



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

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## Weekly Review: July 18-22, 2022

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### **Work Session**

**July 18, 2022**

Legal staff facilitated a work session for elected officials and staff regarding the Legislative Survey results and the Legislative Branch Weekly Update draft and process.

### **Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting**

**July 19, 2022**

Legal staff facilitated a Weekly Sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review also included discussion about the meeting and work shop schedule, upcoming trip to the Minnesota State Revisor's Office, and Rules of Band Assembly. To conclude the meeting, each elected official held open discussion about their legislative agendas, ideas, and requests.

### **Band Assembly Meeting**

**July 20, 2022**

Band Assembly approved the minutes from its July 12, 2022, meeting and took from the table the nomination for Trisha Moose, whom Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin had previously nominated as Commissioner of Community Development. After taking the item from the table, the District Representatives agreed to remove the nomination of Trisha Moose from the agenda on the grounds that, on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 9:02 PM, Parliamentarian Darcie Big Bear had received a request from the nominee to withdraw her name from consideration. The District Representatives also agreed to take from the table Special Revenue Resolution 20-02-05-22 and approved the resolution with a waiver of the formal reading.

The District Representatives took action on New Business items by introducing and reading Band Assembly Bills 20-02-60-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the August 2022 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults and Minor Trust for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022) and Band Assembly Bill 20-02-61-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for August 2022 for the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act ["TGWEA"] Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022). The District Representatives voted to approve both bills. The District Representatives also voted to approve a contract for Recovery Trek, LLC, to provide third-party administrator services and case management software.

The District Representatives agreed to amend the agenda to add Hardship Request D3-03-06-22 under extenuating circumstances and the Hardship was approved at the requested amount.

District I Representative Virgil Wind commenced his remarks by expressing his gratitude to the Healing to Wellness Tribal Court team for a well-executed workshop last week about the effects that illicit drugs have on the human brain. He stated that, if this training is any indication about how serious and how hard the tribal court is willing to work to make the new court a success,

then it's going to be awesome. He also stated that it is amazing to have learned that the total of enrolled Band member has reached 4,909.

Representative Wind shared that the upcoming community meeting will be held next week Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the old District I Community Center. Representative Wind stated that the agenda will include Danielle Smith with an MCT Delegate update and that there are some huge things coming from the MCT delegates and they have an awesome report to share. Representative Wind closed by stating that Adam Candler and Hanna Valento will present an overview of the Tribal Register and share information with the membership regarding legislative procedures.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that she is still in search of Band members interested to serve on either the Gaming Regulatory Authority Board or the Housing Advisory Board. Representative Merrill stated that the posting will close this Friday and requested that any interested Band members send letters of interest to Legislative Affairs Director Brianna Boyd

Representative Merrill stated that she will be starting Family Fun Nights, with the first one taking place on August 11. Representative Merrill stated that there will be a volleyball tournament and some inflatables in partnership with Gii-Niigaanizijig. Representative Merrill issued a reminder about the powwow this weekend in East Lake and reiterated that she is in search of helpers for family activity nights once those are started. Representative Merrill closed her remarks by stating that it was a great first week and that she is excited and thankful for the introductions and information.

District III Representative Harry Davis stated the time of the District III community which occurred at Grand Casino Hinckley that evening.

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**District Community Meetings July 20, 2022**

District II Representative Wendy Merrill hosted a community meeting for the District IIA Chiminising community members. Representative Merrill offered a dinner and meet-and-greet and answered questions from community members.

District III Representative Harry Davis hosted a community meeting for the District III community members.

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**Work Session July 21, 2022**

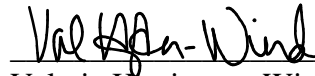
Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials and staff regarding the proposed revisions to Chapter 1 (Gaming Regulatory Authority) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies).

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**District Community Meetings July 21, 2022**

District II Representative Wendy Merrill hosted a community meeting for the District II East Lake community members. Representative Merrill offered a dinner and meet-and-greet and answered questions from community members.

*The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, at 10:00 AM.*



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