



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of September 21-25, 2020

Tuesday, September 22, 2020: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. There was discussion of Band Assembly Minutes, Band Assembly Reports & Presentations confirmation hearing, Unfinished business Joint Resolution 19-02-156-20: A Joint Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Government Vehicles to Outgoing Elected Officials, Nomination for at Large Corporate Board of Directors, Nomination for District Court Judge and three bills for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, New Business Band Assembly Bill 19-02-61-20 HEARTH Act, Band Assembly Bill 19-02-62-20 Appropriation for Education, HHS and DNR, Resolution 19-02-153-20 Continuance of MLCV, Gaming, and Non-Gaming – need to pass new budgets for FY21, Resolution 19-02-154-20 Authorizing MLCV FY2020 Capital Budget GCH Kiosk Upgrades, Resolution 19-02-155-20 Authorizing MLCV FY2020 Capital Budget GCML HVAC Upgrades, Contracts – Admin – Keller Paap, Chato Gonzalez, Anton Treuer, Michael Sullivan Sr., Contracts – CMD – Flagship Recreation, Astro Metal Sales, Addendum #2 Degerstrom & Sons Construction, Contracts – BMLA – SailorsAllen Law, Central MN Conflict & Pro Se Services, LLC Contract – HHS – Citon Computer Corporation, Contract – DNR – Widseth Smith Nolting. Discussion of 25 U.S.C. § 3404 (Programs Affected by Public Law 102-477), 25 U.S.C. § 3405 (477 Plan Requirements), 25 U.S.C. § 3407 (477 Plan Approval), 25 U.S.C. § 3423 (Administration of Funds), Grant for new Tribal Courthouse, Sale of Government Vehicles to Outgoing Elected Officials, and Ojibwe language contracts/477 program. Discussed work session item Title 21 and Title 8.

Wednesday, September 23, 2020: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.

- Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Minutes:** Remained tabled.
- **Reports and Presentations:** David Sam Re: Confirmation Hearing – Corporate Board of Directors. There was discussion and question of other nomination consideration.
- **Unfinished Business:**
- (a) **Joint Resolution 19-02-156-20:** A Joint Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Government Vehicles to Outgoing Elected Officials. Tabled 9/18/2020. Resolution was taken from table and resolution was approved.
- (b) **Nomination:** A nomination, from Chief Executive Benjamin, for David Sam to serve as the At-Large position on the Corporate Board of Directors pursuant to 16 MLBSA Subchapter 2 § 103. Current term expires March 31, 2021. Tabled 9/9/2020. Nomination was taken from table and nomination was denied. Nominee not interested.
- (c) **Nomination:** A nomination, from Chief Executive Benjamin, for Richard Osburn to fill the position of District Court Judge pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 6 (b). Previous term expired August 15, 2020. Next term will expire August 15, 2026. Tabled 9/9/2020. Nomination was taken from table and nomination was approved.
- (d) **Band Assembly Bill 18-04-16-20:** A Bill for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (“Corporate Ventures”), a corporate body politic of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), for the purpose of appropriating funds and authorizing expenditures to

Corporate Ventures for its operations, and capital and economic development projects for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Sponsor: District I Representative

Tabled 12/10/2019

- (e) **Band Assembly Bill 18-04-17-20:** A Bill for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (“Corporate Ventures”), a corporate body politic of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), for the purpose of appropriating funds and authorizing expenditures to Corporate Ventures for the operations, and capital and economic development projects of any current or future non-gaming business managed or operated directly or indirectly by Corporate Ventures (“Non-Gaming Businesses”) for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Sponsor: District II Representative

Tabled 12/10/2019

- (f) **Band Assembly Bill 18-04-18-20:** A Bill for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (“Corporate Ventures”), a corporate body politic of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), for the purpose of appropriating funds and authorizing expenditures to Corporate Ventures for the operations, and capital and economic development projects of Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs (“Casinos”) for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.

