



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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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

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

RE: CATTLE PROJECT

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1990

Present: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Richard Hill-Vice Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Amelia Cornelius-Secretary, Larry Barton, Ernie Stevens-Council Members

Others: Jim Van Stippen, Wayne Skenandore, Alan Doxtator, Matt Powless, Simon DeCoteau, Chas Wheelock, Kathy King, Lynn VandenLangenberg, Chris Doxtator

Rick Hill called for the meeting to attempt to resolve the issues surrounding the cattle project.

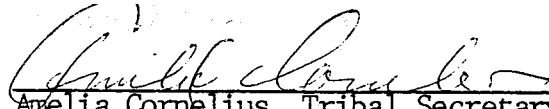
Chairman asked about the dead cattle at the farm. Baptist stated that they have been dead about 2 or 3 weeks and is waiting for Circle K to pick them up. Purcy suggested that they at least bury them as they are rotted and could be diseased.

Baptist stated that there is enough feed for about 400 cattle for 4 or 5 years. They are selling some of the hay weekly. Matt Powless suggested keeping some of the hay in the event there is a poor crop this summer and for use with the feed lot program.

Jim Van Stippen reviewed the Business Plan and has been recommended to have the plan reviewed by an accountant before taking to a bank for a loan. He has been working with the Extension, the University and others in the development of this plan. Part of the plan consists of utilizing the feeder lot, renting for a dairy operation, and increasing the number of tribal cattle. Present cattle inventory consists of 4 heifer calves, 7 steers, 14 cows and 7 heifers for a total of 33. The crop inventory consists of 700 ton silage, 600 tons of hay and straw, 10 tons of oats and 1500 square hay bales. There is a large inventory of fairly new equipment which the Land Committee is paying for.

Discussion on the need for a farm manager to be responsible for the paper work of the farm. Discussion on the hours of work for the farm hands. Work cannot be on a 40 hour a week basis. Maybe the Tribe should look at having the individuals salaried instead of hourly.

Discussion on Dr. Duffin's contract. He was to develop a business and/or operational plan for the project, however, this was never done or completed. Ernie Stevens recommends that the cattle project be looked at as an enterprise and not a program.


Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee