



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

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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 made possible

*Approved As  
Read 7-29-88*

## ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of Friday, June 10, 1988

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Vice-Chairman

Present: Vice-Chairman, Richard Hill, Treasurer, Kathy Hughes, Council Members: Loretta Metoxen, Ernie Stevens, Dave King, Lloyd E. Powless, Jr.

Excused: Chairman, Purcell Powless; Secretary, Amelia Cornelius, Council Member, Larry Barton

Others: Chris Johns, Don Wilson, Sharon House-Cornelius, Francis Skenandore, Jerry L. Hill, Carl Rasmussen, Representatives from Mt. Senario Ernie Stevens, Jr.

### AGENDA

Dave King moved to approve the agenda with the additions of:

11. Request for Dan Ninham for use of Tribal vehicle
12. Amelia Cornelius request to have General Tribal Council at Rodeway
13. National Indian Gaming Position Paper

Loretta Metoxen Seconded. Motion Carried

Mt. Senario College: This item was deferred until 11:00.

### TIMBER WOLF ALLIANCE

Loretta Metoxen attended the TWA meeting at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Center on June 5, 1988. The brochure developed for the Timber Wolf Alliance was printed at Oneida Printing with the Oneida Tribe credits on the back. Kathy Hughes moved to approve the report and the recommendation that our delegate to the next GLITC meeting advise other Tribes of our efforts and encourage other Tribes to join. Dave King Seconded. Motion Carried.

### PERSONNEL - Chris Johns

The Business Committee reviewed the following:

The transfer of; James Vanenkenvoort, Correna J. Benson, Linda F. Metoxen, Lee Ann Garsow, Debra J. Flores and Shirley Hall to the positions of clerk/Cashier (8-10 positions)

PERSONNEL (Continued)

Hiring of Nurses Aides for Anna John Nursing Home: (1) Debra Brunette, (2) Gloria Fagg, (3) Marion Graves, (4) Roxanne Peters

Lois Strong grievance hearing request denied - Committee felt it did not have merit.

Transfer of Lisa Metoxen to position of Switchboard/Mail Clerk

Transfer of Erwin R. Danforth to position of Groundskeeper/snowplow Operator

Transfer of Cheryl Skolaski to position of Enrollment Officer

Hiring of Wayne Skenandore to position of Project Manager

Committee members requested Personnel to clarify hirings and transfers to reflect how many positions are being hired for and where employees are transferring from.

RESOLUTIONS:

Kathy Hughes moved to approve Resolution #6-10-88-A FY88 Ground Water Funds:

"Whereas, the Oneida Tribe's Business Committee is charged with protecting the natural resources of the Tribe; and,

Whereas, there are on-going water pollution investigations of sites that directly affect tribal ground water quality; and,

Whereas, continued monitoring of existing ground water is essential for those investigations.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs continue to provide financial and technical assistance to the Tribe to alleviate potential hazards."

Lloyd E. Powless, Seconded. Motion Carried.

Dave King moved to approve Resolution #6-10-88-B Life Safety Code Violations Corrections:

"Whereas, the Oneida Tribe's Business Committee is charged with protecting the safety of tribal members and clients of the Tribe; and,

Whereas, the Bureau of Indian Affairs annually makes fire protection funds available to Tribes; and,

Whereas, the Oneida Community Health Center and the Oneida Tribal School both have many violations of NFPA101, Life Safety Code.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolutions (Continued)

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fiscal Year 1988 Community Fire Protection funds for the Oneida Tribe be used to correct Life Safety Code Violations at the Oneida Community Health Center.

Now, there be it further resolved that any funds which may be used after the corrections at the Oneida Community Health Center, shall be used to begin correction of Life Safety Code Violations at Oneida Tribal School."

Kathy Hughes Seconded. Motion Carried.

Dave King moved to approve Resolution #6-10-88-C IHS authorization for signatures.

"Whereas, water and sanitation facilities are needed to serve the needs of the Oneida people; and,

Whereas, the U.S. Public Health Service/Indian Health Service provides those facilities to Indian people; and,

Whereas, the U.S. Public Health Service/Indian Health Service has asked the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to authorize one member of the Tribal Council to enter into agreements which concern the construction of water and sanitation facilities; and,

Whereas, the Oneida Tribe, under P.L. 93-638 requests to contract all sanitation and health facilities on the Oneida Reservation in Wisconsin from Indian Health Service; and,

Whereas, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin also reserves the right to reject such contract if sufficient funding is not provided.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Chairman of the Business Committee of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is hereby given the authority to sign and enter into any and all agreements with the U.S. Public Health Service/Indian Health Service on behalf of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin which concern the construction of water and sanitation facilities to be constructed on the Oneida Reservation.

Be it further resolved: that this resolution supercedes all previous resolutions."

Kathy Hughes Seconded the motion with the recommendation to include "and vice-chairman under Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Chairman \*"  
Motion Carried.

