



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

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**Weekly Review: January 13-17, 2025**

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**State of the Band Address & Band Assembly Meeting**

**January 14, 2025**

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly prior to the State of the Band Address held at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. The meeting was recessed and reconvened at the Band Assembly Chambers where the District Representatives amended and approved the agenda.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-02-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive and Legislative Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved contract for Degerstrom & Sons to provide labor and materials for an exterior renovation project at a private elder home located in Sandstone, MN.

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**Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared a reminder for the District I community meeting Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at the Baadwewidang Community Center.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared miigwech Speaker Boyd and Chief Executive Wind for their speeches, and the Commissioners for their speeches as well. She shared miigwech to the Commissioners for moving forward the District I and District III remodel. She shared open gym from 12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2025 at both community centers. She shared sewing with Adrienne on January 19, 2025 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. and blanket making January 27, 2025 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. She shared District II and IIA community meetings Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Minisinaakwaang at 5:30 p.m. and Chiminising January 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared District III community meeting this Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Grand Casino Hinckley at 5:30 p.m.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared "I just want to make an observation, okay. After talking today and standing there (you're done) my brain is done. Right? But coming back here and seeing the Commissioners come before the Assembly and the Assembly members, I think people in general

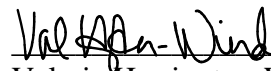
have to be really proud that we have capable people spending money and being accountable for it. That's...come back over here and just you guys have the answers, you guys have the questions, you guys have the answers, you guys fix things, it's done; business as usual that's really easy, I think membership has to be really proud of everyone here".

**Workshop**

**January 16, 2025**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, and Family Services officials regarding the DOC power sharing agreement, foster care licensing – THC, and foster care licensing – revocation appeal process.

*The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.*

  
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Valerie Harrington-Wind  
Chief Communications Officer