



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

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**Weekly Review: July 11-15, 2022**

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**Regular Tribal Executive Committee Meeting**

**July 11, 2022**

The Band's elected officials and designated staff members attended the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Regular Tribal Executive Committee meeting and various Sub-Committee meetings.

**Swearing-in Ceremony and New Legislative Session**

**July 12, 2022**

At 10:00 AM, the Band conducted a swearing-in ceremony for Secretary-Treasurer/Speaker of the Assembly Sheldon Boyd, District II Representative Wendy Merrill, District III Representative Harry Davis, and District I Nay-Ah-Shing School Board Member Joseph Nayquonabe Sr. At 1:00 PM, Speaker of the Assembly Sheldon Boyd initiated the second session of the 20<sup>th</sup> Band Assembly.

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**July 12, 2022**

Band Assembly approved the minutes from its July 6 meeting and conducted a confirmation hearing for Trisha Moose, whom Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin had previously nominated as Commissioner of Community Development. After the confirmation hearing, the District Representatives agreed to table the nomination of Trisha Moose until a later time.

The Band Assembly also received an oral presentation from Commissioner of Finance regarding Special Revenue Resolution 20-01-05-22, which would authorize him to sign a necessary Adoption Agreement for the Band's 401(k) Retirement Plan through Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, & Smith, Inc. The District Representatives agreed to table the resolution.

District I Representative Virgil Wind congratulated the Secretary-Treasurer on his reelection and the new Representatives from Districts II and III for their electoral victories. Representative Wind also expressed his appreciation for the guidance he received from the outgoing Representatives from Districts II and III. Representative Wind concluded his remarks by expressing his gratitude for volunteers and employees within the District I Office who helped plan a successful community event, which included swimming, snacks, hand drumming, basketball, and volleyball.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that, beginning this month, she will be rescheduling the community meetings to occur every third Wednesday of the month in Isle and every third Thursday of the month in East Lake. Representative Merrill stated that this new schedule will allow her to begin attending community meetings in the urban area. Representative Merrill also issued a reminder that the East Lake Powwow would occur on July 22-24 and encouraged Band members to attend.

Representative Merrill stated that she had signed a couple of letters in search of Band members interested to serve on either the Gaming Regulatory Authority Board or the Housing Advisory Board. Representative Merrill stated that the letters will be publicly posted and that the Housing Board, in particular, needs another member. Representative Merrill stated that she will need volunteers once she begins conducting community events and she would be excited to have community members participate. Representative Merrill concluded her remarks by welcoming Taria Aubid to her staff and thanking Cheryl Miller for her continued service to the District II Office.

District III Representative Harry Davis stated that he is excited to be a part of the Band Assembly again and is excited to accomplish many great things in the future.

**Staff Meeting**

**July 12, 2022**

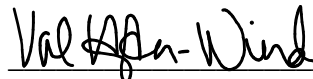
After the Band Assembly meeting, staff members conducted a meeting with the elected officials to review internal processes and procedures. The elected officials and staff members also discussed the schedule for the remainder of the week and briefly discussed how the Band Assembly may wish to operate in the future.

**Neurobiology – Brain Science of Addiction**

**July 13-14, 2022**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd, District I Representative Virgil Wind, and District II Representative Wendy Merrill attended a conference entitled “Neurobiology – Brain Science of Addiction.” The conference was hosted by the Band’s Judicial Branch at Grand Casino Mille Lacs.

*The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, at 10:00 AM.*



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