



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of September 20-24, 2021

Tuesday, September 21, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** September 15, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** Confirmation hearings: Byron Ninham, Commissioner of Education; Kelly Miller, Percy Benjamin, Tony Pike and Kat Garbow, Housing Board. **Unfinished Business:** Formal Notification – Scoping for Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel and Nomination: Housing Board: Kat Garbow, Percy Benjamin, Kelly Miller, Tony Pike (pick 2 names). **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-70-21 (Sponsor: D2): Appropriation bill for APB and DAR, Contracts: HHS (2), Admin (1), CMD (7), Edu (2), and Resolution 19-04-84-21: Approving a commercial credit agreement amendment. **Other:** Note for the record: On last week's agenda, there was an error on the term date for the District 2 Associate Justice position. The correct term end date is August 30, 2022. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Discussed various items. Work Session schedule. Master Projects List review. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.

- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed all Representatives present.
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was amended and approved.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

- a) **Band Assembly Record:** September 15, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**

- a) **10:15 a.m.** Bryon Ninham, nominee for the Commissioner of Education
Re: Confirmation hearing. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

- b) **10:45 a.m.** Kelly Miller, nominee for the Housing Board At-Large position
Re: Confirmation hearing. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

- c) **11:00 a.m.** Percy Benjamin, nominee for the Housing Board At-Large position
Re: Confirmation hearing. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

- d) **11:15 a.m.** Tony Pike, nominee for the Housing Board At-Large position

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- **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Formal Request** dated September 1, 2021 (Received September 3, 2021) from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs to open a FY2021 capital project for Grand Casino Mille Lacs Scoping Services for the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel project. **Tabled 09/09/21**
- b) **Nomination:** Per MLBS 12 Chapter 4 § 306 (a) (10) “The Chief Executive and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each select two (2) persons from the at Large area and the Band Assembly shall confirm two (2) of the four (4) for appointment to the Housing Board.” The Chief Executive has nominated Kat Garbow and Percy Benjamin. The Speaker of the Assembly has nominated Kelly Miller and Tony Pike. **Tabled 09/15/21**

- **New Business:**

- a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-70-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive Branch and the Department of Athletic Regulation for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on September 10, 2021 and a memo from the Executive Director of the Department of Athletic Regulation dated September 17, 2021.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
- b) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Optbit, LLC to provide revitalization of the electronic medical record and to gain quality and efficiency in care delivery a clinical workflow assessment to document workflows in key clinical areas and to understand current challenges in providing care to Band Members. Contract end date is December 31, 2021. Contract was approved.
- c) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Citon to provide year 1 information technology system upgrades and security to industry standard. Contract end date is February 14, 2022. Contract was approved.
- d) **Contract (Admin):** A contract for Bohn Properties, LLC to provide 12-month commercial lease for District 2 Aanjibimaadizing Services located in McGregor. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- e) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Hartl Enterprises, LLC to provide delivery and pick-up dumpsters for various Community Development project sites in D3 Hinckley, Sandstone, Lake Lena and surrounding areas. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- f) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Garrison Disposal Co. to provide delivery and pick-up dumpsters for various Community Development project sites in D1, D2, D2a and surrounding areas. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