Loretta Metoxen moved to approve Resolution #6-10-88-D Modification of Leas for Eugene M. Cornelius. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Resolutions (Continued)

Dave King moved to approve Resolution #6-10-88-E proposal for Accounting Manual.

"Whereas, the Oneida Tribe has determined to use the Fiscal Year 1988 Self-Determination funds to strengthen tribal government and to improve the ability of the Oneida Tribe to deliver services and become self-sufficient. The 1988 Self-Determination funds will be used to assemble and Accounting Manual."

Kathy Hughes Seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Requests

Oneida Library Request to Replace Board Member:

Lloyd Powless moved to approve the request of the Oneida Library to replace board member Margaret John who has resigned. The recommendation was to replace with Lucille Cook. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Motion Carried.

Education Consultant Agreement:

Kathy Hughes moved to approve the Consultant Agreement for Larry Cornelius for Summer Youth JTPA Utilization. The reason for a contract is; A) it is a teaching type of position both in the classroom and during work experience phases; B) promotes getting the whole job done with the youth he'll be working with as opposed to putting hours in with them; C) makes payment for the Youth Conference easier, i.e. 24 hour responsibility; and, D) avoids future financial and legal entanglements. Loretta Metoxen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Oneida Conservation Club:

Kathy Hughes moved to defer Oneida Conservation Club item until Jerry Hill returns. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Motion Carried.

Loan Credit Program - Chris Doxtator

Ernie Stevens moved to approve the Loan Credit Program request to approve a down payment loan to Glenn Jordan for purchase of his fathers improvements on "EE" (Doyle Jordan). The loan will consist of 20% of total purchase price or \$13,000., contingent upon the Associated DePere Banks final approval. Seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion Carried

Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. moved to approve a down payment loan to Gary and Sharon Cornelius for purchase of land and new improvements on property located on Lambie Road. The loan will consist of \$15,000 contingent on the Associated DePere Banks final approval. As we approve up to 20% of \$75,000 they will have to provide the remaining amount required by the bank. Loretta Metoxen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Sangor Powers - Dave King

Discussion on memo regarding the Tribe's interest in taking over the facility. Sharon Metz referred this information because of the cost to the State. This could create 15-16 jobs for employees. The inmates could be used in conservation work as we might be losing our WCC program soon and there are alternate plans for the land use. Dave and Rick Hill met with Mike Sullivan of the State Correction Department and have his cooperation. Loretta also stated that the State would be interested in contracting to the Tribe for operating this facility. There are two areas being agriculture or correctional which can be pursued. Different possibilities were reviewed.

Loretta Metoxen made a motion to have Dave King pursue this effort and also work with the Economic Development Committee. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Dave King abstained. Motion Carried.

HOTEL REFINANCING - Francis Skenandore

Francis stated that the changes submitted were to remove all references to the Tribes waiver of sovereign immunity in the Hotel Refinancing Documents. He also stated that there would be two more documents for approval, the Certificate, which would empower the Chairman and Secretary to sign the documents and a Resolution, which would permit the Chairman and Secretary to sign. After lengthy discussion, Loretta Metoxen moved to approve the changes of:

Loan Document: (Section 3.12, page 11) the words "to the adoption of laws for application" should be removed.

Loan Document: (Section 7.15, page 30) the words "governed by and" should be removed.

Promissory Note: The last paragraph of page 2 the wording "and enforce in" should be removed for the same reasons stated above regarding sovereign immunity.

Lloyd E. Powless, Jr Seconded. Motion Carried.

As the majority of the committee felt another discussion should be held on the documents, a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 1988 at 8:30 A.M. to further review the documents in addition to the Certificate and Resolution and action would be taken at that time for final approval.

LAND COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

- (1) Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. moved to approve the recommendation of Donna White as first choice for the rental of the Poquette Property. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Motion Carried.

Kathy Hughes stated that Chris Doxtator could not be here and had requested that reconsideration be made for the ranking of the three

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names. The request was to change the third recommendation to number one, because of the needs being of an emergency nature.

Lloyd E. Powless moved to rescind previous motion. Loretta Metoxen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Loretta Metoxen moved to table for justification from the Land Committee. Dave King Seconded. Motion Carried.

Ernie Stevens moved to approve the recommendation that Herb Powless be offered the site at the Tobacco Warehouse and the "E" and "EE" location for the fire works permit subject to final approval of appropriate documents. The recommendation was also that the same stipulations be adhered to as prior permit, also Mr. Powless contact Jim Van Steppen to arrange for the location of the fireworks sales. Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. Seconded. Kathy Hughes opposed. Motion Carried.

Loretta Metoxen moved to approve the recommendation to accept the resignation of Wayne Skenandore from the Land Committee and to advertise for the vacancy. Kathy Hughes Seconded. Motion Carried.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS

Kathy Hughes moved to approve the consultant agreement for L. Gordon McLester to perform certain services and duties on the Oneida Land Claims for the Oneida Litigation Committee with the following changes:

- Under Miscellaneous: (A) Clerical work and office space shall be provided by the Tribe.

