



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

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**Weekly Review: April 27-May 1, 2026**

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**Band Holiday Art Gahbow Day** **April 27, 2026**

**Workshop** **April 28, 2026**

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding a discussion about the MLCV outdoor grow appropriation request and Title 16 vetoed act.

**Weekly Sync Meeting** **April 28, 2026**

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** **April 29, 2026**

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

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: November 12, 2025.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Arik Robertson and Zach Atherton-Ely, MLCV regarding the Lake Leaf Presentation held in executive session,

The District Representatives took from the table and approved a contract addendum with American Indian Community Development Corporation to cover back payments and upcoming payments from September 1st FY25 to May 30th FY26. Attachment #6 APB-April 09, 2026. tabled 04.22.26

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 22-01-21-26 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive and Legislative Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District II Representative

The District Representatives approved a contract with SpeakWrite to provide 24-hour transcription services utilized by eligible staff to complete case notes, billable, and non-billable under the Child \Welfare Targeted Case Management standards.

The District Representatives approved a contract with EZ Excavating, LLC., to provide labor and materials to replace an onsite septic system for a 3-bedroom Band owned rental home located in Sandstone through I.H.S funding.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Holt Excavating, LLC., to provide labor and materials to replace onsite septic system for a Band-owned 2-bedroom home located in Sandstone through I.H.S funding.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum #3 with Firm Ground Architects & Engineers, Inc., to provide additional required architectural and engineering design work associated with BIE renovation of NAS Upper School and NAS Lower School.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Quadient to upgrade the H.R. mail room postage machine due to expiring technology and age of the machine. The contract is billed quarterly by the vendor over a five-year period.

The District II Representative motioned to approve a contract with Fluence Advisory, LLC.. Due to lack of a second, the motion failed. The contract was to engage a public relations firm to advise Band on handling crisis media communications.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Van Norman Law to complete the remaining work related to the HHS Health Services and Waivered Services review and recommendations. The contract increases the amount and changes the contracting officer.

The District Representatives approved a Daxko ACH Merchant Processing Agreement that was not included in the original Daxko Master Service Agreement which was presented October 2025.

The District Representatives approved an agreement with Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network (MIIN) looking for approval on agreement and sharing agreement.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-01-04-26.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-02-04-26.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-03-04-26.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D2-01-04-26.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 22-01-22-26 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Authorization of Long-Term Saving Funds for the Funding of Secured Loan Agreement to Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures in Order to pay for Various Expenses which MLCV does not have Sufficient Funds to pay for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026.

**Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared a comment during the Grow Co presentation she requested more information from them; their presentation was lacking financials they need to see. Hopefully we can get more information from them. She shared her comment on the PR Firm she did

not support that because she had asked in the past we be a part of the criteria and selection pr. ss for our PR Firm that is going to be representing all Elected Officials.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared the Chiminising pow wow was such a huge and great event going on in Chiminising it is our biggest event we have in Isle it brings showcase to our small little reservation. We had close to 150 dancers, and we have a lot of great sponsors. Miigwech again to District I Representative, Carolyn Beaulieu, for your continued support and collaboration. She shared she donated to Harry's pow wow. It's a way to show that we work as a team, we collaborate, and we work together to make sure our community has a spotlight and we do really appreciate it. Again miigwech to Chief Wind for his donation sponsorship of the sound equipment, Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, MLCV, Isle American Indian Parent Committee, a lot of great sponsors. She added and shared this is officially the last meeting of the session it has been a great four years for her, and she appreciates working with the representatives, Mr. Speaker, and previous District I Representative Chief Wind. It's been a great learning experience and a lot of great knowledge that we got to gain, a lot of oversight we got to have and of course working with the Commissioners it's just been eye opening and she definitely looks forward to come back some day and miigwech to everybody for your continued to support looking forward to the future.

District III Representative Harry Davis had no message.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared "This is our last session, this is our last Band Assembly as we close the session on April 30, 2026. And so kind of officially these District II and District III Representatives will be having sessions as needed, certainly there will be two new folks there when the session starts again on July 2, 2026 or the second Tuesday in July however that works out and would just like to thank these guys for being there and to the staff that we have here that's our role is to support these three. Got some tough decisions ahead of them or as part of the job try to get as much advice and documentation to them in these very critical tough positions that they are in. They appropriate a lot of money, they are the gatekeepers of the Treasury, they're the law makers, nothing starts, no big change doesn't start anywhere else but here and yeah just noting that like I always said to the former District I Representative Wind and now Chief Executive Wind the Legislature is where it happens man, you know this is live and no other branch exposes themselves in the moment in the critical moment the performance of their jobs. They get accolades, they get criticisms, they are going to be second guessed, but I always say never trust government and that's what this point of this is; don't trust government. Like if you are selling a car and you give a guy a thousand dollars and he says I trust you, don't trust, you count it because you never know what's going to happen. But this is basically what's happening here and we're going to close the session, and this is the legislature and I'd like to certainly thank these guys."

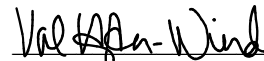
**Tribal Executive Subcommittee & Committee Meeting April 29 & 30, 2026**

The elected officials and staff attended the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Subcommittee meetings and Committee meeting.

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding a discussion about the Title 12 vetoed act.

*The Regular Session of Band Assembly has ended on April 30, 2026.*

*The next Special Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026.*

  
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