



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: October 30-November 3, 2023

Workshop

October 31, 2023

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

Band Assembly Meeting

November 1, 2023

The Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives approved the agenda.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: October 18, 2023.

The District Representatives received a presentation from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs regarding Cannabis Retail Business Plan – Funding Request in executive session, prior to going into executive session Joseph Nayquonabe gave a summary of the presentation.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-70-23 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer(s)/revision(s) for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2023, and September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives removed Nomination (A nomination from Chief Benjamin, nominating Le Ann Benjamin to serve on the Corporate Board, District I position. Current term ends March 31, 2024).

The District Representatives tabled 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 contract addendum #2 with File & ServeXpress System to add additional dollars to the contract for continued use of e-filing & e-service system, which provide a simplified means of serving and filing of court documents rather than hand delivering, mail or fax for the court. Contract end date will be extended to September 30, 2024.

The District Representatives approved contract with CW Glass, LLC to provide labor & materials for glass or window repairs, replacements for residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3.

The District Representatives tabled contract with R & R Landscaping & Construction, Inc. to provide labor and materials for interior and exterior renovation project at an occupied private elder home in District 1.

The District Representatives approved contract with KAGR Jenson, Inc. to provide public relations and crisis media management to the Band.

The District Representatives tabled contract with GMJ Designs to provide annual technical support of the Model Tribal System (MTS) case management software.

The District Representatives tabled contract with Tribal Consulting Services to provide annual user support and staff training for the Model Tribal System case management software.

The District Representatives tabled contract with Tribal Consulting Services to provide programmatic support of new staff and assist with policy revisions pertaining to federal regulations and Band statute.

The District Representatives tabled contract with Cobra Construction to add additional funds to cover remaining project completion of the Men's Halfway House renovation.

The District Representatives tabled contract with Procentive to provide electronic documentation and billing for Four Winds, Men's Halfway House, and Substance Use Disorder Outpatient services.

The District Representatives tabled agreement with Optum RX Pharmacy Network for the processing of prescription claims for the Ne Ia Shing Clinic.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-04-43-23 (A Resolution Approving the 2024 Membership into the National Congress of American Indians).

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with a huge appreciative thank you to the community that came out to our DI party, we had 450 people, we fed 350. Huge shout out to the DI staff and volunteers for their support, we couldn't do it without them. Nice to see commissioners there supporting our efforts in our communities. Shout out to Government Affairs for coming out and taking pictures. Representative Wind shared turkey giveaways Urban will be November 17, 2023 start at 10:00 a.m. until gone and District I will be November 20, 2023 10am-3pm reminder this is for head of household. Representative Wind shared event coming up in District I on November 10, 2023 11-6:00 p.m. District I office is partnered with Maadaonidiwag and GCML band member recruitment to provide a Native American Heritage Month pow wow. We have great drums coming, a drum contest, we have dancer payouts, and a number of specials. The Maadaonidiwag grant is orchestrated initially through the Blandin foundation Initiative foundation is the fiscal host and huge shout out to Wanetta Thompson and her team for sharing their knowledge amongst all of our communities. Representative Wind closed his comments with cannabis legislation has now been out for its second time to public comment it was out for roughly two weeks this last time, that public comment period closes today so hopefully there was some adequate changes that membership wanted within that legislation. The second go around was from the public comment received at community meetings, we had about 65 comments. We're looking forward to that and has been a focus amongst the assembly to get that done. Please visit the band's YouTube channel to view his District I video update.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill opened with gratitude for all the volunteers we had for our Halloween party on Sunday and Monday we had forty volunteers and our youth nice to see stepping up. Miigwech to Commissioner Moose for coming, it means a lot to our community when commissioners show up and support our events. Representative Merrill Representative

Merrill closed her comments with community meetings are November 14 and 15, 2023, we plan on doing our turkey giveaways that Friday a mailer will be sent out shortly.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with our community meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley. Currently looking for band department directors or commissioners to do presentations please contact him or Legislative Aide Monica Benjamin. Representative Davis closed his comments with we're going to have our turkey giveaway for District III band member households is planned for Friday, November 17, 2023 at Meshakwad and Aazhoomog community centers, time is tentatively set for 12-5 p.m. will be posting on the district face book page once finalized.

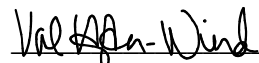
Workshop **November 2, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, Commissioner of Administration, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Human Resources Director, and Deputy Solicitor General regarding a draft HR Personnel Policy – Parental Leave, Social Media Use, and Telecommuting.

Workshop **November 3, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the comments received during the public comment period for the draft bill to enact a cannabis code.

The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.



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