



Oneidas 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

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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

*Business Committee  
Approved this 5-5-87*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 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., Lois Powless, Mark Powless, David King-Council Members

EXCUSED: Tony Benson-Council Member

OTHERS: Don Wilson, Barbara Schuman, Stan Webster, Janice Hirth

## AGENDA

Rick Hill moved to adopt the agenda, Dave King seconded. Motion carried.

## LETTER TO BOB MILLER

This letter is a follow-up to the meeting held here in Oneida concerning a cooperative working agreement between the Oneida Tribe and Job Service.

We understand that we may contract for services with Job Service and it would be our intention to contract for services whenever possible.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to come to Oneida to meet with us. We look forward to a successful working relationship with Job Service.

Mark Powless moved to approve the letter, Dave King seconded. Motion carried.

## 150-FINANCE & APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS OF APRIL 1, 1987

- (1) Indian Child Welfare Budget Modification - Requesting an increased Tribal Contribution of \$11,640. F&A recommends tabling this request until the report, analyzing this program, is received from the General Manager.

Lois Powless moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

- (2) Community Services Block Grant - Consultant Contract with Jeannie Dick. Contract is for \$750 budgeted in the Community Service Block Grant (CDBG) Program. F&A recommends approval.

Dave King moved to approve, Rick Hill seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)

- (3) Higher Education Budget Modification - Budget reflects an increase in revenues of \$135,417.19. F&A recommends approval.

Lloyd Powless moved to approve, Dave King seconded. Lois Powless abstained. Motion carried.

Employment Assistance Budget Modification budget reflects an increase of \$18,481.59. F&A recommends approval.

Lloyd Powless moved to approve, Dave King seconded. Lois Powless abstained. Motion carried.

Education & Training Manager - Budget is for \$41,880. F&A recommends approval of the budget excluding the secretarial position. Funds identified from Program Contingency. Need a corrected budget to reflect the recommended change.

Mark Powless moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

- (6) Home Improvement Project - Request is for \$27,379. F&A recommends approval from the Program Contingency. This depletes the line item.

Dave King moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Lois Powless and Lloyd Powless abstained. Motion carried.

051-REQUEST FROM WIRC - Stanley Webster

Dave King moved to table this item until Stan Webster arrived. Lloyd Powless seconded. Motion carried.

050-SENATE HEARINGS/SENATOR INOUE

Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), Chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, has introduced legislation intended to stimulate economic development on Indian reservations.

In January, 1987, the BIA found an unemployment rate of 48% for Indians in their service area. In South Dakota, the overall unemployment rate estimated by the BIA was 74%. Some reservations had even higher unemployment rates - 82% on the Rosebud reservation, 84% on the Zuni Pueblo reservation and 86% on the Fort McDermitt reservation in Nevada.

Senator Inouye has scheduled a series of hearings in April to examine the reasons for continuing unemployment and poverty among Indian people. The hearings will also address legislative proposals aimed at correcting these economic conditions.

The first hearing to be held April 9, 1987, will provide an overview of economic conditions in Indian Country.

SENATE HEARINGS/SENATOR INOUE (Continued)

The second hearing scheduled for April 22, 1987 will focus on the Indian Finance Development Corporation Act, S.721. Introduced by Senator Inouye on March 11, 1987, the legislation would provide for the economic development of Indian Tribes by furnishing capital, financial services and technical assistance to Indian-owned business enterprises.

An oversight hearing to be held on April 29, 1987 will examine Section 8 (a) of the Small Business Act and proposed amendments to the Buy Indian Act and the Indian Finance Act. The 8 (a) program of the Small Business Administration (SBA) has been the principal mechanism for contracting with disadvantaged minority small businesses. The Buy Indian legislation, first enacted in 1910, was designed to assist Indian businesses in obtaining Federal government procurement contracts. The Indian Finance Act of 1974 provided for three major programs: the first program created a single revolving loan fund for direct loans to tribes; the second established guaranteed loans; the final program provided for grants to establish enterprises on or near reservations.

Lloyd Powless moved to have Dave King work with the Planning and Development Committee to put material together for the April 9 hearings on Economic Development on Indian Reservations. Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd Powless moved that Kathy Hughes coordinate the materials needed for the April 22 & 29, 1987 hearings that will focus on the Indian Finance Development Corp. Act, and the Section 8 (a) of the Small Business Act. Rick Hill seconded. Mark Powless abstained. Motion carried.

