



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: June 5-9, 2023

Workshop

June 6, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding draft bill enacting a cannabis code and amending section 7 (Possession within Motor Vehicle) of Title 23 (Prohibited Drugs) and policy for representatives.

Weekly Sync Meeting

June 6, 2023

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

Band Assembly Meeting

June 7, 2023

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

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated April 26, 2023, May 1, 2023, and tabled May 8, 2023.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-32-23 (A Bill amending Title 15, Chapter 1 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”), to make comprehensive reforms to the Gaming Regulatory Act).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-39-23 (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 amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-40-23 (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 Resolution 20-03-24-23 (A Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services – Office of Economic Opportunity for the Community Services Block Grant and Minnesota Community Action Grant Package).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Cuyuna Regional Medical Center to provide internal medicine clinical leadership.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Miller Custom Remodeling to provide labor and materials for a private elder home renovation project in Blaine.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Beehive Strategic Communications to update the contracting officer to the Commissioner of Administration, Samuel Moose, and increase the total contract amount.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Travois Design to provide architectural and engineering work for the Tribal Economy Business Incubator project for two locations, one in Onamia (Old Woodlands Band site), and one in Hinckley (The Mill Place building).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to provide EDA grant business incubator work as specified within the EDA grant agreement scope of work.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Minnesota Department of Transportation - Joint Powers for professional and technical services.

The District Representatives tabled a Nomination (A letter from the Chief Executive selecting Wallace St. John, from the District 3 Representative's nominees, to serve on the Mille Lacs Band Housing Board per 12MLBS § 306(a)(6). Term end date is June 30, 2026).

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: New: FFH1510008.

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with a thank you for last week to members from all three communities and thanked the departments involved with the cleanup, he also thanked the other Representatives for allowing him to help with them. Representative Wind also shared from last week a thank you for the partnership with Am Vets and Women's Auxiliary for a Memorial Day Pow Wow he thanked everyone involved that put it together and he thanked Darla Roach and Nicholas Cash. Representative Wind shared there is a MLB smudge walk this afternoon starting to gather at 5:00 p.m. at the Old District I center this is a partnership with the DI Office, Men's Empowerment Group, Women's Healing Circle, and MLB WEWIN Chapter potluck bbq asking community to bring dishes to share and meal after the walk. Focus is coming together as a community and cleansing our area spiritually. Representative Wind shared this Saturday another event in partnership with Garrison VFW Post 1816 to provide our color guard for their 50th anniversary celebration starts at 11:00 a.m. ending with fireworks at dusk. Cool thing is they reached out to have our color guard march in the flags, looking for singers to participate in songs, color guard already confirmed, and a few royalties. This is focused around bringing communities together and partnership overall wellbeing of our community members. Representative Wind closed with June 11th this Sunday DI office is looking to do an Onamia Days float with a drum on our float with singing and looking for anybody that wants to come in regalia, ribbon shirts, and ribbon skirts and walk along and disburse candy, the intent of this is to share the beauty and resiliency of our culture to our neighbors.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill opened with dates changed for our community meetings this month it will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at Minisinaakwang and Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Chiminising. Representative Merrill stated we have our pow wow coming in East Lake on July 21, 22, and 23, 2023 a few changes this year it will be a more traditional pow wow with some contests and specials. Looking for vendors please contact Raina Killspotted. Also looking for royalty and this year she opened it up to both communities they have to be a District II community member contact McKayla Light Feather. Representative Merrill stated

open gym coming up on July 9, 2023. Representative Merrill closed with last ceremonial dance of this season in East Lake this weekend.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with Valley fair will be Thursday, June 15, 2023.

Representative Davis closed with community meeting will be Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Meshakwad community center cater with Famous Dave's.

In the "Message from the Secretary-Treasurer" portion of the agenda, Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd opened with for the record he would like to point out to the Assembly and to staff here that we are two years, our two year anniversary of live stream we started in June two years ago and to the folks who are on the zoom call and live stream I'd like to thank staff and Parliamentarian, Darcie Big Bear these stacks of papers that you see in front of us are prepared and timely and efficient manner that make this, and it's a fairly brief time, two hours, three hours to cover a lot of material and it's done in a very orderly fashion that doesn't get done, unless everything is sitting in front of the elected officials and we thank you for that. We have legal staff Joe Jensen who is kind of our anchor when needed and to the staff Semira, Brianna, and Val who's on I hope and I just want to point that out that this is becoming the standard and totally unheard of I think when we first brought it up, this is the way things are now and it's a really good thing.

Workshop **June 8, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, legislative staff, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, and VP of Strategic Growth Initiatives regarding draft bill enacting a cannabis code and amending section 7 (Possession within Motor Vehicle) of Title 23 (Prohibited Drugs).

Workshop **June 9, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, legislative staff, Human Resources Director, Deputy Solicitor General, and Assistant Commissioner of Administration regarding recreational marijuana proposed revisions to HR personnel policies and procedures.

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, legislative staff, and Commissioner of Finance, regarding review of MLCV budgets.

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



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