



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

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**Weekly Review: March 10-14, 2025**

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**Weekly Sync Meeting**

**March 11, 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**

**March 12, 2025**

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

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: November 8, 2024.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-11-25 (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 Years ending September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives tabled Band Assembly Bill 21-03-12-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for Mille Lacs Corporate Venture-Wewinabi Inc. for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives tabled Band Assembly Bill 21-03-13-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures-Non-Gaming for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-13-25 (A Resolution supporting the Band's participation in a Joint Powers agreement between The Mille Lacs Band Tribal Police Department and the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-14-25 (A Resolution supporting the Band's participation in a memorandum of understanding between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to provide for the Mille Lacs Band to receive reimbursement for attendance at Sex Trafficking taskforce meetings).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-15-25 (A Resolution establishing and authorizing the Band's Human Resources Department's participation in the Tribal Access Program background check system and granting the Department authority to obtain background checks through the system).

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for KAGR Inc., to provide public relations and crisis management with date extension, and total contract, as submitted.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Cady Business Technologies-Three (3) year Mitel Total Solutions Support, as submitted.

The District Representatives approved contract for St. Cloud Refrigeration to perform predictive & preventative maintenance, technical support, management of building maintenance, emergency calls, and small system updates, as submitted.

The District Representatives approved a contract for St. Cloud Refrigeration to perform predictive & preventative maintenance, technical support, management of building maintenance, emergency calls, and small system updates for the Men's halfway house, Red Brick Building, District I & II, as submitted.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Relay Health for Pharmacy Billing, as submitted.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Empower to provide 401(k) plan services that are currently provided by Merrill Lynch, as submitted.

### **Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind shared he made a post yesterday regarding the District Court's ruling and he read the post that explains what it is; yesterday, the U.S. District Court dismissed the lawsuit brought against individuals affiliated with tribal gaming operations in Minnesota. This outcome reaffirms an important principle: Tribal gaming is governed by federal law and tribal-state compacts, ensuring that operations remain transparent, well-regulated, and fair.

For decades, the Mille Lacs Band has been committed to operating Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley with integrity, following the highest standards of compliance and oversight. Tribal gaming has provided critical resources for housing, healthcare, education, and economic development (that list is not full)—not just for our Band, but for the broader community.

We remain dedicated to upholding these values and working collaboratively to ensure a strong and fair gaming industry in Minnesota. Special Miigwech to all those who continue to support tribal sovereignty and responsible gaming. Thank you to Office of Solicitor General, everybody that put in the work to get that done. Also thank you to the Band Assembly for assisting us and coming along for the ride on that, but all of those charges have been dismissed, so that's a wonderful thing. Also want to note that you guys are all aware a long term long time Spiritual Advisor for the Mille Lacs Band within the last week has passed away, he wanted to give that respect publicly. Miigwech.

### **Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared her schedule for the next few weeks; on Monday she will attend the Sovereignty Day down at the Minnesota State Capitol. She will attend a couple days of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) activities in Washington D.C. especially at flag ceremony which is supposed to happen on Monday, March 24, 2025.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill reminder that our community meetings are next week Tuesday, March 18, 2025 East Lake 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Chiminising at 5:30 p.m. and the agenda is Chief Wind and the cabinet members, all welcome to come. She shared a grassroots Wellbriety meeting is every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Tania Aubid. She shared

open gym on March 23, 2025 at both locations 12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. She closed that she will also be at MAST and attending Sovereignty Day. Miigwech.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared community meeting is Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley agenda depends on Chief Wind's schedule.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

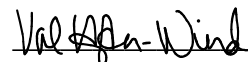
Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no message.

**Workshop**

**March 13, 2025**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, and Legal and Policy Counsel regarding draft Title 15, Chapter 4 of the Tribal Employment Rights Office.

***The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.***

  
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Valerie Harrington-Wind  
Chief Communications Officer