



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

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**Weekly Review: March 16-20, 2026**

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**Weekly Sync Meeting**

**March 17, 2026**

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda. The meeting included discussion on bills to work on, the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**March 18, 2026**

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

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Record: July 23, 2025

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: July 30, 2025

The District Representatives tabled Band Assembly Bill 22-01-13-26 (A bill for an Act amending Title 16, chapter 1 to add new section related to expenditures, and a new subchapter related to Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures; amending Title 16, chapter 2, subchapter 2, section 1101 to add language related to the purpose of business corporations; and repealing Ordinance 04-15. A public hearing and comment period was held on this Bill in October of 2025). Sponsors: District I, II, and III Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 22-01-14-26 (A Resolution approving the Continuance of the Fiscal Operations of the Mille Lacs Band Government, Circle of Health, Gaming Regulatory Authority, Department of Cannabis, Department of Athletic Regulation, Supplemental Income Program for Elders, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Housing Initiative, and Band Member Legal Services). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 22-01-15-26 (A Resolution approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures' Gaming and Non-Gaming Fiscal Operations). Sponsor: District II Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 22-01-16-26 (A Resolution approving a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for the contract with WooCommerce to process Rosetta Stone credit card payments). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 22-01-14-26 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the March, April and May Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 22-01-15-26 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the March, April and May Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (“TGWEA”) Assistance Payment Programs for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026).

**Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared:

- Wednesday, March 25, 2026 our District I Community meeting at the Baadwewidang center on the agenda is Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance Revenue Allocation Plan and Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director Aanjibimaadizing programs.
- Sunday, March 29, 2026 Elder Circle starts at noon.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared reminder for candidate forum tonight in Chiminising at 5:30 p.m. for the Secretary=Treasurer and District II Representative candidates.

District III Representative Harry Davis was not present.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

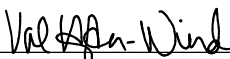
Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared “I’d like to kind of give a viewpoint on this budget that Tribal Government is working on. And it’s just my viewpoint when I do listen to what’s going on and you look at other governments in general. The federal government and the state government when you have folks that want to respond to their constituents give them what they need, give them what they want. There’s compassion behind these numbers that are being put out. And that doesn’t really go away but the costs keep getting high. And so internally you have a finance group who there’s this push and pull to keep costs down and the push back is for the directors and this range of services the Band has and the elected folks who want to continue to provide services to band membership. So that’s that kind of push that pushes these costs higher and then you have folks who are trying to keep those costs under control and sometimes that works on schedule. We’ve had some folks in so glad Gildas here, stopped by. That’s kind of that battle that process that is hashed out every biennium when they arrive at these budgets. Just kind of let the membership know the kind of the behind the scenes on some of this stuff. Sometimes it’s done on time, sometimes it’s not for various factors, but I think the government overall is pretty accountable for this stuff via this media, this live stream media and the folks always coming back and mentioning that stuff.”

**Workshop**

**March 19, 2026**

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding a discussion about the SLOTCO and Ventura project.

*The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.*

  
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Valerie Harrington-Wind  
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