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OPTION A. SPECIAL ELECTION

CAUCUS ON OCTOBER 26, 2014 with ELECTION ON DECEMBER 13, 2014

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee, respecting the history of the General Tribal Council, presents this resolution to the General Tribal Council calling for a Special Election;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a Special Election is called for Saturday, December 13, 2014 with a polling place to be set up on the Oneida Reservation and in Milwaukee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following dates shall be utilized from the Election Law for this Special Election:

- Caucus - October 26, 2014
- Deadline for Applications to be filed – November 3, 2014
- Appeals of Candidate Eligibility – as set forth in the Election Law
- Election Day – December 13, 2014
- Recounts and Appeals – as set forth in the Election Law
- Final Report presented to Oneida Business Committee – December 24, 2014

Costs associated with this proposed resolution:

\$200,000	General Tribal Council meeting – average cost, must hold meeting to determine how vacancy is filled
\$5000	Election Board costs for special election ¹
\$2000	Only if electronic ballot machines are utilized ²

Policy Considerations:

- Recognizes the history of filling vacancies.
- Recognizes the changes in the election processes which have occurred since the 1976/1982 actions.
- Recognizes changes in the General Tribal Council body since adoption of the 2008 stipend directive.
- Moves the election as far forward while at the same time recognizing the accepted and generally understood processes for a Special Election.
 - 48 days from the Caucus to the election (45 days required by law for Special Elections)
 - 57 days from Caucus to the Final Report

207,000

¹ Includes OPD and Enrollments – per diem and hotel costs for SEOTS polling place. Overtime is generally managed by Enrollments or OPD and the personnel costs are recognized in the department budgets, not the Election Board regular employment related duties.

² The presumption is no electronic ballot machines are needed or will be used.

OPTION B. ACCELERATED SPECIAL ELECTION

CAUCUS ON OCTOBER 26, 2014 with ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 22, 2014

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee, respecting the history of the General Tribal Council, presents this resolution to the General Tribal Council calling for a Special Election;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a Special Election is called for Saturday, November 22, 2014 with a polling place to be set up on the Oneida Reservation and in Milwaukee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following dates shall be utilized for this Special Election:

- Caucus – October 26, 2014
- Deadline for Applications to be filed – November 3, 2014
- Appeals of Candidate Eligibility – November 4, 2014
- Election Day – November 22, 2014
- Recounts and Appeals – November 26, 2014
- Final Report presented to Oneida Business Committee – December 1, 2014

Costs associated with this proposed resolution:

\$200,000	General Tribal Council meeting – average cost, must hold meeting to determine how vacancy is filled
\$5000	Election Board costs for accelerated special election ³
\$0	Electronic ballot machines are not available on this accelerated time frame

Policy Considerations:

- Recognizes the history of filling vacancies.
- Recognizes the changes in the election processes which have occurred since the 1976/1982 actions.
- Recognizes changes in the General Tribal Council body since adoption of the 2008 stipend directive.
- Moves the election as far forward while at the same time recognizing the accepted principles in conducting a Special Election.
 - 27 days from the Caucus to the election
 - 32 days from Caucus to the Final Report
- Shortens application/petition filing, eligibility appeals and recount appeals
- Longest time demand is printing ballots
- Presumes a manual count, no ballot machines

205,000

³ Includes OPD and Enrollments – per diem and hotel costs for SEOTS polling place. Overtime is generally managed by Enrollments or OPD and the personnel costs are recognized in the department budgets, not the Election Board regular employment related duties.

OPTION C. SPECIAL ELECTION SAME DAY

CAUCUS AT MEETING with ELECTION SAME DAY

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee, respecting the history of the General Tribal Council, presents this resolution to the General Tribal Council calling for a Special Election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following steps shall be utilized from the Election Law for this Special Election:

- Caucus as next item on agenda open until no further nominations.
- Polling nominated members for acceptance.
- Directing nominated members to meet with Election Board prior to 12:00 p.m. to present identification, verification of age, and verification of residency.
- Election Board to open polls at 2:00 p.m. and close polls at 7:00 p.m. identifying the last person in line and authorizing no further voters.
- Election Board to count votes and post tentative results.
- Recount requests presented in Tribal Secretary's office by 4:30 p.m. on October 27, 2014.
- Election Board presents final report to Oneida Business Committee at the October 29, 2014 meeting.

Costs associated with this proposed resolution:

\$200,000	General Tribal Council meeting – average cost, must hold meeting to determine how vacancy is filled
\$1000	Election Board costs for special election same day – printing ballots
\$0	Electronic ballot machines are not available on this accelerated time frame

Policy Considerations:

- Recognizes the history of filling vacancies.
- Recognizes the changes in the election processes which have occurred since the 1976/1982 actions.
- Recognizes changes in the General Tribal Council body since adoption of the 2008 stipend directive.
- Moves the election as far forward while at the same time recognizing the accepted principles in conducting a Special Election.
- Reduces potential costs.
- Does not include a Milwaukee polling site.
- Does not allow for candidate to campaign.

200,000

OPTION D. MOTION FROM FLOOR

FILL VACANCY IN NEXT SCHEDULED SPECIAL ELECTION

Motion to fill the vacancy in the regularly scheduled Special Election held in July of 2015.

Costs associated with this proposed resolution:

\$200,000 General Tribal Council meeting – average cost, must hold meeting to determine how vacancy is filled

Policy Considerations

- Still have a quorum on the Oneida Business Committee if left vacant until after 2015 Special Election
- Reduce overall costs by not holding another Special Election.
- Workload may shift as the Legislative Operating Committee has one less member until the appointment is filled.
- Cost savings of one Oneida Business Committee member salary and possibly the assistant position.
- Constitutional requirement of electing 5 Council Members was accomplished in General Election.
- Normal election processes are utilized and are understood by members.

200,000

OPTION E. MOTION FROM THE FLOOR

APPOINTMENT OR FIRST RUNNER-UP FROM 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

Motion to appoint INSERT FULL NAME to fill the remainder of the term caused by the resignation of Benjamin Vieau.

Costs associated with this proposed resolution:

\$200,000 General Tribal Council meeting – average cost, must hold meeting to determine how vacancy is filled

Policy Considerations

- Consistent with constitutional language
- Simple, straight forward
- May including recognizing the runner-up in the General Election
- No additional expenses of an election

200,000

OPTION F. MOTION FROM FLOOR

LEAVE VACANT

Motion to direct that the remainder of the term caused by the resignation of Benjamin Vieau shall remain vacant.

Costs associated with this proposed resolution:

\$200,000 General Tribal Council meeting – average cost, must hold meeting to determine how vacancy is filled

Policy Considerations

- Still have a quorum on the Oneida Business Committee if left vacant.
- Workload may shift as the Legislative Operating Committee has one less member.
- Cost savings of one Oneida Business Committee member salary and possibly the assistant position.
- Constitutional requirement of electing 5 Council Members was accomplished in General Election.

But we'd actually save money by not having to pay for a BC member and their assistant for three years!

300,000