



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

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**Weekly Review: February 23-27, 2026**

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**Workshop**

**February 24, 2026**

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding a discussion about the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures hotel portfolio, Chief Executive nomination of associate justice, repeal and replace minimum wage bill, land lease resolutions, and Indian Gaming Association resolution.

**Weekly Sync Meeting**

**February 24, 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**

**February 25, 2026**

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

Band Assembly received a presentation from Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance regarding Net Revenue Allocation Plan Revisions/Amendments.

Band Assembly received a presentation from the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures-Makwa Global Leaders regarding Makwa Global Presentation.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved Band Assembly Record (BAR) June 25, 2025.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved Hardship: D1-01-02-26

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 22-01-08-26 (A bill authorizing a supplemental appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District III Representative

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 22-01-09-26 (A Bill for an Act amending Title 8, chapter 12, to be in alignment with federal regulations for child support program funding, clarifying the meaning and practical application of this Chapter to Band Members). Sponsor: District II Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 22-01-10-26 (A Resolution to cancel a Residential Lease authorized by Resolution 18-02-14-19 for Mille Lacs Band Member 410B46445). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 22-01-11-26 (A Resolution authorizing a Land Lease with attached Mortgage for Residential Purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B46445 & Mille Lacs Band Member 410B72451). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 22-01-12-26 (A Resolution approving the Band's 2026 Membership into the Indian Gaming Association). Sponsor: District II Representative

The District Representatives approved a Contract with Automated Election Services to perform the following services; Ballot Tabulator machines & Equipment, supplies, and training.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 22-01-10-26 (A Bill Repealing and Replacing Act 05-26 to change the effective date to October 1, 2026. Act 05-26 amended Title 18, chapter 6, section 501, requiring the Band to pay its employees a minimum wage of \$20.00 per hour). Sponsor: District I Representative

### **Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

### **Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared upcoming March events for District I:

- Candidate forum for District I Monday, March 16, 2026 5:30 p.m. mark your calendars.
- District I Community meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2026 agenda is Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director Aanjibimaadizing and Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance.
- Elder Circle Sunday, March 29, 2026 which is going really well with a lot of feedback every month and trying to address the issues they bring forward.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared this week is going to be our side step social on Friday, February 27, 2026 starting at 5:00 p.m. it will go until we're done; hopefully late into the evening and everyone is welcome to attend. Going to be really excites she's excited again Miiigwech District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu for your help with that project and community event and we're really excited about it.

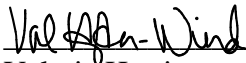
District III Representative Harry Davis shared we had to change our community meeting date from March 19, 2026 because the candidate forum is on that same date so we moved our community meeting to Tuesday, March 17, 2026 two days before, so hopefully people get the notice.

### **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared "Again I would just like to recognize a lot of work that was done by Commissioner Towle and all the folks he mentioned. I think you can't be understated kind of the impact of work that's going to take effect, that's generational work. That in working with the internal revenue code taking advantage of that and making the financial lives of our band members trying to take some of the issues where back taxes were an issue with membership when they were getting those minor trust payouts that essentially fixes that and looking forward in cleaning up the language of the Revenue Allocation language and in plain speak the revenue allocation is just the money that comes from the casino how do you split that up, that's what that R.A.P. is and they're taking care of that language called per capita and changing it to disbursement and therefor the internal

revenue code can't be applied to those funds and taking care of some of those tax burdens on membership for that part of their lives. Huge thing going on there".

*The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.*

  
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