302-UPDATE ON THE LAW OFFICE BUDGET - Don Wilson

The Personnel in the Law Office are requesting changes in their roles and responsibilities. There has been discussion on these various changes. Don Wilson presented the present budget for this year, and the proposed budget for next year.

400-PERSONNEL - Barbara Schuman

Hiring Information: Maintenance Electrician - ken Skenandore - Grade 17.

051-WISCONSIN RESOURCE COUNCIL - Stan Webster

Mark moved to take this item from the table, Dave King seconded. Motion carried.

Stan Webster requested support from the Oneida Tribe on the "History You Haven't Heard, Values We May Have Lost. Tribal Nations & The U.S. Constitution" proposal (see attached material). Stan explained that everything was still in the planning stages and in draft form. After discussion, Rick Hill moved to support the proposal in concept and have Kathy Hughes work with Stan Webster on what the financial commitment would be and bring back an updated report. Dave King seconded. Mark Powless opposed. Motion carried. The Conference would be held on September 19 & 20, 1987 at the Rodeway. The total estimated costs are \$121,163.00.

351-RODEWAY MONTHLY REPORT - Janice Hirth

Janice Hirth presented the financial reports through February 28, 1987 and attached is a copy of the MHM Management Agreement:

Mr. Bob Lobo is the new General Manager of our property and four corporate accountants have been on property since the transition, along with Corporate Food and Beverage Manager and a Corporate Vice President. Employee's handbooks and fringe books have appeared along with a Human Resource Corporate Associate which will be here next week. A suggestion box has appeared, Managers or Department meetings are being held daily. Training from Auditel on the front desk computer system and Econ-Laboratories has been on site to retrain or reinforce existing practices. A full marketing team is due to arrive in the near future and then a full marketing plan will be introduced and enforced on site.

Janice Hirth asked that any direction coming from the Business Committee be sent as action by the Business Committee and not by individual Council Members. This is necessary to keep communications.

Janice had a question on the Liaison person for the hotel. Kathy Hughes moved to reaffirm that Lois Powless is the Liaison at the Hotel. Lloyd Powless seconded. Lois Powless abstained. Motion carried.

Mark Powless requested that a meeting be set up between the Hotel Board and the Business Committee.

051-REQUEST FROM SHELIA SMITH

Shelia Smith is requesting to be nominated to the Institute of American Indian Arts in Washington, D.C.

Lloyd Powless moved to approve, Dave King seconded. Motion carried.

010-BINGO PASSES - Don Wilson

In the process of establishing appropriate controls upon our enterprises and upon the advice of Wipfli, Ullrich and the Tribal Attorneys, the following action was taken, effective April 1, 1987.

The practice of issuing bingo passes has been discontinued with the following exceptions:

1. Twenty-five passes are drawn and issued to senior citizens during their bingo session.
2. Twenty-five passes are drawn and issued during each Friday night bingo session.

BINGO PASSES (Continued)

3. Visiting groups for whom requests for passes are approved by Business Committee action.

Gordon McLester moved to approve, Kathy Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

054-GREAT LAKES INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION #4-3-87-A

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a member of the Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) is a consortium of ten Wisconsin Tribes, and

WHEREAS, the Tribes which comprise GLITC have been approached by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to get tribal input on various programs which assist the Tribes in their efforts toward self sufficiency, and

WHEREAS, this consultation process did not provide the Tribes with the necessary time to respond in an informed manner, the time involved with receiving and digesting the materials of over 50 pages being not more than 3 working days, and

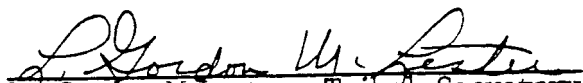
WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has consistently ignored Tribal concerns and input regarding programs and funds that affect Tribes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin along with the tribes of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. hereby protest and condemn the so called consultation as carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin along with the Board authorizes and directs the staff of GLITC to present their concerns to appropriate congressional representatives.

Rick Hill moved to adopt the Resolution, Lloyd Powless seconded. Motion carried.

11:00 Gordon McLester moved to recess, Dave King seconded. Motion carried.

  
L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee