



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

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of May 31- June 4, 2021**

**Monday, May 31, 2021: Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Approval of Minutes: May 26, 2021. Reports and Presentations: Commissioner confirmation hearings (Admin, Assistant Admin, HHS). Unfinished Business: Resolution 19-03-59-21: Re: Slot Co., Resolution 19-03-60-21: Re: Comerica, and Foster Care License: D3: FFH1830004 Address Change. New Business: Commissioner Nominations (Admin, Asst Admin, HHS), Band Assembly Bill 19-03-43-21 SlotCo, Band Assembly Bill 19-03-44-21 Rescinding an appropriation, Resolution 19-03-64-21: Cancel Land Lease 11-02-22-05, Resolution 19-03-65-21: Residential Land Lease with Mortgage to 410B038445, and Resolution 19-03-66-21: Continuance Resolution for MLCV, Non-Gaming and Gaming. Other: Budget Reviews. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Work Session schedule. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom.**

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed all Representatives present.  
District I Representative, Virgil Wind  
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau  
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
- a) **Band Assembly Record:** May 26, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**

10:30 a.m. Peter Nayquonabe, Nominee

Re: Confirmation hearing for Commissioner of Administration nomination. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

11:00 a.m. Maria Costello, Nominee

Re: Confirmation hearing for Assistant Commissioner of Administration nomination. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

11:30 a.m. Nicole Anderson, Nominee

Re: Confirmation hearing for Commissioner of Health & Human Services nomination.  
Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Resolution 19-03-59-21:** A Resolution Approving the General Terms of a Line of Credit for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Fund Operating and Capital Costs of a Slot Machine Leasing Company **Tabled 05/12/2021.**  
Resolution was taken from the table and denied. \*no longer needed
- b) **Resolution 19-03-60-21:** A Resolution Approving an Increase in Corporate Venture's Comerica Bank Financing and Related Matters **Tabled 05/12/2021.**  
Resolution was taken from the table, amendments to the resolution was approved, and resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- c) **Foster Care License:** Address Change: District 3: FFH1830004 **Tabled 05/19/2021.**  
License was taken from the table and denied. \*Application incomplete

- **New Business:**

- a) **Nomination:** A letter dated April 26, 2021 from Chief Executive Benjamin nominating Peter Nayquonabe for the position of Commissioner of Administration. The 4-year term end date is June 30, 2025. Nomination was tabled.
- b) **Nomination:** A letter dated April 26, 2021 from Chief Executive Benjamin nominating Maria Costello for the position of Assistant Commissioner of Administration. The 4-year term end date is June 30, 2025. Nomination was tabled.
- c) **Nomination:** A letter dated May 18 2021 from Chief Executive Benjamin nominating Nicole Anderson for the position of Commissioner of Health and Human Services. The 4-year term end date is June 30, 2025. Nomination was tabled.
- d) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-43-21:** A Bill of Supplemental appropriation and authorization of Long-Term Savings Funds for the SlotCo, LLC Loan fund for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District I Representative.** Amendment to Bill was approved. Bill was approved with the amendments distributed to Members in Executive Session with a waiver of the formal reading.
- e) **Band Assembly Bill 19-03-44-21:** A Bill rescinding a Supplemental Appropriation for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal year ending September 30. 2021. This bill has been drafted based on an email from the Office of Management and Budget on May 27, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- f) **Resolution 19-03-64-21:** A Resolution to Terminate a Residential Lease Authorized by Resolution 11-02-22-05. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- g) **Resolution 19-03-65-21:** A Resolution Authorizing a Residential Land Lease with an Attached Mortgage to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B038445. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- h) **Resolution 19-03-66-21:** A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until September 30, 2021. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- **Other Business:**

- a) Budget Review: Education. Budget review was completed with discussion, questions and comments.

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Congratulations to Secretary-Treasurer and Representatives for live streaming for band members. This is a huge benefit. Introduced new staff Stephanie Dunkley, Assistant Deputy.
- **Messages from the Representatives-**District I Representative-live streaming is awesome. Recognize the hard work of Sheldon and staff. Graduations happening this week. Live stream potluck following the meeting. District II Representative-reiterated from last week that community meetings will start in July for DII and September for DIIA due to construction and beginning a task force committee for Treatment center in the DII area. District III Representative-acknowledge the Pine Grove leadership and staff for graduation and hard work. To my constituents sometimes I put things social media. We're working hard here as a team, no division. We do work hard all departments. We don't sit by idly and look at issues in our community. Statutes are scrutinized, amended and updated for this Era of time. Takes time, be patient. We work hard and long hours for you people. And for the generation that's not here yet. They too need a solid foundation to build upon.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-**Continue to get more active management role in investment side of the Band. Expansive fulfill duties of minimum oversight of treasury investments. With Executive will be proposing investment board, the draft bill is a product of investment committee by Secretary-Treasurer and includes Chief Executive as a member. To ensure investments have good returns moving forward. Ensure initiatives move forward. It's a work in progress.

**Thursday, June 3, 2021:**

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, Legislative Staff, Commissioner of Finance, and Band Member Legal Aid Staff.

Workshop: Bill – Band Member Legal Services – Adam Candler

The legislative branch hosted representatives from Band Member Legal Aid to discuss challenges and possible legislative solutions. The District Representatives reviewed portions of a draft bill and agreed to discuss the proposed legislation in more detail at future meetings.