

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FIELD SERVICE

653 Plymouth Building,  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
May 10, 1937.

Mr Morris Wheelock,  
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear sir:

I am enclosing some forms for factual information which I would appreciate having you pass out to members of your organization. This data is necessary in obtaining information for the proposed Revolving Fund loan. These should be filled out in ink and returned to you not later than May 26th, 1937.

According to present plans, I expect to be at Oneida about May 21st and if you care to, would like to hold one or two meetings on credit. I would also like to visit a number of the homes and talk with your leading personnel.

In order to lay the ground work for a loan, it will be necessary to secure a great amount of information in the form of an economic survey and I feel that we should proceed on this data as soon as possible.

I will be at Cass Lake, Minn. all this week and at Denver Colo. all next week and will come to Oneida the week of May 24th. Will stop at Tomah on the way over to collect information and will call on you just as soon as I arrive in your area.

If I can be of any further service to you, do not fail to call upon me.

Very truly yours

*Shirley N. McKinsey*  
Shirley N. McKinsey  
Credit Agent.

O. T. J. W.

West DePere Wis May 15, 1937,

Supt Frank Christy,

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Dear Mr Christy

Herewith I enclose Minutes of our Meeting  
of May 10,th 1937. One for your file and one  
for Sec. Dickes.

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Katie Cornelius  
Secretary of Council

Oneida Tribe, of Indians of Wisconsin  
Minutes of the tribal meeting held at the  
Epworth Hall Oneida Reservation.

May 10, 1937.

Meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P.M.  
by the Chairman Morris Wheelock.

Speaking of ratification of the federal Charter  
349. Voted for it and no one against it.

Now the next step will be to plan what  
we need and the amount of money to  
borrow from the revolving fund. Application  
blanks are expected and after we fill  
them out we must add the amount  
the tribe needs to borrow and we have  
to add the itemized implements, stock etc.  
so it will be purchased for us in big  
lots or big herds.

Implements, stock etc. belong to the tribe  
until individual have paid for them.

There will be 3% overhead interest and  
if you pay up as your contract reads you  
will get back 3%. You will pay as it  
suits you monthly, 3 mo. 6 mo. or yearly.

Interpreted. Oscar Archiquette.

Trust patent land owners, tax payers  
and renters can all borrow.

Optioned lands are not paid for yet.

by the govt. We have one 80 acre farm now held by the Onieda tribe, and under trust patent that a banker optioned with us.

A party we assigned there is only there for 1 yr. but subject to getting it assigned to him for good.

We only expect garden seed for grant, we have no money available to borrow for grain, seed or potatoes. The \$8,000 is for building houses, repairing houses, and digging wells.

Solomon Wheelock can have a small lot and house as people will vote on it for him.

Last Friday when Peru Fauber was here we adopted a seal for resolution we placed it on order; now we have a letter here as a notice that the corn stalk will cost us \$13.50 but if we take wheat design in the center of our seal it will only cost \$4.75

People are asked to vote which they will have. A motion for wheat design seconded eyes carried and no's none.

April 23 we wrote a letter to John Bollier protesting Rev. J. E. Whitebull who had no jurisdiction over Onieda to come and hold mass meeting here and discourage our people to vote for our Federal Charter.

Rev. Wenberg gain gave few words of encouragement.

Our next meeting will be two weeks from tonight unless we get the blanks in a few days we will meet a week from now.

Lillian Skuandore motioned leave Chauncey Baird's party to Board of Directors.

J. D. brand on the animals we buy from his borrowed money; we do not favor his branding.

Levi Baird. If town gives us up now who will bury us, State will help us, according to our Federal Charter Sec. 7.

Motion to adjourn. 11:30 P.M.

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Secretary of Council.

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UNITED STATES  
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WASHINGTONMr. Morris Wheelock,  
Oneida, Wisconsin

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Dear Mr. Wheelock:

We have your letter of July 18, requesting that there be another election called at the earliest practicable date, whereby the people may have an opportunity to adopt the constitution and by-laws for the Oneida Tribe.

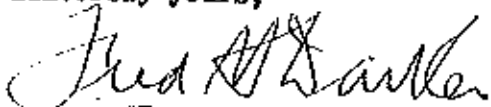
At the previous election, thirty per cent of the total adult eligible voters failed to cast their ballots. It is understood also from some of the Indians that there is objection to the constitution as voted upon. If so, this should be considered and these provisions taken up with a representative of the Indian Service so that appropriate language can be worked out, acceptable both to the Indians and to the Service.

