



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: September 4-8, 2023

Workshop

September 5, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding draft bill to enact a cannabis code.

Weekly Sync Meeting

September 5, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion on the workshop schedule; workshop projects; and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

September 6, 2023

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: August 23, 2023 and Band Assembly Record: August 29, 2023.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-59-23 (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 Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-60-23 (A Bill amending section 1 of Title 6 to adopt a revised Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. This bill reflects the compromise between the Chief Executive and the Band Assembly on vetoed Act 51-23).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-04-37-23 (A Resolution Supporting the 2023 Minnesota Statewide Tribal Homelessness Survey).

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Beehive Strategic Communications to increase the contract amount to maintain coverage and interest in the Water Over Nickel campaign.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Word of Mouth Painting to provide interior painting of 13 housing rental units in Districts 1, 2, and 3 with minimal drywall repair and repainting of all drywall surfaces. Two units do require some sheetrock replacement and mold removal.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with September 17, 2023 End of Summer event. Carnival style with a meal

and inflatables. All are welcome, we're looking for volunteers 1-6:00 p.m. The flyer is out, reach out to him with questions. Representative Wind shared in legislative news the Personnel Policy manual updated compromise done thank you Commissioner of Administration, Office of the Solicitor General, Human Resources, the other Representatives, and Legislative Counsel. Representative Wind shared still working on Cannabis legislation went through initial review of Ziontz Chestnut comments. Representative Wind Representative Wind closed his comments with thank you to housing on the painting contract.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill opened with Miigwech to everyone that came out for back to school bash that were held in Chiminising and Minisinaakwang we had over 100 people in attendance Chiminising was a great turnout, we did have some power outages that day, but made it work, and we had some good times and a lot of happy kids. Representative Merrill shared our community meeting is going to be Tuesday, September 19, 2023 East Lake and Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Chiminising, speaker for the month is Commissioner of Health & Human Services, Nicole Anderson. Representative Merrill closed with in regards to Cannabis legislation as Representative Wind mentioned earlier we have gone through the process and we decided it will go out to public comment again, not the whole 30 days but a shorter period to show band members we are listening to you, going out to the community was very important to her as the sponsor and making sure we get all the input from everybody, showing band members that-yes we did listen to you and we are including it on the bill. Look out for that, it will be out to comment one last time, it's about 98% done it's close and we are excited, looking forward to working on that Miigwech.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with explaining how we separate our activities annually. For youth we take them to Valley Fair, adults we take to the State Fair, and the elders we take them overnight to a bingo session at another casino, last year we did black bear for example. We are working on our elder activity for the end of this month September possibly do bingo, waiting for the elders to give their suggestion on that. Representative Davis closed with on September 21, 2023 he will be on sick leave so we had to change our community meeting from the 21st to the 28th it will still be on a Thursday 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley.

Workshop

September 7, 2023

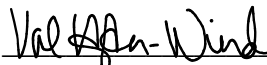
Commissioner of Finance facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the biennium budget review.

Workshop

September 8, 2023

Commissioner of Finance facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the biennium budget review and draft letter to Chief Executive regarding fiscal year 2024 and 2025 budget received September 1, 2023.

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



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