



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

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**Weekly Review: December 1-5, 2025**

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**Workshop**

**December 2, 2025**

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding a memorandum of understanding with the Mitchell Hamline School of Law Tribal Code Drafting Clinic, a discussion with Solicitor General Caleb Dogeagle on a number of topics, and the TERO bill

**Weekly Sync Meeting**

**December 2, 2025**

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda. The meeting included discussion on bills to work on, the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**December 3, 2025**

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: April 23, 2025 and approved Band Assembly Record: April 30, 2025.

Band Assembly conducted a confirmation hearing for Gilda Burr for Commissioner of Administration nominee.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-61-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 and Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District III Representative

The District Representatives approved Nomination (A nomination from Chief Wind, nominating Bernida Humetewa to serve at the Band's At-Large Corporate Board member. Current term ends March 31, 2029).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Hy-Tec Construction to remodel the NASS Upper & Lower Schools as outlined in the RFP. This project is funded by BIE funds.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Thelen Heating and Roofing, Inc., to replace the furnace and a/c system at an Elder rental unit located in Onamia.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Thelen Heating and Roofing, Inc., to replace the furnace and a/c system at a privately owned Band Member Elder home located in Onamia.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Jacobson Law Group for consultation for Cannabis Regulations.

The District Representatives approved a contract with USIO Inc., to provide payment processing services for the Department of Cannabis Regulation's online licensing platform.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Veritable Screening Background Company to provide the background reports for all Cannabis Business licensee true parties of interest and Cannabis employees to the Department of Cannabis Regulation for the purpose of establishing license suitability.

The District Representatives approved a Providence First Trust Company Service and Fee agreement to act as Trust Administrator and Directed Trustee.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Todd Derek Donegan, ESQ. to provide Legal Services on conflict cases.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D3-01-11-25.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-04-72-25 (A Resolution Supporting the Band's participation in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Mille Lacs Band and the Mitchell Hamline School of Law Tribal Cold Drafting Clinic).

The District Representatives denied Hardship: D1-02-11-25.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-03-11-25.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-04-11-25

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-05-11-25.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Monarch for the purchase and installation of cameras at Nay Ah Shing Schools, Pine Grove School, and Bus Garage, as well as the licensure for 10 years.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Ebert Companies to allow for estimated cost to supply materials and labor to construct a kitchen addition and associated work on the District 1 and District 3 ceremonial buildings.

**Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared events upcoming for the community.

- Nay ah Shing School Ojibwe Language Bowl tomorrow Thursday, December 4, 2025 at Grand Casino Mille Lacs.
- Friday, December 5, 2025 the Senior Living will be having a craft and bake sale.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 District I Christmas gift card distribution at the Baadwewidang center 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Saturday, December 13, 2025 Urban Christmas party 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the American Indian Center, her and her staff will be participating and distributing gift cards to band members.
- December 17, 2025 District I Holiday party at Grand Casino Mille Lacs doors open at 5:00 p.m. we have activities going on, check Facebook for the agenda.
- December 18, 2025 MLCV elder luncheon for all elders.
- December 20, 2025 All Band Elder Christmas party at Grand Casino Hinckley in the evening.
- December 31, 2025 New Years Eve Pow Wow at Miskwaanakwadookwe center.
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Bi'ombi'ididaa youth empowerment camp.

She shared there is a lot going on and the last week of is the Christmas week Band offices will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday that week, for planning purposes please keep that in mind and she wishes everybody Happy Holidays through the month of December.

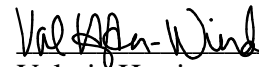
District II Representative Wendy Merrill was not present.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared District III Holiday party Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley.

#### **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared he wanted to ask folks to make note of the work that's being done here concerning the minor trust. And the work of the structure that's been in place, a lot of people worked on getting this structure in place. And with the resources based on band law that the work that's being done for the minor trust cannot really be understated and the way they're going to be restructuring those minor trust accounts are going to be a great benefit to those minors who get those and that will be more returns based on the investments. And the administrative processes surrounding those and a lot of thought has been put into it. When that's rolled out, he thinks this minor trust structure that's going to be in place from what he's seen nationally is maybe one of the better ones nationally, listening to the other tribes stepping up and talking about their minor trust programs at the national conferences. He thinks the Band Assembly being custodian of those funds. The Legislative Branch being the trustees, he thinks the whole group can take pride in how this is being structured and rolled out. He stated this is big and when this is rolled out, he thinks that knowledge of what it is, a concept of what it is has to be able to be spoken to by parents and the youth. That's who really needs to know what this is about and he thinks the District Representatives in their function as representing the members in government, everyone should be able to speak to this and it should be common knowledge and it's something for everybody because it's focused on the youth. And there's a lot of work that's been put in by our Commissioner of Finance, Mel Towle, Assistant to Commissioner of Finance, Chris Waite, our Verus team, and our investment board. All those folks as this is being rolled out, this is huge. He really compliments all those involved and the members of the Assembly for facilitating this process, this is maybe one of the, the more foundational generational achievements done by the Legislative Branch and the structure within the branch.

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

  
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