



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of August 23-27, 2021

Monday, August 23, 2021: Mille Lacs Day

Tuesday, August 24, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** August 18, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** None. **Unfinished Business:** None. **New Business:** Bill 19-04-64-21: apb 8.19.21, Resolution 19-04-77-21: DOJ Tribal Access Grant application, Resolution 19-04-78-21: Approving a license to operate Wewinabi in all 3 districts, Contract (OSG): Thomas Reuters Westlaw, Foster Care License D3 FFH2130007, Easement 1805 Moose Drive Isle, MN, Easement 1855 Moose Drive Isle, MN, and Policy: Rent-to-Own Program 7.30.21. **Other:** None. 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, August 25, 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 approved.

- **Approval of Minutes:**
- a) **Band Assembly Record:** August 18, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations: None.**

- **Unfinished Business: None.**

- **New Business:**
- a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-64-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on August 19, 2021.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.

- b) **Resolution 19-04-77-21:** A Resolution Approving the FY2021 Department of Justice Tribal Access Program Grant Application Submission. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- c) **Resolution 19-04-78-21:** A Resolution Approving a License to Operate Wewinabi, Head Start and Early Head Start in Districts I, II, and III. Resolution was tabled.
- d) **Contract (OSG):** A contract for Thomas Reuters Westlaw to provide professional legal research databases online. Contract end date is September 30, 2024. Contract was approved.
- e) **Foster Care License:** New: District III FFH2130007. License was tabled.
- f) **Easement:** Access Drainage and Utility Easement between the Band and the City of Isle for 1805 Moose Drive, Isle, MN. Easement was tabled.
- g) **Easement:** Access Drainage and Utility Easement between the Band and the City of Isle for 1855 Moose Drive, Isle, MN. Easement was tabled.
- h) **Policy:** Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe: Rent-to-Own Program, as approved by the Housing Board on July 30, 2021. Policy was denied. *new draft is scheduled for work session tomorrow.
- i) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-65-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on August 13, 2021.
Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.

- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not present.
- **Messages from the Representatives-****District I Representative**-Congratulate the District I community for a successful District I Pow Wow. Lots of dancers, food, fry bread, and community. Highlight was the parade and all the floats. Huge shout out to Pow Wow committee, lots of hard work. Reach out to the Pow Wow committee members and thank them when you see them they all work as volunteers. Tonight at the old District I community center at 5:30 p.m. our monthly community meeting. Agenda includes our delegates and grass root groups Women's healing circle and Men's Empowerment Group. Sizable area for programs to provide information, plenty of space. Little shout out to the work in progress. Confusion as to payouts-working to make it better, never wanted to cheat anyone. Reach out to him if affected, can have a conversation on how to improve and make it fair and better. Rocktember raffle tonight 2-day ticket with an overnight. **District II Representative**-Construction continues in upper and lower District II. Due to unforeseen circumstances meeting cancelled tonight in East Lake due to pending problems. Issue and concerns from community with transmitting COVID and coming into contact. Stay safe. Miigwech. **District III Representative**-Rocktember tickets sign up call or go to District III community center, drawing held this week or early next week. Constituents having faith in government, working in background, working even if unseen. Guarantee we are moving forward in compassionate way, as I am sure in all districts, admin, and OSG. Get stuck in the nothing changes nothing is happening mindset. Get out of the mindset. Assure you things are happening, not here to fill these chairs. The past is the past. Current era of time we're in to amend, change, and add laws to improve. As our population

goes up our needs go up. Not leaving anyone out, if you're falling through the cracks-reach out. We're here for everyone.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer**-Not present.

District I Representative hosted a community meeting for District I community. Agenda included Grassroots theme. MLB MCT Delegates, Women's Healing Circle, and Men's Empowerment group shared updates and information on their groups. Various departments had informational tables including-Aanjibimaadizing, Grand Casinos, Foster Care Program, and Family Violence Prevention.

Thursday, August 26, 2021:

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

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Bill – Title 26 – Cleaning up language Hanna Valento, Mel Towle, Workshop: Policy – Rent-to-Own Ryan Simafranca, and Workshop: Rules for Hearings of Inquiry Joe Jensen.

Revisor of Statutes and Commissioner of Finance presented on Title 26 cleaning up language. There was discussion on the draft bill with a plan to move forward.

OSG Housing Attorney presented on Policy – Rent-to-Own second policy approved by Housing Board section by section changes from second draft with discussion, questions, and comments. Lengthy discussion on various parts of the policy ensuring the best interest and fairness of the Band and Band members.

Rules for Hearings of Inquiry will be presented on upcoming work session.