the Oneida Land Committee, and the tribal administration shall be guided by the principle that the Tribal reserved to itself, the right to determine the use of lands owned by the Tribe, the right to tax, the right to zone and any other sovereign right which should be reserved to the Tribe, and
5. The Oneida Tribe shall promote and pass such laws that are necessary to protect and conserve the environment and rural nature of the reservation. The environment includes land, water, and air quality. All planning and development processes shall be guided by policies, regulations, and procedures which not only protect, but enhance the quality of life on the Oneida Reservation, and
6. It shall be the policy of the Oneida Tribe to encourage the participation and private initiative of its members. All Oneida lands not withdrawn for public use or development may be made available for the use of individual members in accordance with the laws, regulations, and procedures which protect and enhance the quality of life on the Oneida Reservation, and
7. It shall be the policy of the Oneida Tribe, to acquire, classify and withdraw Oneida Public Lands for the purposes of providing conservation areas and for recreational, fishing, hunting and forestry lands for the use of the Tribe and its membership. These Lands shall include a sustained yield forest, which , in generations to come, shall be a source of perpetual income and enjoyment for the Tribe and its members, and
8. It shall be the policy of the Oneida Tribe that Tribal lands located within the exterior boundaries of the reservation, exterior to the reservation or lands owned by the Oneida Nation in other states may

464-LAND POLICY UPDATE (Continued)

never be sold, traded, or finally negotiated for, without the express approval of the Oneida General Tribal Council. Further, in all transactions and negotiations, land acquisition shall be the first priority, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the aforesaid policy is hereby adopted and shall govern the administration of Tribal lands by the Oneida Business Committee, the Oneida Land Committee and the Oneida Land Office, and that this policy shall supercede all previous policies, written or unwritten.

These documents are samples of what could be used to solicit comments and recommendations or suggestions from anyone dealing with land issues. These comments would be reviewed and this document would be rewritten and reviewed again. An overall plan needs to be developed and put in place. Any and all comments are welcome. Mark Powless moved to approve the Land Policy Statement. Lloyd Powless seconded. Motion carried.

These materials will be sent to all concerned.

050-TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CHAIRMAN

Kathy Hughes moved to approve the travel request for Purcell Powless to Wausau on February 18, GLITC meeting in Ashland on February 19, 1987 and the National Indian Gaming Association meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 2, 3 & 4, 1987. Lloyd Powless seconded. Motion carried.

050-TRAVEL REQUEST FOR TONY BENSON AND JOHN SPANGBERG

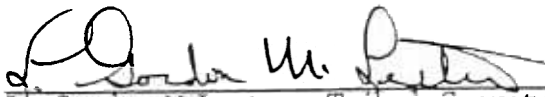
Rick Hill moved to approve the travel request for Tony Benson and John Spangberg to attend the Native American Environmental Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico on February 24 - 27, 1987. Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy Hughes moved to approve travel request for Tony Benson to attend Air Pollution Control Council in Madison on February 20, 1987. Lloyd Powless seconded. Motion carried.

LITTLE BEAR FUND RAISER

Don Wilson requested that the amount of the donation from fundraiser at Bingo be raised from \$7,800 to \$10,000. David King moved to table until the next meeting when Mark Powless will make a report on both Little Bear and Tony Merrill. Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

3:40 Rick Hill moved to recess. Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.


L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee