



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of July 19-23, 2021

Tuesday, July 20, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** July 14, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** None. **Unfinished Business:** Formal Notification: MLCV – Adaptive Planning (Stayed 7.21.21) and Formal Notifications: MLCV – Workday Data Enhancement Project, Workday PRISM (Stayed 7.21.21). **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-52-21 (D2) Amending Title 24 – Removing BMLA from OSG, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-53-21 (D3) Aug & Sept Per Cap, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-54-21 (D1) Aug & Sept GWE Payment, and Foster Care License: NEW: D3: FFH2130002. **Other: Budget Review(s):** Judicial, CMD, and HHS. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Work Session schedule. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Wednesday, July 21, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed all Representatives present.
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was amended and approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** July 14, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Formal Notification** dated June 25, 2021 (received July 8, 2021) from Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2021, Q3 Capital Projects that reads as follows:

Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to open FY2021 Q3 capital projects. Per the revenue ordinance we must provide notice at least ten (10) business days before expending the money on a project equal to or exceeding \$25,000 and less than \$250,000. If the Band Assembly fails to stay the project within ten (10) business days after receiving notice, then Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures may expend money on the project. (**Executive Session**)

8. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures - Adaptive Planning **Stayed 7/21/2021.**
Formal Notification item 8 was approved.
 - b) **Formal Notification** dated July 7, 2021 (received July 8, 2021) from Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2021, Capital Projects that reads as follows:

Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to open the remaining necessary FY2021 capital projects. Per the revenue ordinance we must provide notice at least ten (10) business days before expending the money on a project equal to or exceeding \$25,000 and less than \$250,000. If the Band Assembly fails to stay the project within ten (10) business days after receiving notice, then Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures may expend money on the project.

(Executive Session)

1. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures - Workday Data Enhancement Project **Stayed 7/21/2021**
2. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures - Workday PRISM Analytics **Stayed 7/21/2021.**

Formal Notification items 1 and 2 were approved.

- **New Business:**

- a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-52-21:** A Bill amending Title 24 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes for the purposes of removing Mille Lacs Band Legal Services (“Legal Services”) from the administrative control of the Solicitor General for the purpose of eliminating the inherent conflict of interest involved in having the prosecution control the budget and personnel of the defense, establishing Legal Services as an independent entity, creating the board of directors of Legal Services, mandating that Legal Services not represent Band members for crimes against other Band members and for drug crimes, and clarifying that the Court of Central Jurisdiction has original jurisdiction over all causes of action arising from 24 MLBS Chapter 2.

Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-53-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the August and September 2021 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults and Minor Trust for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on July 15, 2021.

Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read and approved.

- c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-54-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the August and September 2021 Tribal General Welfare Assistance Payment for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on July 15, 2021.

Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.

- d) **Foster Care License:** New: District 3: FFH2130002. License was approved.

- e) **Memorandum of Agreement:** Between Nay Ah Shing Schools and Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network (“MIIN”) to focus on curriculum sharing and professional development within MIIN and the Band’s Education Department to achieve common goals of furthering the language. Memorandum of Agreement was denied. *Language was conflicting; denial letter will be sent.

- f) **Contract (OMB):** A contract for Finley and Cook to provide Scenic Navigator Upgrade computer accounting system in the Office of Management and Budget. **Contract end date is December 31, 2021.** Contract was approved.

- **Other Business:**
 - a) **Budget Review(s):** Judicial, CMD, HHS. Budget review was completed for Judicial, CMD, and HHS with summaries by Office of Management & Budget and representatives from each program with discussion, questions, and comments.
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Vacant Commissioner positions, have 1 resume for Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources. The second is for Commissioner of Community Development. District II Judge will track down and submit resume. Will talk to Marvin later to assist. Miigwech.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative**-Pop Up Pow Wow was awesome 400 people and 100 dancers. Shout out currently Pow Wow DI still planning, one month away. District I Community meeting next week at Old Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Event tonight sponsored by Women’s Healing Circle and Men’s Empowerment Group the walk starts at the Government Center to the old Community Center for awareness to lives lost during the boarding school era. Title 24 amending BMLA if signed by the Chief Executive will be looking for suggestions on applications to create Board that will oversee BMLA. Would like any suggestions or any attorneys interested. Appreciate any suggestions. **District II Representative**-Community meeting resumes July 29th East Lake September 23rd in Isle due to renovation. Isle community will hold some kind of pow wow date to be announced. Continue to have treatment wellness center committee, need names to construct center. Contract for East Lake Ceremonial Building signed and construction should start soon. Hope all is well Miigwech. **District III Representative**-Reaching out to Solicitor’s General Office for continuing dog issues, not being tied up or gated in. People are getting bit and chased. Not picking on anyone, we need to follow the ordinance. People getting bit and having hospital care. Just to let you know, so you’re not surprised. Will be ticketed and fined. Will give warning first. District III Meeting tonight come on down, listen to community events and socialize Miigwech.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer**-Live stream. Looking at how far we have come. Not being present last week and seeing the intent of live streaming in government has come along in the past years. Staff has created a solid foundation to be inclusive of membership and a greater transparency concept coming with folks logging in. Miigwech.

District III Representative hosted a District III Community Meeting.

Thursday, July 22, 2021:

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, Legislative Staff, Commissioner of Finance, Commissioner of Administration, Community Development Staff, Legal Policy Counsel, and Holland & Knight Tax Attorney.

Work Session Agenda: Workshop/Discussion: Bill – Herbicides Rep. Virgil Wind, Workshop: Bill – Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Adam Candler, and Workshop: Bill – Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act Adam Candler & Mel Towle.

Representative Wind presented Herbicides Bill summary and background. The bill was reviewed with discussion, comments, and questions.

Legal Counsel and Commissioner Towle presented Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act with a summary overview and background of the bill. Draft bill was reviewed section by section with discussion, comments and questions. There was minimal discussion on Revenue Allocation Plan.