Sponsor: District III Representative

Tabled 12/10/2019

- (g) Revenue Allocation Plan *Pending further discussions.*
- **New Business:**
- (a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-61-20:** A Bill enacting the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership Act, to be known as Leasing of Trust Lands, and numbered in the Mille Lacs Band Statutes as Chapter 7 of Title 21. The Leasing of Trust Lands Code will grant the Band the authority to negotiate and enter into leases without further approvals by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Specifically, the Act authorizes the Band to execute agricultural and business leases of Band trust lands for a primary term of 25 years and up to two renewal terms of 25 years each. Leases of Band trust lands for residential, recreational, religious, or educational purposes may be executed for a primary term of up to 75 years. Sponsor: District III Representative. Introduced and read to preamble. With a waiver of the formal reading after the preamble. Bill was approved.
- (b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-02-62-20:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriations for Education, Health & Human Services and Natural Resources for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020. Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was read and introduced. Bill was approved.
- (c) **Resolution 19-02-153-20:** A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until October 31, 2020. Resolution was approved and with a waiver of the formal reading.
- (d) **Resolution 19-02-154-20:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2020 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Hinckley Kiosk Upgrades. Resolution was approved and with a waiver of the formal reading.
- (e) **Resolution 19-02-155-20:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2020 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs HVAC Upgrades. Resolution was approved and with a waiver of the formal reading.

- (f) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Keller Paap to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and assist with the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was removed from the agenda.
- (g) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Chato Gonzalez to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and assist with the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was removed from the agenda.
- (h) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Indigenous Enterprise, LLC (Anton Treuer) to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and act as managing editor for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was removed from the agenda.
- (i) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Michael Sullivan Sr. to provide continued consultation for Language revitalization; serve on the Aanjibimaadizing Ojibwemowin Strategic Planning Board; and act as text editor and technical writer for the MLB book development project. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was removed from the agenda.
- (j) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Flagship Recreation to provide materials and labor for installation of new playground equipment and landscaping in District II and District III Head Start locations. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (k) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Astro Metal Sales to provide materials and labor for the decorative metal panels for the new District I Community Center. Contract end date is May 21, 2021. Contract was denied.
- (l) **Contract (CMD):** A contract addendum #2 for Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC. to provide additional unforeseen repair costs for the renovation of the three quad buildings at 2481 & 2485 Evergreen Ct. in Hinckley. Contract end date remains at September 30, 2020. Contract was approved.
- (m) **Contract (BMLA):** A contract for McKinnis & Doom, P.A. to provide representation for MLB member clients when a conflict of interest with civil cases in matters such as child protection, family law matters, child support and custody proceedings as well as all other case types as outlined within the contract. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- (n) **Contract (BMLA):** A contract for SailorsAllen Law to provide representation for MLB member clients that do not qualifying for Public Defenders in Mille Lacs County due to income exclusions as a result of per capita income. May include representation in domestic violence court and/or the drug/wellness court. Strict accountability for the clients and weekly court review hearings for strict adherence to sobriety and supportive services within the community. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was tabled.
- (o) **Contract (BMLA):** A contract for Central MN Conflict & Pro Se Services, LLC to provide representation for MLB member clients in civil cases when a conflict of interest

with BMLA representing other MLB member clients in matters such as child protection, family law matters, child support and custody proceedings as well as other types of cases as outlined within the contract. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.

- **(p) Contract (HHS):** A contract for Citon Computer Corporation to provide current VDI network stabilization and VICO (Virtual Chief Information Officer) engagement for the HHS Building. Contract end date is December 30, 2020. Contract was approved.
- **(q) Contract (DNR):** A contract for Widseth Smith Nolting to provide surveying, engineering and other technical services for Tribal Real Estate Services in D1, D2, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- **Letters/Announcements:** None
- **Upcoming scheduled meetings/events:** September 30, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting, October 7, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting, October 14, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting, October 21, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting, and October 28, 2020 Band Assembly Meeting
- **Other:** None

Child Protection Subcommittee met for the third time. The subcommittee members meeting 3 consists of: Review of Title 8, Chapter 13, Subchapter 3. The subcommittee members had a good discussion on Subchapter 3, purpose, general responsibilities, next section, guardianship assistance up to age 21, administrative reviews and disposition hearings, and guardianship records. Each member was given the opportunity to comment on each item discussed. The members also gave their input on possible solutions and recommendations for each item discussed.

Thursday, September 24, 2020: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorney, OSG Attorneys, Housing Attorney, and Chief Executive Legal and Policy Counsel on Title 21 – Review (start at § 303). The attendees went through Title 21 Proposed revisions red line version line by line. Questions and comments were made during each section. Draft changes were made upon agreement of all involved while considerations of other parties affected or may be involved with the revisions.