We shall advise Superintendent Burns, who is coordinator for the Lake states area, of your request that he visit you. We do not know his plans and no doubt he will write to you.

The Commissioner is in the field and will not return for some time. Whether it will be possible for him or some representative of the Office to visit you later, we cannot say at this time.

The Secretary of the Interior must call the election. The date should be fixed so as to give sufficient time for the Indians to study and be familiar with the constitution which is to be voted upon, especially if any changes are to be made therein. Your superintendent will advise us when the election should be called, and we shall cooperate with him in trying to meet the wishes of the Indians.

Sincerely yours,

  
ASSISTANT TO THE Commissioner.

O. T. I. W.

Minutes of the Council held at Epworth Hall June 3, 1937. Oneida Reservation  
at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Meeting was opened by Chairman Morris Wheelock.

Purpose of this meeting was to have Mr. McKinney explain the Credit system to the Tribe, one step at a time he explained.

People dissatisfied about borrowing they understood that very few have a chance to borrow.

Election date postponed to July 6, 1937, on account of 4th of July coming on Sun.

Chairman suggested we have 3 credit on committee and 2 on assignment committee as advisory board.

Polls will open July 6 at 1: P.M. to 8: P.M.

House opened to audience as to what they think about cutting 9 men board to 5 men. Discussion! Eastman Cornelius, Melissa Cornelius, Levi Baird, and Harrison strongly favored 5 men Advisory Board.

Anderson Skenandore ask people to discuss on how many people should work on a project job from a family.

Harrison Smith let some one make a resolution to this effect that no 2 work on a project job from one family. Resolution should be written out by the Tribe then presented it to the executive committee.

Meeting adjourned until Monday at 10:40 p.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING AND ADOPTION OF A  
CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS BY ONCIDA TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

Tomah, Wisconsin  
October 14, 1936

Ordered by the Secretary of the Interior,  
a meeting will be held on Saturday, November  
at members of the Onocida tribe of  
to ballot on the question of adoption of  
a Constitution and By Laws.

Supervised by a Committee of Indians  
and acting under the direction of the

Ballot will be kept open from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.  
at the following places:

Stargis County -----in Epworth Hall.  
Brown County -----in Parish Hall, Hobart township.  
Bigerton and vicinity---in Village Hall.

Constitution and By Laws will be furnished upon re-  
quest of the tribe desiring to study them before  
adoption.

FRANK CHRISTY  
Superintendent

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A meeting of the General tribal Council was held on Dec 10, 1937 with 86 members present. Quorum being short the meeting was opened for general discussion. The chairman Morris Wheelock explained that the vacancy left by Anderson Skenandore was filled by Chauncey Adams who was an associate credit committee officer and his office was filled by the appointment of David Skenandore.

Mr. Farver made few remarks of regret that the people didn't come and asked that Mr. Finney take the floor. Mr. Finney was then called by the chief. He also wished there were all members present and expressed that he was glad that he actually met the Onondaga people and that there were more Onondaga Indians in the government service than any other tribe, his own people are not so fortunate. He thinks he is going to be around here often in the future and meet more people.

The committees were each called upon for a speech in which all made an attempt. The evening was then followed by a social in which all enjoyed.

The meeting adjourned.

Lydia G. Poulson, Sec.

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Tomah Indian School  
Tomah, Wisconsin  
July 12, 1935

Mr. Morris Wheelock,  
Oneida, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Wheelock:

I have your letter of the 10th with reference to the matter of options and Mr. Oscar Archiquette's connection therewith.

During my recent visit to Oneida for the purpose of obtaining options on land I found that Mr. Archiquette had already obtained considerable information as to the location of tracts which might be available for purchase and on which options could be obtained. I was glad to make use of this information inasmuch as it reduced very considerably the amount of labor involved in obtaining options. As to any authority given by Mr. Freidenberg to Mr. Archiquette this probably refers to attempts to obtain options last year under the sub-marginal land program. Since Mr. Freidenberg has now no jurisdiction over Oneida affairs, it is extremely unlikely that he would have any interest in land acquisition for the Oneidas under the Wheeler Howard Legislation. For your information I may state that the results so far obtained in connection with options would seem to indicate that landholders in your vicinity have an extremely exaggerated idea of the value of their holdings if one may judge by the prices quoted on their options.

Very truly yours,

*Frank Christy*  
FRANK CHRISTY,  
Superintendent.

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