



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

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## Weekly Review: May 15-19, 2023

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### **Band Assembly Meeting**

**May 18, 2023**

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

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated April 26, 2023.

The District Representatives received a Shareholders Report, FY2023 - Quarter 1 from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs in executive session.

The District Representatives received a Shareholders Report, FY2023 - Quarter 2 from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs in executive session.

The District Representatives denied nomination from Chief Executive Benjamin for Lyle Mitch Corbine to serve as the Commissioner of Community Development for the term ending June 30, 2023.

The District Representatives denied nomination from Chief Executive Benjamin for Gordon Matrious to serve on the Corporate Board, District 3 Position. Current term ends March 31, 2024.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License D3 FFH2230001.

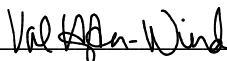
In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with a thank you to the band members that reached out both in favor and disapproving of certain nominations, it is very important to receive that information and it is helpful. Regarding the Commissioner of Community Development position, he believes it is the toughest commissioner position we have in the band, although Mitch Corbine seemed very versed in banking and casino operations that’s not what the job entails, infrastructure and housing and being a non-band member played a partial role for him. Hope to get another nomination soon. Regarding nomination for Gordon Matrious he had a wonderful career at Grand Casino Hinckley and considers him a friend. It wasn’t because he dislikes Gordon, it’s looking at the new world and all the different business ventures that Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures is going into, having someone in tune with word wide business and aspects of that would be his favor. Representative Wind shared next Tuesday, May 30, 2023 here in District I partnered with DIIA, executive branch, legislative branch, corporate ventures, department of natural resources, and roads we will be having our Adopt a Shoreline and Rez Roads clean up at New District I Community Center gather from 8-9:00 a.m. clean from 9-12:00 p.m. 12-1:00 lunch and drawings invaluable asset and opportunity to come together to beautify our community. District I community meeting will be held May 31, 2023 5:30 p.m. on the agenda

DI update/welcome from him, Health and Human Services Commissioner and her staff member will give a presentation on destigmatizing mental health. Representative Wind closed with to the Boyd family we have a Nay ah Shing graduate graduating that night as well, he doesn't mean any disrespect by not attending that graduation but the community meetings are slated for the last Wednesday of every month and the community is in tune with that, congratulations to the graduate and no disrespect.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill opened with regarding the Commissioner of Community Development position; Virgil touched on a lot of the stuff that we're all in agreement, she can think of a handful of band members that would be perfect for this position, she wishes these positions were posted so they had a fair opportunity to apply for them. Representative Merrill shared spring cleanup coming up, urban meeting coming up on the 25<sup>th</sup> NAS school has pow wow that day. Representative Merrill closed her comments with there is a Minisinaakwang leadership academy graduation tonight at 6 p.m. up in McGregor would love to see our elected officials there.

District III Representative Harry Davis thanked the District Representatives and Chief Executive for participating in our ceremonial dance last weekend. Representative Davis closed his comments with our District III community meeting is tonight at Grand Casino Hinckley ballroom at 5:30 p.m.

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

  
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