



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

October 21, 2022

To Mille Lacs Band Members and Employees:

On August 29th, the Legislative Branch sent out a Legislative Priorities Survey for Band Members, Band Employees, and anyone affiliated with the Band to complete by September 30th.

The purpose of the survey is to get a better understanding of statute changes needed in our communities. The Band Assembly intends to continue sending out legislative priority surveys annually to ensure we know what statutes we may enact or amend to help move our communities forward.

Below is an overview of the responses.

- 30 individuals responded.
- Responses were from Band members, Band descendants, and employees.
- **Suggested new legislation:**
 - Probate Code.
 - Elections Code.
 - HEARTH Act (Leasing of Trust Land).
 - Domestic Relations.
 - Medical Marijuana.
 - Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA).
- **Suggested Policy Changes:**
 - Drug Policy for Housing.
 - Home Loan Policy.
- **Suggested amendments:**
 - 9 requests for a Title 8 (Children and Families) amendment.
 - 6 requests for a Title 9 (Education) amendment.
 - 5 requests for a Title 6 (Government Employees) amendment.
 - 5 requests for a Title 12 (Community Development) amendment.
 - 4 requests for a Title 3 (Legislative Branch) amendment.
 - 3 requests for a Title 4 (Executive Branch) amendment.
 - 2 requests for a Title 15 (Independent Agencies) amendment.
 - 1 request for a Title 25 (Revisor of Statutes) amendment.
 - 1 request for a Title 27 (Emergency Management) amendment.

The Band Assembly encourages input, not only for surveys, but for public comment periods and formal public hearings for draft legislation to improve the statutes for our communities. We look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheldon Boyd".

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wendy Merrill".

Wendy Merrill, District 2 Representative

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind".

Virgil Wind, District 1 Representative

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harry Davis".

Harry Davis, District 3 Representative