



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: June 24-28, 2024

Workshop

June 25, 2024

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding a power point presentation and discussion on the MMIR license plate entries.

Weekly Sync Meeting

June 25, 2024

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda. The meeting included discussion about the open seats on the boards for Band Member Legal Services and Cannabis Regulation, Tribal Executive Committee Swearing-in, legislative introduction to incoming elected official, bills to work on, the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

June 26, 2024

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives amended and approved the agenda.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: March 22, 2024, Band Assembly Record: March 27, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 10, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 15, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 24, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 27, 2024, Band Assembly Record: May 15, 2024, and Band Assembly Record: May 22, 2024. The District Representatives tabled June 5, 2024 and Band Assembly Record: June 14, 2024.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources regarding Water Over Nickel.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance, and Brian Opsahl, Brady Martz & Associates, P.C, regarding: 2023 Audit Report. The District Representatives accepted the report.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, regarding Requests for Cannabis Funding, GrowCo, and Red Willow in Executive Session. Prior to entering executive session Commissioner Nayquonabe gave a brief overview of the presentation.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-34-24 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Gaming Regulatory Authority and Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2024 and September 31, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-24-24 (A Resolution authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2024 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-25-24 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of the Mille Lacs Band Government, Circle of Health, Gaming Regulatory Authority, Department of Athletic Regulation, Supplemental Income Program for Elders, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Housing Initiative, and Band Member Legal Services Fiscal Operations until July 31, 2024).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-26-24 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until July 31, 2024).

The District Representatives approved contract addendum for Ed Shaw Law Office to add additional funds to continue providing legal services for Respondent Participants within the Family Healing to Wellness Court Program.

The District Representatives approved contract for Guardian Fleet Safety to provide for the build of the new K9 squad that was purchased from the State Public Safety Aid funding.

The District Representatives tabled contract for Huot Construction and Services, Inc. to provide labor and materials for a private elder home renovation in District 1.

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: District I: D1-02-01-24.

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: DI-01-06-24

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: DI-02-06-24

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Benjamin was not present during this portion of the meeting.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Virgil Wind shared typically the District I community meeting is the last Wednesday of the month, they decided to fore-go the meeting and they're planning a picnic Saturday, July 6, 2024 5:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the new District I community center. He shared the 2024 Inauguration will be Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Grand Casino Mille Lacs events center. He thanked District I Representative Elect Carolyn Beaulieu for her attendance today. He shared that this is his last official Band Assembly and he thanked the fellow Representatives, band membership, Speaker Boyd, and everybody here. He lastly shared an announcement for band membership and Representatives, there will be a couple vacant positions within the Chief's cabinet; Commissioner of Administration and Commissioner of Education will be posted.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared she echoed what Representative Wind said and she shared the past two years we made a great team and worked on bills and had a couple good disagreements with the Executive Branch. She shared supporting each other's events was important and it built a great relationship for legislation and getting band members input. She shared miigwech for posting those positions there should be opportunities for those positions. She wished Niiyo Gonzalez and Sam Moose the best of luck. She shared she's excited for the change and the great things we can do together as separated branches. She lastly stated Rep. Wind will be missed and

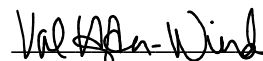
she's looking forward to conversations with you over there (pointing to the chief executive seat).
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District III Representative Harry Davis wished Virgil Wind good luck in his new position as Chief Executive, he will do a good job and Mille Lacs Band will thrive and flourish in the future.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared these positions of leadership are hard, you get a job and the day you get it somebody else wants it and will try to get it. He shared every position here and the folks who come through here; it's life changing, it hurts and it's balanced out by satisfaction; it's life changing. He wishes Mr. Wind the best and his success is our success. He shared we try to take the Legislative Branch and the folks here; we're trying to build this so this body will cycle through folks on their paths of life and paths of leadership. He shared seeing the different folks here over time, these days of change. Lastly he shared we had Marvin's last day and Mr. Winds last day; these are markers and wish you well, Sir.

The next Joint Session Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.



Valerie Harrington-Wind
Chief Communications Officer