



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

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**Weekly Review: August 18-22, 2025**

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**Holiday Mille Lacs Day** **August 18, 2025**

**Workshop** **August 19, 2025**

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Housing Urban Development 184 program resolution, Band Assembly Bill 21-04-39-25, contracts from the Chief Executive, and Title 16 bill.

**Weekly Sync Meeting** **August 19, 2025**

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** **August 20, 2025**

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

The District Representatives approved with correction BAR: February 05, 2025.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Commissioner of Natural Resources Kelly Applegate regarding Water over Nickle update.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Verus, Anne Westreich regarding Comprehensive Performance Report. This was held in executive session with a brief summary from Commissioner of Finance, Mel Towle prior to entering executive session.

The District Representatives approved with correction Band Assembly Bill 21-04-39-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget/payroll revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District I Representative.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-04-50-25 (A Resolution authorizing the Band to administer residential land leases with attached mortgages pursuant to the section 184 Indian Housing loan guarantee program). Sponsor: District I Representative.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-04-51-25 (A Resolution to repeal and replace Resolution 21-04-49-25 which authorized the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to expend funds from FY2025 Capitol Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley). Sponsor: District II Representative.

The District Representatives approved a contract with WEX Companies to replace District 2 EL CC pretreatment. Contract end date is October 31, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Pine Technical Community College. Contract end date is July 30, 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with the American Indian Community Development Corporation to extend the existing lease term for the Urban Office through September 30, 2025 and add funds to cover rent for lease term. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for the Travois Design for the MLCV Incubator. Contract end date is October 23, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for ACP CreativIT, LLC., for Server Replacement and VM Server Upgrade. Contract end date is October 31, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for David Granger to provide biweekly mowing, weed control, sidewalks/curbs, trash pickup, and removal of branches in are between schools as needed. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Northern Pines Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports. Contract end date is May 31, 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Konica-Minolta for preventative maintenance for Radiology X-Ray machines. Contract end date is June 30, 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Gary Charwood to provide Spiritual classes about fatherhood and motherhood being sacred at Four Winds Treatment Facility. Contract end date is September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D3-01-08-25.

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

Chief Executive Virgil Wind shared "First off want to start out with a congratulations and a thank you to the Assembly for the recent appointments, so today as you seen prior to the Band Assembly we placed two housing board members Kelly Miller and Keith Modglin was placed on the housing board so thank you guys again for that. Thank you to Kelly and Keith for their dedication and willingness to serve on that board and then also a shout out to corporate board member Julie Zigler-Dunkley for her recent appointment there and the District III Representative. I also want to make note and shout out to Representative Carolyn Beaulieu along with the pow wow committee for a very very wonderful 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Iskigamizigan pow wow; went off without a hitch it was an amazing amazing weekend. You know? Hit and miss with some weather stuff happening but I'd take that any day over the heat so thank you again for that. Very welcoming and just an overall great weekend down there. I'd also like to note that you know? Back in January there was some dedication to some buildings within the district I area here, so as many of you may have seen the lettering on those buildings has arrived this week and has now been installed, so to the Myron Garbow family the Baadwewidang community center the old community center now has lettering reflecting that dedication and then also the new community center or now know was the Miskwaanakwadookwe center a tribute to long time Representative District I Representative Sandi Blake is also there so very very appreciative of those families for be willing to do that. And then a shout out and reminder and hopefully some potential partnership with the Representatives on the upcoming Water of Nickel Day as Kelly mentioned earlier Water Over Nickel Day is coming up on September 6, 2025 better presence, right? Always

helps us. It's a very fun day spent up at the Sandy Lake Lodge very beautiful lake up there but the better presence there. I believe they're going to have some grilling and a live band and all of that stuff and really just aimed at enjoying the beautiful resources that we have up there and also want to thank the Assembly too for their continued support on protecting that very valuable resource. And also, just a huge shout out to the Band Assembly for working through these weird times that we're in, you know? Thank you, guys, so much for working together and still being able to thrust the government forward so really do appreciate you guys miigwech mi'iw."

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

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared she would also like to congratulate the new board members today and thank them for their willingness to serve on those boards, she is sure they will all do a great job. She announced that the next Band Assembly will have the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) bill on the agenda and will be open for public comment at that time. She shared we have spent the last year working on that bill and getting feedback from several different people and officials within the government, so we're hoping to get that through public comment and passed soon. She shared for District I a reminder we have a community meeting next Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the Miskwaanakwadookwe center seating is at 5:00 p.m. we have Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) and Gaming Regulatory Authority (GRA) on the agenda. She shared she will be having an elder listening circle on Sunday, August 31, 2025 that's going to start at noon. She shared we're going to have lunch, we're going to have a listening and talking circle, and then we will play some bingo and we will also serve dinner. She closed with hope to see all the District I elders that can make it to that there.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill had no message.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared he would like to announce our community meeting is tomorrow at Grand Casino Hinckley hotel ballroom beginning at 5:30 p.m. also we will start distributing our state fair tickets available tomorrow, Friday, and next week. He closed with one more announcement we are going to have pro boxing at Grand Casino Hinckley on September 19, 2025 Friday at the hotel ballroom.

### **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared "To membership today they had a scheduled investment report to the Elected leadership and the contents of those reports are as clear as we can get them and to give leadership a clear numbers to look at it and folks are going to look at those numbers and have their own interpretations and to try and guide things forward at least financially and that's very important very tough job ahead of the Representatives and Chief Executive very weighty issue for the financial security and stability of the Band as a whole. With that I will like to thank Ann Weistrich, Zeca Cardoso, Amy Jensen, Carol Peterfeso, Andy Christensen, Kate Davis, Mel Towle, Chief Wind who sits on the board also, Brianna Boyd, Carson Waddles. Those are the folks that make sure those things are structured correctly and at that level just making sure that those things those accounts are structured correctly and get the most returns and have the most stability that's one sector. Then when folks come here and look to the Band, they will make those accounts and those investments prepare for whatever expenses that our elected leaders see fit for the Band so there are two parts to that two different types of reports. Reports are more slightly different that go to the board and the reports are again a little bit different subject matter that come through the Band Assembly and those folks together they've done some really huge projects over the last four years and to the membership they are preparing the next project is restructuring the minor trust program and how that's invested and

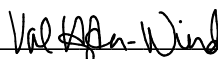
administered that's going to be a very resonating topic with membership it's really a big thing and I'd like for sure that it's very important that members of assembly have conversational knowledge about all of this it can't just be a few people and membership should be able to speak to that. This minor trust program the way it's being structured and architected members of the assembly should be able to share with their constituents and as a service of the legislative branch and caring for that stuff."

**Workshop**

**August 21, 2025**

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures hotel loan extension, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures appropriation requests, Tribal Employment Rights Office bill public hearing, and Garrison Inn & Suites appropriation request.

*The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.*

  
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