- g) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Thompson Excavating, LLC to provide supply and delivery of black dirt to multiple Community Development project sites in D1, D2, D2a, D3 and surrounding areas. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - h) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Hartl Enterprises, LLC to deliver and pick up dumpsters for residential sites, D3 housing warehouse and surrounding area. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - i) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for CW Glass, LLC to provide labor & materials for glass or window repairs, replacements for residential sites in D1, D2, and D2a. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - j) **Contract (CMD):** A 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 & D2 community clean up. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - k) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Diversified Enterprises Co. to provide, deliver and pick up dumpsters at D1 Housing Warehouse, D2 Housing Warehouse and residential sites in the surrounding Districts 1, 2a, and 2. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - l) **Contract (EDU):** A contract for Janice Lippitt, NCSP, EdSpec to provide school psychologist services to assist in the evaluation and re-evaluation of students identified in the District's Special Education referral process, including attendance at the meetings as necessary. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - m) **Contract (EDU):** A contract for Therapy Associates, Inc. to provide speech language pathologist services to assess articulation and/or language needs during the 2021-2022 school year to provide direct student services, consult and advise services. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - n) **Resolution 19-04-84-21:** A Resolution Approving a Commercial Credit Agreement, an Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, and Certain Related Agreements with Bank of America, N.A., and Authorizing a Continuing Pledge of a Specified Bond Securities Account to Secure Such Bank of America Loan. Resolution was tabled.
- **Other Business:**
 - a) **Note for the record:** On last week's agenda, there was an error on the term date for the District 2 Associate Justice position. The correct term end date is August 30, 2022.
 - **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Next Cohort Enterprise Academy started last night training a couple band members, exciting. WEWIN planning a conference, invite young women to be a part of planning process, reach out to be a part of this exciting process.
 - **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Requesting constituents to reach out for guidance with questions or concerns on nominations today, have a number of people that do reach out from District I and I appreciate your input. Looking for that to

continue as the decisions are not based on my wants and needs but based on wants and needs of the community. Current Legislation is out for public comment, it is draft legislation, after public comment can add to finished legislation. Plea to reach out to my office, very important to get information from everyone. Takes all of us to make it effective need input from everyone. District I End of Summer event in place of Community Meeting will take place at the New Community Center and will have air blown activities and rock wall. Lots of good food, fun for kids, and entertainment next Wednesday, September 29, 2021 4:00 p.m. prayer then meal. Event goes until 8:00 p.m. all welcome please join us. **District II Representative-** Construction continues on both centers in District II. Planning continues for substance abuse treatment center. Planning on gaining support at Aitkin County Board meeting. Proposed legislation goes out to public comment we need your support, we are not rulers, we are servants, we are here to speak for the people, if you have concerns, please reach out to us wherever you live. Miigwech. **District III Representative-** At the community meeting I voiced that concern to my constituents about public comment period regards to these items on the ticket. Going to say the same thing the other two Representatives had said it's very important that you provide some kind of input so that you can sway one way or the other whatever you think the community needs, the importance of a community safety or the importance of future planning events for your community. It's only an idea, draft legislation it's not law yet, we need to know what your thought processes are and lead us in a direction. Also I am rallying my constituents more to attend the community meetings. I've had constituents ask certain questions about departments within the Band that's in the Executive Branch and we just had a speaker last week that could've answered the questions if you were at the meeting you could've asked the questions or could speak privately to some issues you may be having. Try to attend these community meetings because they are informative and they are for you to learn about what's going on out there. And if there's things that you need to hear you need a speaker to answer questions let me know I will ask them ahead of time so that they can get on the agenda to speak to your concerns. Other than that be safe be wary support one another love one another Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** To echo the comments that were being pointed out by the District Representatives about the comment period. All the processes that are occurring these recent years within the Band Assembly there has been a huge transformation here, I'd like to think and there's a lot more transparency. I have to recognize the staff that actually make this happen and that is everyone from the Parliamentarian Darcie Big Bear who prepares a majority of the documents, Val who is sitting in here who gets the word out, our Legal Staff Joe Jensen, Adam Candler, Hanna Valento, the staff Brianna, Semira, Kiana, I'm probably missing somebody. Just a message out to the membership that it's an idea until those people I listed make it happen and put it into established processes that hopefully will carry on years from now. Thank you very much staff.

Thursday, September 23, 2021:

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Bill — Title 16 ([review MLCV redlines](#)) Adam Candler, Hanna Valento, and Joe Jensen.

Legislative Legal staff presented on Title 16 with a review of the draft bill. MLCV redlines were reviewed with discussion, questions, and comments on each item.