

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



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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ONEIDA TRIBAL OFFICE

Feb. 14, 1976 1:20 p.m.

Special General Tribal Council Meeting

Quorum present: 105 members (line count 213)

Business Committee present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, Vice Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Trea. Alma Webster, Sec. Amelia Cornelius, Members: Rick Hill, Mervin Jordan, Joy Ninhâm, Ruth Baird, Irene Moore

BIA officials: Mariânn Shulstad, Mr. Manydeeds, Mr. Peterson, Cass La Beau

Petition read re; conflict of interest

Motion by Wendell McLester to adopt Resolution 2-14-76.
Second by Gordon McLester,
Discussion of Resolution

Read letter from Bob Bennett dated Feb. 2, 76 and Feb. 10, 76.

Gordon McLester moved to have a secret ballot vote. Second by Myron Smith, motion carried.

Secret ballot vote: 114 support, 84 oppose

Audry Doxtator, Edna Cornelius, Betty Ritchie and Myron Manydeeds acted as Election officers with Joy Ninham and Alma Webster checking registration.

Amelia Cornelius
Secretary

RESOLUTION

2-14-76

WHERE AS; THE ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN, INC. HAS A DULY ELECTED TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF THE ONEIDA TRIBE,

WHERE AS; THESE ELECTED POSITIONS ARE THE POLICY MAKING BODY OF THE TRIBE,

WHERE AS; SOME MEMBERS OF THE ONEIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE ARE ALSO EMPLOYED IN TRIBAL PROGRAMS, SOME OF WHICH ARE IN THE CAPACITY AS PROGRAMS HEADS,

WHERE AS; THIS PRACTICE MAY RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN WHICH OBJECTIVE DECISIONS CANNOT BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ONEIDA TRIBE,

WHERE AS; THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON MAY 5, 1975, ADOPTED THE TOUCHE ROSS & CO. TRIBAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO BE USED BY THE ONEIDA TRIBE,

WHERE AS; THIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OPERATION OF THE ONEIDA TRIBE,

WHERE AS; THERE IS A NEED TO MAINTAIN A SEPERATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRIBE.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1976, BY THE GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL, THAT NO MEMBER OF THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN, SHALL HOLD A PAID PROGRAM POSITION WITH THE TRIBE.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE AND ADOPT THE SAID MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND INSTRUCT THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THIS SYSTEM IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF THE ONEIDA TRIBE.

by - Gordon W. Foster

II. ROLE AND POLICY DEFINITION (CONTINUED)

A. General Tribal Council (continued):

2. Policies (continued):

- . Meeting quorum - 75 people, 18 years of age or older
- . 75 members may request a referendum
- . Election of Tribal officers and Business Committee members
 - Quorum - 75 members
 - Candidates posted 5 days prior to election
 - A majority vote shall be required to elect each Tribal officer

B. Oneida Business Committee:

The Oneida Business Committee has been appointed by the General Tribal Council to conduct Tribal business and relations in the interim between General Tribal Council meetings. As such, the Oneida Business Committee shall act as the final authority for all Tribal business, relations, and program activities - subject only to General Tribal Council review.

1. Roles:

a. Legal Activities:

- . Negotiate with federal, state, and local government
- . To contract as the official agent of the Oneida Tribe
- . Employ legal counsel

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THERE ARE 84 ~~114~~ OPPOSE

114 TO SUPPORT

203 votes

Audrey Aoptator -

Edna Cornelius

Betty Litchie

Myron V. ~~Fisher~~