Under Miscellaneous: (G) Delete this item.

Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. Seconded. Motion Carried.

Loretta Metoxen moved to approve the consultant agreement for Paul DeMain as amended. The changes were: insertion of the word comprehensive at the end of (1), and before the word article and to increase total to \$2500.00, one-half to be paid immediately and one-half on July 13, 1988. Lloyd E. Powless Seconded. Motion Carried.

Paul DeMain will be preparing a journalistic report or "story" regarding the New York Land Claims negotiations and the attitudes and roles of the various Oneida communities in Ontario, New York, and Wisconsin. Such report should be suitable for a special edition of the Tribal newspaper.

Loretta Metoxen moved to approve the consultant contract for John Harris, who will be surveying, reviewing and evaluating the management and organizational practices of the Oneida Bingo operations. The consultant shall provide the

Consultant Contracts (Continued)

Oneida Tribe with findings and recommendations relative to organizational practices up to July 21, 1987, after July 21, 1987 to the present, and including recommendations for the future, and, also a letter be developed to all Bingo personnel and also a orientation simultaneous to Mr. Harris coming on board along with all persons to be involved. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF REGISTRATION FOR NCAI

Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. moved to approve the payment of the registration fee for the Business Committee members for the NCAI conference. Dave King Seconded. Motion Carried.

HWY 172 CONNECTION WITH HWY 54

After discussion on the three alternates, Dave King moved to recommend that the Tribe go with Alternate #1. Loretta Metoxen Seconded. Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. opposed. Kathy Hughes Abstained. Motion Carried.

After further discussion, Ernie Stevens felt that this should be in Resolution form outlaying the Tribes position and within the rationale point out and explain why we do not want to go with the other alternates. It should be written in such a way that the Tribe has stated for the record their objection. Dave King moved to include this in his original motion. Loretta Metoxen agreed.

REQUEST FOR TRIBAL VEHICLE

Dan Ninham is requesting a tribal vehicle to leave on June 13, 1988 to go to Penobscot summer running camp from June 19-24, 1988, returning on June 26, 1988 for approximately eight youth and five adults, these are basically tribal school students. As this is a non-tribal function it needs business committee approval. A policy is being worked on. Loretta Metoxen moved to approve as a tribal activity. Dave King seconded. Motion Carried.

GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. moved to approve the request from Amelia Cornelius to have the General Tribal Council meeting at the Rodeway. Kathy Hughes Seconded. Motion Carried.

MT. SENARIO PRESENTATION

Ernie Stevens, Jr. introduced the President of Mt. Senario and the Program Development Specialist for the American Indian Program. They reviewed the survey and discussed on-reservation courses. Loretta Metoxen moved to approve the request and to include 12 courses. Dave King Seconded. Motion Carried.

### TRAVEL REQUESTS

Kathy Hughes moved to approve the Retroactive Travel request for Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. to Milwaukee on June 6, 1988 for a meeting with Al Fabian on building purchase. Dave King Seconded. Lloyd Powless Abstained. Motion Carried. Lloyd gave a short report on the building being offered.

Kathy Hughes moved to approve retroactive travel for litigation in Syracuse, New York on June 8-9, 1988 for Ernie Stevens, Loretta Metoxen, Gordon McLester, Paul DeMain and Rick Hill. Loretta Metoxen abstained. Motion Carried.

Dave King moved to approve the travel request for Purcell Powless and Jerry L. Hill to travel to the National Indian Gaming Association in Washington, D. C. on June 21-22, 1988. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Motion Carried.

Loretta Metoxen moved to approve the travel request for Lloyd E. Powless, Jr to speak at the Walden School in Racine, Wisconsin on June 13, 1988. Ernie Stevens Seconded. Lloyd Powless Abstained. Motion Carried.

Loretta Metoxen moved to approve the request for 1/2 day vacation for Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. on Friday, June 17, 1988. Dave King Seconded. Motion Carried.

Kathy Hughes moved to approve Loretta Metoxen vacation request June 15-18-19, 1988. Lloyd E. Powless, Jr. Seconded. Loretta Abstained. Motion Carried.

### CONSERVATION CLUB

Jerry L. Hill stated that his memo of May 18, 1988 regarding the Conservation Club charter was for information only.

### NIGA POSITION PAPER

Jerry L. Hill also stated that this was for information. The position being that we cannot support any federal legislation pending and take steps to kill any bills and get this information out to the Tribes.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Business Committee came out of executive session at 12:00. Ernie Stevens moved that the Business Committee defer hearing this appeal for Crete Kasee pending notification to the Oneida Housing Authority requesting that they deliver all appropriate documents. Kathy Hughes Seconded. Motion Carried.

Kathy Hughes moved to recess. Loretta Metoxen Seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting was recessed at 12:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia M. Benson, Recording Secretary