



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

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of July 12-16, 2021**

**Monday, July 12, 2021:** Legislative attended the Tribal Executive Committee Subcommittee Meetings & Tribal Executive Committee Regular Meeting.

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Approval of Minutes: June 30, 2021. Reports and Presentations: Joe Nayquonabe Re: Red Willow Estates. Unfinished Business: None. New Business: Band Assembly Bill 19-03-51-21 APB 6.24.21, Resolution 19-03-73-21: Terminating State of Emergency, Resolution 19-03-74-21: Cooperative Agreement Aquatic Invasive Species prevention, Resolution 19-03-75-21: MLCV Request for GCH, Formal Notification 6.25.21 (8) requests, Formal Notification 7.7.21 (4) requests, and Contracts CMD – apb minutes. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Discussion items section on various topics. Work Session schedule. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

**Wednesday, July 14, 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 approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a) **Band Assembly Record:** June 30, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**

11:30 a.m. Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs  
Re: Red Willow Estates Project. The presentation was completed with Commissioner Nayquonabe presenting on the project with questions and comments.
- **Unfinished Business: None.**
- **New Business:**
  - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-51-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on June 28, 2021.

**Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced and amended. The amended bill was approved.

- b) **Resolution 19-04-73-21:** A Resolution Terminating the State of Emergency. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- c) **Resolution 19-04-74-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Lake Land Use Cooperative Agreement by and Between the State of Minnesota and the Band for the Prevention of the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- d) **Resolution 19-04-75-21:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2021 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Hinckley (**Executive Session**). Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
- e) **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**)

- 1. Grand Casino Mille Lacs, North Hotel Wing Caulking (M-21-PRO-03)
- 2. Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Event Center Caulking (M-21-PRO-04)
- 3. Grand Casino Hinckley, Jackpot Kiosk (H21-SLT-03)
- 4. Grand Casino Hinckley, Event Center AV Hardware/Software (M21-EXC-001)
- 5. Grand Casino Hinckley, Warehouse Wire Decking (H21-REC-01)
- 6. Grand Casino Hinckley, IGT Slot Tournament (H21-SLT-04)
- 7. Grand Casino Hinckley, Digital Signage (H21-EXC-01)
- 8. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures - Adaptive Planning.

Formal notification 1-7 was approved. Formal notification 8 was stayed. A new letter will come over for item 8.

- f) **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
- 2. Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures - Workday PRISM Analytics

3. Grand Casino Mille Lacs, HVAC Equipment (M-21-PRO-02)
  4. Grand Casino Hinckley, Main Exterior Doors (H20-EMR-01/H20-EXC-01).
- Formal notification 1-2 was stayed. Formal notification 3-4 was approved. A new letter will come over for items 1-2.

- g) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Nor-Son, Inc. to provide labor and materials for the commercial interior and exterior remodel project to be completed at the East Lake Ceremonial Building. Contract end date is March 30, 2022. (Attachment #2 of the Administration Policy Board minutes dated 6.24.2021). Contract was approved.
- h) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Heritage Exteriors & Restoration, Inc. to provide labor and materials for the interior and exterior renovations of two Band rental units located at 43322 and 43222 Mosey Drive in Onamia, MN. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. (Attachment #3 of the Administration Policy Board minutes dated 6.24.2021). Contract was approved.
- i) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Heritage Exteriors & Restoration, Inc. to provide labor and materials for the interior and exterior renovation of a 3-bedroom Band rental unit located at 3325 Sam Drive in Isle, MN. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. (Attachment #4 of the Administration Policy Board minutes dated 6.24.2021). Contract was approved.
- j) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Heritage Exteriors & Restoration, Inc. to provide labor and materials for the interior and exterior renovations of two 4-bedroom Band rental units located at 16642 and 16723 Ojibwe Drive in Onamia, MN. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. (Attachment #5 of the Administration Policy Board minutes dated 6.24.2021). Contract was approved.
- k) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Hydro-Klean, LLC to provide labor and materials for the rehabilitation of 494 linear feet of manholes and remove 33 manhole sewer steps for the District 1 community sewer collection system. Contract end date is August 31, 2021. (Attachment #6 of the Administration Policy Board minutes dated 6.24.2021). Contract was approved.

