



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: November 13-17, 2023

Workshop

November 14, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding a draft bill to enact a cannabis code.

Weekly Sync Meeting

November 14, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials, staff, Commissioner of Finance, and Assistant to Commissioner of Finance to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The meeting included discussion on setting up a workshop to discuss the Cannabis Retail Business; the workshop schedule; workshop projects; and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

November 15, 2023

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives amended and approved the agenda. District II Representative Merrill is excused absent.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: November 8, 2023.

The District Representatives approved Nomination (A nomination from Chief Benjamin, nominating Yvette Ayala Henderson to serve as the District Court Judge. Current term ends August 15, 2026).

The District Representatives approved a contract with SCR Companies to provide materials and labor for heating, cooling, HVAC and control systems for MLB Facilities in Districts 1, 2, 2a, and 3.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-72-23 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the December 2023 and January 2024 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults and Minor Trust for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-73-23 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the December 2023 and January 2024 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act ("TGWEA") Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-74-23 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives tabled a Lease Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement (SNDA) between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Hinckley Medical, LLC, and Pine Medical Center.

The District Representatives tabled Special Revenue Resolution 20-04-03-23 (A Special Revenue Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to Execute, Deliver, and Cause the Performance of a Lease Subordination, Non-Disturbance, and Attornment (SDNA) Agreement Between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Hinckley Medical, LLC, and Pine Medical Center).

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with thanking everyone that attended the Native America Heritage Month Celebration pow wow and a shout out to Maadaonidiwag, GCML band member recruitment, and the S.H.I.P grant. Representative Wind shared head of household turkey distribution for urban will be Friday, November 17, 2023 10:00 a.m. until gone and District I will be Monday, November 20, 2023 behind the Grand Market 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Representative Wind shared November community meeting is Wednesday, November 29, 2023 5:30 p.m. at new community center updates from District I office and Aanijibimaadizing, Kristian Theisz. Representative Wind shared reminder open gym is at the new community center Saturday and Sunday 2:00 – 8:00 p.m., special thank you to Eldayshun Big Bear. Representative Wind shared today we did a miigwech payment for the band employees huge shout out, this small contribution to your holiday is small compared to the work you do for all of our band members every day. Representative Wind closed his comments with cannabis legislation, public comment closed again, we are in the final phases of making changes and hope to have cannabis piece of legislation on the agenda.

District I Representative shared District II Representative Wendy Merrill’s messages tonight there is a Chiminising community meeting at 5:30 p.m. speaker for the evening is Lori Trail, TERO Director. Thursday, November 16, 2023 MLCV Fall Feast at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Friday, November 17, 2023 turkey giveaway for Mille Lacs Band head of household members from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Chiminising and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Minisinaakwaang if you are an elder or working family, please contact Cheryl Miller or Taria Aubid to arrange pick up or delivery. Sunday, November 19, 2023 open gym in Chiminising and Minisinaakwaang from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. will also have arts and crafts that day, please contact Representative Merrill with any questions. On Sunday, November 19, 2023 Collaboration Raiders Roundy between Isle & Onamia Schools, District II Representative office, District I Representative office, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Gi-Niigaanizijig, the 21st Century grant, Isle & Onamia Indian Education departments, and both Isle & Onamia parent committees. Flyers have been posted for the Christmas parties and house decorating contest, please watch the DII and DIIa pages for information the dates are set for December 19, 2023 in Minisinaakwanng and December 20, 2023 for Chiminising.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with community meeting tomorrow Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley. Representative Davis shared turkey giveaway will be Friday, November 17, 2023 Aazhoomog and Meshakwad 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. one turkey per household. Representative Davis closed his comments with furniture giveaway will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays they’re going to bring a semi full of mattresses and furniture at Meshakwad community center for the next 4 weeks, we will try to get volunteers to help elders with loading.

Workshop

November 16, 2023

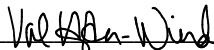
Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding a draft bill for Title 8, Section 401 and draft bill for Title 17, Chapter 1 revolving loan fund.

Workshop

November 17, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for staff, GRA Executive Director, MLCV Attorney, and Deputy Solicitor General regarding a draft bill for Title 15, chapter 1 - Gaming Regulatory Act.

The next Band Assembly meeting is not scheduled at this time.



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