



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

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**Weekly Review: October 7-11, 2024**

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**Workshop**

**October 8, 2024**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding an education resolution, repeal and replace of an education resolution, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) bill, firearm silencer bill follow-up, Legislative survey follow up, and Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) bill.

**Joint Session of the Band Assembly Meeting**

**October 9, 2024**

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Joint Session of the Band Assembly. The Joint Session of the Band Assembly amended and approved the agenda.

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly amended and approved Joint Session Record: July 1, 2024.

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 21-02-19-24 (A Resolution Approving the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 21-02-20-24 (A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Do Not Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**October 9, 2024**

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

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: September 20, 2024, Band Assembly Record: September 27, 2024, and Band Assembly Record: October 2, 2024.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources regarding Water Over Nickel Update.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-02-58-24 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved contract for Tammy Swanson (Swanson, Drobnick & Tousey) to provide Special Magistrate Service as the Judicial Officer for the Family Healing to Wellness Court. Contract end date is March 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Cynthia Bahe to provide Guardian Ad Litem services for appointed/assigned cases. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Jeannie Reams to provide Guardian Ad Litem services for appointed/assigned cases. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Pamela Chichila to provide Guardian Ad Litem services for appointed/assigned cases. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Ebert, Inc. dba Ebert Companies to provide rehabilitation of two existing commercial buildings owed by Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures for use as incubator spaces for the TEBI program. Contract end date is June 1, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Optbit, LLC. to provide modernization of Circle of Health phase 1 discovery, vCIO leadership strategic systems support. Contract end date is December 31, 2024.

The District Representatives approved contract for Leach Electric, Inc. to provide electrical services for small projects at residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Rogers Plumbing, Heating & Electrical to provide HVAC services for projects for residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Hartl Enterprises LLC dba Ron's Roll-Offs to deliver and pick up dumpsters for residential sites, D3 hosing warehouse and surrounding areas. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Garrison Disposal to provide solid waste disposal and for weekly roll-off, commercial dumpsters, recycling pickup at the MLB transfer station and provide service for D1 and D2 community clean-up. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Rogers Plumbing, Heating & Electrical to provide plumbing services for project for residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for CW Glass, LLC. to provide labor & materials for glass or window repairs, replacements for residential sites in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Twenty4Seven Fire & Security, Inc. to provide annual inspection, monitoring and servicing of the fire protection systems, for the MLB facilities in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for SCR Companies to provide materials and labor for heating, cooling, HVAC and control systems for MLB facilities in D1, D2, D2a, and D3. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Garrison Disposal Co. Inc. to provide supply, delivery, and pick up dumpsters for the D2 warehouse and various Community Development project sites in D1, D2, D2a and surrounding areas. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Miller Custom Remodeling to provide labor and materials for an emergency bathroom renovation project at a private elder residence in Minneapolis. Contract end date is February 28, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Beehive Strategic Communications to provide strategic communication to educate and mobilize key stakeholders on the impact, issues and risks associated with proposed Tamarack Mine. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for Bohn Properties of McGregor, LLC. to provide lease of office space in McGregor for Aanjibimaadizing services provided in the D2 area. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract addendum for SCR to cover additional expenses for annual services for HVAC, plumbing, and emergency repairs at the Aanjibimaadizing building in District 1. Contract end date is September 30, 2024.

The District Representatives approved contract for MLCV to provide Information Technology services for Gaming Regulatory Authority. Services will be performed at both Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved contract for MLCV Leasing, LLC. for a lease agreement between the Gaming Regulatory Authority and Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District 1 FFH1810000010.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-02-37-24 (A Resolution Repealing and Replacing Resolution 21-02-36-24 Which Approved a License to Operate Wewinabi, Head Start and Early Head Start in Districts I, II, and III).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-02-38-24 (A Resolution Accepting All Future Bureau of Indian Education Minor Improvement Funds and Repair and Facilities Improvement & Repair Project Funds for the Nay Ah Shing School Via the P.L. 100-297 Procurement/Project Management Option).

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

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

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

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared reminder for District I Band members we are doing our fantasy bingo drawing tomorrow, if you have not entered check the District I face book page for information. District I community meeting October 23, 2024 will be a Halloween theme with pumpkin decorating and best Halloween theme dessert. Lastly she shared since this is Parliamentarian's last meeting she said Miigwech for all you have done for this department, since 2015 you have been a wonderful asset to this branch of government and will be missed.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared a reminder for fantasy bingo drawings tomorrow, people have one more day to submit to that. She said changes to open gym for Chiminising will be October 13, 2024 and District II will be on October 20, 2024 still. She shared we had a blanket making class, the next class is October 21, 2024 6-8 p.m. and looking at dates for Chiminising. She

shared Halloween party will be on October 24, 2024 in East Lake and October 25, 2024 in Isle from 6-8 p.m. She shared she had posted an R.S.V.P. for 18+ Christmas Party the deadline to sign up will be November 19, 2024. Lastly she shared we appreciate the work Darcie has done within this department, although she will be near we will still miss her and appreciate all the work she has done.

District III Representative Harry Davis District III community meeting this month will be at Grand Casino Hinckley and on the agenda is Jamie Edwards with Get out the Vote campaign. He lastly shared he would like to thank Darcie Big Bear for the excellent work she did for us. He said “We appreciate you so much and we will have a difficult time finding someone with your abilities and appreciate you so much and glad we will still be working with you and you will still be around”.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared his remarks center around Parliamentarian Big Bear’s last day here. He said people should know there are focal points between the relationship between these branches. He said and in the case of the Clerk of the Assembly and Parliamentarian that’s a one-person focal point. There’s a lot of work that goes through Darcie and the accuracy in which that happens over the years has been excellent. The years of service that people put in through their lives, Darcie has given nine years here as Parliamentarian and people will always continue to provide service in whatever capacity they can and thank you for the nine years of service and good luck on your adventure.

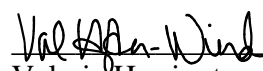
**Messages from the Parliamentarian:**

Parliamentarian Darcie Big Bear shared today is her last day essentially at Band Assembly as a Parliamentarian with last day as Clerk on October 18, 2024. She started this position April 9, 2015 Carolyn Beaulieu and Harry Davis were both members of the Band Assembly which put her in this position. Carolyn was the Secretary-Treasurer. She shared throughout her time here she learned so much about the Band and how things work and essentially that’s what catapulted her in the new role she will take on as Commissioner. She said she has not only grown as an employee but also in her personal life and she hopes that whoever fills this role next feels comfortable to lean on her and call her when necessary. She said she truly cares about the work that has been done here through all of you. Not all the days are the same and she’s happy to help where she can. She said lots of change takes place here with the elections in change in Representatives and Elected Officials; and politics do play a role in here in some aspects and that can get hard. One thing she learned through this position is that with change comes different perspective, different goals and lessons and that’s not always a bad thing. In closing she thanked everyone for the working relationships and the friendships that have grown, she has learned so much from all and looks forward to continue working with you in her new position. She lastly shared her swearing in is Monday, October 21, 2024 where she will take on her new role as Commissioner of Administration.

**Holiday Autumn Harvest Day**

**October 11, 2024**

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

  
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