



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: May 26-30, 2025

Memorial Day **May 26, 2025**

Three Branch Meeting **May 27, 2025**

Judicial Branch hosted a three-branch meeting with the Executive and Legislative Branches. During the three-branch meeting there were workshops on Civil commitments, Family Healing to Wellness Court and Truancy/Minor Guardianship, with group discussions. There were updates provided by the District Representatives, Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive, Solicitor General, and Commissioners

Band Assembly Meeting **May 28, 2025**

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

Band Assembly received a Health & Human Services, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial review from Commissioner of Health & Human Services, Nicole Anderson & Department Directors.

Band Assembly received an Administration, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial Review from Commissioner of Administration, Darcie Big Bear & Department Directors.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-25-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget/payroll revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-32-25 (A Resolution endorsing the Department of Community Development’s proposal to offer residential land leases with attached mortgages pursuant to the HUD section 184 loan program).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-33-25 (A Resolution approving the continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal operations until June 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved a contract for MLCV-Service agreement for the Margaret A. Cargill donation.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Money follows the person Tribal Initiative (MFPTI).

The District Representatives approved a contract for Marlowe Brady Associates for Four Winds Lodge Operational Assessment.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Amanda Hennessey, FNP, for Professional Services.

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu was not present.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared we have our end of the school year bash tonight starting at 5:30 p.m. at Chiminising with lots of great prizes, bingo, and food. She shared events tomorrow starting at 5:00 p.m. there is a graduation ceremony for the Minisinaakwaang Leadership Academy, Sunday is McGregor school graduation. She shared so people are aware for a few weeks she will take some much-needed vacation, she hasn't taken time off in three years. She will out of the office June 2-13, 2025 any questions feel free to reach out to Danielle Smith, Sheldon Boyd, Harry Davis, Carolyn Beaulieu, Taria Aubid, Cheryl Miller, or Brianna Boyd.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared community meeting agenda Lake Leaf will be sending someone to give update on retail cannabis sale in district III next to Casino. He shared next weekend Saturday; June 7, 2025 local District III boxing club will host a live amateur boxing show.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared update on a letter he spoke about, that he has let everyone know on behalf of the Secretary-Treasurer that letter has been held up through legal review and it should be going out this week, it better go out this week.

Band Assembly Meeting

May 29, 2025

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

Band Assembly received a Community Development, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial review from Commissioner of Community Development, Tracy Burr & Department Directors.

Band Assembly received a Gaming Regulatory Authority, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial Review from Executive Director, Michele Pomerleau.

Band Assembly received a Cannabis Regulation, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial Review-Updates from Executive Director, Becky Houle.

Band Assembly received a Chief Executive Office, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial Review from Deputy Assistant, Darla Roache.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-26-25 (A Bill for an Act amending Title 15, chapter 5, sections 1203 and 1224, modifying rulemaking deadlines within the Department of Cannabis Regulation).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-35-25 (A Resolution authorizing the Mille Lacs Band DNR's participation in the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources trust fund through the Legislative-Citizen commission on Minnesota Resources).

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu had no message.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill had no message.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared reminder about the upcoming boxing show at Meshakwad on June 7, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no message.

Band Assembly Meeting

May 30, 2025

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

Band Assembly received a Natural Resources, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial review from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources & Department Directors.

Band Assembly received a Band Member Legal Services, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial Review from Executive Director.

Band Assembly received a Tribal Court, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial Review from Gilda Burr, Court Administrator.

Band Assembly received an Office of Solicitor General, Quarter 1 & 2 Financial Review from Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-27-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget/payroll revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Legislative branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Legislative Order 38-25 repealing and replacing 37-22 and establishing a new procedure when the Band Assembly receives a critical nomination from the Chief Executive or the Secretary-Treasurer.

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared for the month of June in District I we will not have a traditional community meeting, but will plan a family fun day; for District I constituents that’s what we’re looking for in the month of June, end of June or early July. She shared we will not be having

the traditional community meeting for June we're going to be some sort of activity instead keep your eyes posted for that.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill had no message.

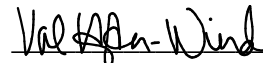
District III Representative Harry Davis shared reminder for the boxing show at Meshakwad June 7, 2025 boxing starts at 4:00 p.m.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no message.

Following the Band Assembly meeting, the Band's Solicitor General and Ziontz Chestnut held a discussion with some of the elected officials regarding a law enforcement Joint Powers Agreement.

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



Valerie Harrington-Wind
Chief Communications Officer