



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: August 25-29, 2025

Workshop

August 26, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Executive Branch proposal to purchase property, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures continuing resolution, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures appropriation requests, Title 3 bill, Band Assembly Rules, Indian Self-Determination Act lease resolution, and Cannabis Compact.

Band Assembly Meeting

August 27, 2025

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

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: February 12, 2025, approved with correction Band Assembly Record: February 19, 2025, and approved Band Assembly Record: February 26, 2025.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Chief Executive Wind and Staff regarding Indian Self-Determination & Education Assistance act leases.

Band Assembly conducted a formal public hearing regarding proposed Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) act amending Title 15, Chapter 4. The hearing was opened at 11:01 a.m. with an opening from the sponsor District I Representative, Carol Beaulieu. During the hearing there was a comment from Director of TERO, Lori Trail. There was a comment from Chief Executive Virgil Wind, with a submission of a document. The hearing closed at 11:19 a.m. After the hearing was closed, District II Representative, Wendy Merrill added a comment.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures regarding appropriation requests. Held in executive session.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-40-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget/payroll revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-04-52-25 (A Resolution approving the continuance of the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations until September 30, 2025). Sponsor: District III Representative

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind shared “First off, I want to thank the Assembly again for the opportunity here to hear this stuff and figure out stuff going forward. I really want to give accolades to the

Commissioner of CMD, the Band Assembly, everybody involved in, you know, without that teamwork and partnership. We wouldn't be at where we're at with the 105L leasing. Right? The benefit of the Band annually going forward of \$5.9-ish million dollars that'll help us to take care of our buildings is important things, so without your contribution to those assessments and your support of our staff and departments, we wouldn't be here today, so we should be celebratory and getting that right, like, \$6 million more that we can help go take care of all of our buildings. I do want to make the statement that we will be looking into, continue looking into what we can do to enhance and add to that 105L leasing list. Also in regards to the agenda today, I do appreciate the conversations, however hard they are at times. With MLCV and the team over there for their continued work in reducing the spending over there and increasing distribution at the best that they can, so thank you very much for that work. Do appreciate the Assembly, thank you for lunch. So, sometimes soon for the band members listening here, there will be, in collaboration with the District Representatives, the Commissioner of DNR, and the Chief's office. We're looking at putting together transportation to Water Over Nickel Day that will occur on September 6, 2025. There should be some, a flyer that comes out, kind of a sign-up period, so that we know who we're transporting. We're really looking to enhance that event. Going forward, so thank you guys again for that. And to the band members listening, there'll be a flyer coming out that has contact information, again, on a list for potential transportation options to Water Over Nickel".

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared thank you MLCV for coming over and giving us an update on everything. She shared the District I community meeting is tonight, start seating at 5:00 p.m. hope to see folks there. She shared a reminder that on Sunday, August 31, 2025 she's having her elder listening circle. That's going to start at noon, we're providing lunch. Having discussion, we'll play bingo and will provide dinner. She shared she wants as many District I elders as possible to get there. If you have a need for transportation, feel free to contact me either by my cell phone or through Facebook, then we'll get you a ride to the meeting.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill had no message.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared our District III elder retreat will be September 5, 2025 We're departing Hinckley and we'll go up through Big Sandy Lodge participating in the Water Over Nickel and we're going to relax for three days.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no message.

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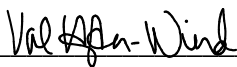
August 28, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Cannabis Compact, transportation plan resolution, Indian Self-Determination and Education Act lease resolution. .

Noon Closing

August 29, 2025

The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.



Valerie Harrington-Wind
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