



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: April 22-26, 2024

Tribal Executive Committee Meeting

April 23, 2024

The elected officials and staff attended the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee meeting.

Weekly Sync Meeting

April 23, 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, NAFOA, Compromise Hearing for the budget, ending the legislative session/Budget letter, bills to work on, the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

April 24, 2024

The Speaker of the Assembly continued the meeting of the Band Assembly from Friday, March 22, 2024. The District Representatives amended and approved the agenda.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-28-24 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved a contract with PCS Technologies, Inc., to provide the construction and installation of the 160-foot Sabre SCTL Self Support Tower in District 3 at the Community Center.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Relay Health to provide third-party payer processing and e-prescribing prescription services to the Ne Ia Shing Pharmacy upon implementation of the EPIC pharmacy software.

The District Representatives approved an addendum to an existing contract with Verus Investments to pursue additional support for the Band's 401(k) Plan.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-15-24 (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 May 31, 2024).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-16-24 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until May 31, 2024).

The District Representatives tabled a proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure for Band Assembly.

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 said the District I Community meeting is tonight Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the new District I community center. The agenda includes DI Office update, MCT delegate update video presentation and Community Development Public Works, Tony Pike transportation/safety plan. He said District I is in the process of our the 4th Annual District I Ziigwan Side Step Social Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2-7 p.m. at the new District I community center. He announced that on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., Health & Human Services will hold the 3rd Annual MMIR awareness event at 18562 Minobimadizi Loop Onamia, MN 56359. He said planning is in process for the annual Adopt a Shoreline rez road clean up event, with details coming soon. He said the District I spring cleanup is in process now until April 28, 2024, closing at noon. He said the Representatives are in the process of planning Mille Lacs community smudge walks, tentatively starting the beginning of May. Lastly, he said open gym is back on Saturdays and Sundays at the new District I community center, ages 12+ up contact Mike Leslie at (218)214-1411 starting at 5p.m.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill provided a reminder for the Chiminising Ziigwan Youth Pow Wow this Sunday, April 28, 2024, with registration at 12:00 p.m. and Grand entry at 1:00 p.m. She said miigwech to Representative Virgil Wind for providing the sound equipment.

District III Representative Harry Davis said the District III community meeting is tomorrow Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. He shared that the District III office is searching for a band member to help monitor Meshakwad new gymnasium schedules; that includes time for band member youth to utilize gym uninterrupted. He lastly shared that there are televisions leftover from hotel refresh and are available in his office for pick up.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no messages.

Workshop April 25, 2024

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding rules of procedure for Band Assembly.

Band Holiday Art Gahbow Day April 26, 2024

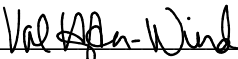
Band Assembly Meeting April 27, 2024

The Speaker of the Assembly continued the meeting of the Band Assembly from Friday, March 22, 2024.

Band Assembly conducted a continued compromise hearing regarding Vetoed Act 19-24 Enacting A Bill of Appropriation for Governmental Operations of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches; Circle of Health; Gaming Regulatory Authority; Department of Athletic Regulation; Supplemental Income Program for Elders; Tribal Employment Rights Office; and Band Member Legal Services of the Mille Lacs Band Tribal Government for fiscal years ending September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025. The hearing commenced at 8:14 a.m. with an opening statement by Chief Executive Melanie

Benjamin and District II Representative Wendy Merrill. Following the opening statements there was a comment from District I Representative Virgil Wind. Further comments were made by Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin, District II Representative Wendy Merrill, and District I Representative Virgil Wind. The continued compromise hearing will be scheduled. The compromise hearing was closed at 8:51 a.m.

The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.



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