



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: July 10-14, 2023

MCT Zoom Presentation

July 9, 2023

Elected Officials and staff attended a zoom presentation from the Constitutional Delegates.

MCT TEC Subcommittee & Regular Meeting

July 10, 2023

Elected Officials and staff attended the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee Subcommittee & Regular Meetings.

Weekly Sync Meeting

July 11, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials to review the week with Band Assembly agenda items. The review included review of the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

July 12, 2023

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives approved the agenda. District II Representative was absent.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: May 10, 2023 and Band Assembly Record: May 18, 2023. The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Record June 1, 2023, and approved Band Assembly Record: June 7, 2023.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-43-23 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer(s)/revision(s) for the Executive and Legislative Branches for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Hy-Tec Construction to provide labor and materials for the Child Support/Tribal Courts phase II remodel project in the lower level of the Government Center.

The District Representatives tabled nomination a letter from the Chief Executive selecting Wallace St. John, from the District 3 Representative's nominees (Wallace St. John and Katie Draper), to serve on the Mille Lacs Band Housing Board per 12MLBS § 306(a)(9). Term end date is June 30, 2026.

The District Representatives tabled nomination a letter from the Chief Executive selecting Richard Hill, from the District 1 Representative's nominees (Richard Hill and Darla Roache), to serve on the Mille Lacs Band Housing Board per 12MLBS § 306(a)(7). Term end date is June 30, 2026.

The District Representatives tabled nomination a letter from the Chief Executive nominating EllaReine Garbow and Melissa “Baabiitaw” Boyd to serve on the Mille Lacs Band Housing Board per 12MLBS § 306(a)(5). Term end date is June 30, 2027.

The District Representatives tabled Foster Care License: District 2a: Renewal: FFH2120002.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with bidding Legal Counsel, Joe Jensen a fond farewell, Joe was very instrumental and appreciate his leadership and processes he put into place with the rules of Band Assembly. Wish him the best of luck with what he is doing moving forward. Representative Wind shared been a long week with three band members passing, please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers. Representative Wind shared on Monday he attended TEC and TEC Resolution 32-15 was pushed forward again that incorporates other Ojibwe bloods when doing enrollments, the resolution asked for a secretarial election, he personally thinks there wasn’t enough information regarding that and he hopes prior to the secretarial election that there is a huge education campaign. He shared that he believes the resolution is vague with it will include blood from verified federally recognized Anishinaabe Ojibwe and Chippewa blood, it doesn’t state which blood, from what tribes, and where and when. His feeling is if we get rid of blood quantum we get rid of it, we don’t add things to it. He stated his concerns of Mille Lacs Band only making up of 10% of the TEC membership, someone else can make that decision for us and he doesn’t agree with that, he thinks it should be a vote made by the Mille Lacs Band people and establish within our sovereignty what we want to do within enrollments. He wasn’t sure how Secretary Boyd voted but he does know Chief Executive voted to push it forward and again very little information went out to constituency and in DI there’s a lot of people that don’t know what that means, please watch for the 32-15 TEC Resolution. Representative Wind closed his comments with DI July community meeting agenda has been set with Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Maria Costello and Housing Director, Dan Boyd will have a CMD/Housing update and Danielle Smith and Michele Palomakin will provide a MCT Delegation update Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the new district I community center, dinner served, and ask that children be supervised, and if you’re sick see you at the next one.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened and closed with announcing District III community meeting will be Thursday, July 20, 2023 at Grand Casino Hinckley at 5:30 p.m.

In the “Message from the Secretary-Treasurer” portion of the agenda, Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd opened with to commend on Joe and his career we were fortunate to have him here, he mentioned earlier that once in a while a group a people get together and get a lot done with Joe and Adam Candler, with the existing staff we have a lot was accomplished you can call it the launching of the live stream era Band Assembly rules and it followed and picked up where previous Band Assemblies had draft rules and so it’s nothing particularly new, but it did involve getting it done, putting it in place, and getting the buy in from the elected folks and today is a good example of that with a zoom meeting and our infrastructure here where we don’t have to be in one place, and he wasn’t here but he’s here now, and the meeting carried on it showed the flexibility in the technology and the rules and Joe was a part of that. Would like to recognize who do come through here and draft laws like the previous legal counsels all kind of leave their finger prints on the laws of the people of the band enjoy.

Workshop

July 13, 2023

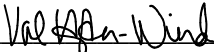
Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding a presentation on Cannabis Code Comments.

Workshop

July 14, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding discussion on budget updates from Commissioners, discussion on Legislative Counsel, and Minors' Trust questions for Commissioner of Finance.

The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.



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