



*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of January 4-8, 2021**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Reports & Presentations Catherine Colstrud. Unfinished Business: 5 Admin contracts (Red Circle, Keller Paap, Chato Gonzalez, Anton Treuer, Michael Sullivan Jr.), 1 nomination (Catherine Colstrud), and MLCV Tribal Economic Business Incubator contract. New Business: Legislative Order 31-21 (Background Checks for Critical Nominations). There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. A summary and presentation was provided by Brittany Wind and Dustin Goslin for the MLCV Tribal Economic Business Incubator contract with discussion, comments and questions answered. Major project list overview of completed, draft completed, and incomplete. Statutory Revisions. Representatives lastly open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and Zoom.**

- **Approval of Agenda:** Band Assembly approved the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes: None.**
- **Reports and Presentations:** 10:15 a.m. Catherine Colstrud. Re: Confirmation hearing – Corporate Board At-Large Position. Confirmation hearing was held with a summary provided by the nominee with comments and open for questions.
- **Unfinished Business:**
  - a) **Contract (Admin):** A contract addendum to add additional funding to the Red Circle contract to complete 9 videos and provide 2 additional video shoots and production pieces for Aanjibimaadizing Language projects. The addendum also extends the contract end date from December 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
  - b) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
  - c) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
  - d) **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.

**Tabled 12/16/2020**

- e) **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. **Tabled 12/16/2020**
  
- f) **Nomination:** A nomination from Chief Executive Benjamin for Catherine Colrud to serve on the Corporate Board, At-Large Position. Term ends March 31, 2021. **Tabled 12/09/2020**
  
- g) **Contract (Admin):** A contract for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to provide implementation of Tribal Economic Business Incubator through the Minnesota Disaster Recover Fund Grant through the St Paul & Minnesota Foundation in support of coronavirus recovery in the community. Contract end date is April 30, 2021. **Tabled 12/02/2020.** Contract was taken from the table and approved.
  
- h) **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**
  
- i) **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**
  
- j) **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**
  
- k) Revenue Allocation Plan  
*Pending further discussions.*

- **New Business:**

a) **Legislative Order 31-21:** A Legislative Order Establishing Procedure for When the Band Assembly Receives a Critical Nomination from the Chief Executive. Order was tabled.

- **Letters/Announcements: None.**

- **Scheduled Meetings/Events:**

January 12, 2021      Band Assembly Meeting

January 20, 2021      Band Assembly Meeting

January 27, 2021      Band Assembly Meeting

- **Other:**

**Thursday, January 7, 2021:** Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Staff Attorneys, Legislative Staff, Commissioner of Finance, Solicitor General, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, and Mille Lacs Corporate Venture Attorney. Work Session Agenda: Introduction to Corporate Law Presented by Staff Attorney Joseph Jensen. Presented slide 17-40 entire slide show completed. Discussion, questions, and comments on various parts of the presentation. Importance of the attorneys on the meeting to provide comment and clarification on the topics.

Discussion of next working session agenda.