- **Other Business: None.**

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Late due to Meeting with the elders. Couple items. Spoke to Speaker Boyd regarding Rescue Plan. Can we set up time to schedule opportunities for Rescue Plan projects in your area and how we set them up. District II opportunity moving forward. Yesterday MCT meeting here this week. Enrollments under reform still no progress. Resolution proposed and many members had questions and want to put it out in the community. National events upcoming will be attending. Resolution 19-04-73-21: A Resolution Terminating the State of Emergency that was passed. No formal communication with the office. Important to keep the line of communication open. Courtesy to Executive Branch dealing with TERC & COVID moving forward. Looking at future kinds of issues would like the respect in speaking with the Chief Executive prior which would give us some opportunity on how to relay with the staff and band members. Miigwech. \*Representative Bruneau stated in our defense agenda was posted-apologize for lack of communication.

- Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-Apologies** don't want to step on toes, appreciate all the work you have done no disrespect by any means. Tonight DI Pop Up Pow Wow scheduled all week at the pow wow grounds due to the weather changed to DI Community Center at 5:00 p.m. Food & prayer at 5:30 p.m. invite all Chief Executive please stop by and all others please join us. Doors open at 5p.m. Dancer registration at 4:45 p.m. Come over. Great meal planned by Smoke Lodge. 5-9p.m. with a few specials, come on out and have fun. Looking forward to collaboration with Rescue plan. Thank you. District II Representative-Request interested parties to submit name to me or Cheryl Miller Legislative Aide to kick start treatment facility in the District II area. Thanks to Executive Branch and others who have helped. Community meeting in East Lake the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month is more or less to get back together. September will start with Isle. \*Representative Wind asked if looking for at large people? Representative Bruneau said no problem no concern this affects us all. District III Representative-I agree with Honorable Wind & Bruneau about communication. You have very professional staff under you the Deputies and Emily unsure of her title. Agenda was put out there. We know you're busy. Respectfully your staff could've reached out to you. No response. Because there was none we moved forward, mostly my idea on that. Caleb & your staff although not law, we get signatures unable to read them. Ryan prints after signing thank you Ryan. If your staff doesn't want to take the time, give a list of signatures so we can recognize them. Mostly I want to know who is signing, could be anyone. To my constituent's community meeting next week information that's important. July was last month for economic support payment. Strongly suggest put out application for hiring-short staffed at businesses. Get back into the work force. Going back to same in August. \*Solicitor General Dogeagle responded will reissue memo and make sure new attorneys know. \*Representative Wind added aside from signatures, memos accompanying we appreciate.
- Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-Absent**

**District I Representative hosted a DI Pop-Up Pow Wow from 5-9 p.m.** Dinner was served by Smoke Lodge BBQ. Invited drums were Little Otter, Timber Trails, Vineland Singers, and Pipestone. The emcee was Deanna StandingCloud. Head Dancers were Luther Sam & Darcie Big Bear. First 50 dancers had payout. Tiny tots first 30 had payout & candy bag. Specials held were Men's old-style woodland, old-style jingle, and street clothes sidestep. This was a great turn out, lots of fun and lots of community support with over 400 people.

**Thursday, July 15, 2021:**

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, Legislative Staff, Commissioner of Finance and Legal Policy Counsel.

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Bill – Band Member Legal Services – Reviewing public comments. Joe Jensen & Hanna Valento & Workshop: Bill – Legislative Sessions & Hearings of Inquiry – Reviewing rules for hearings of inquiry. Joe Jensen & Hanna Valento

Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, and Staff Attorney presented public comments for Band Member Legal Services draft bill. The comment was reviewed with discussion, comments and questions on best legal practice to incorporate the comment and consider what is best for the statute, band and protection of the band members.

Revisor of Statutes, and Staff Attorney presented Legislative Sessions & Hearings of Inquiry. Draft bill was reviewed section by section with discussion, comments and questions.