



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

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**Weekly Review: May 13-17, 2024**

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**2024 Adopt a Shore & Rez Road Clean Up**

**May 14, 2024**

Elected officials and staff attended the District III clean up event.

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**May 15, 2024**

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

The District Representatives tabled Band Assembly Record: March 22, 2024, Band Assembly Record: March 27, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 10, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 15, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 24, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 27, 2024, and Band Assembly Record: April 30, 2024.

Band Assembly conducted a confirmation hearing for Commissioner of Community Development with Tracy Burr, Nominee.

Band Assembly conducted a notice of intent to annul hearing regarding Opinion of the Solicitor General No: 48-24.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-30-24 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive and Legislative Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives tabled Nomination (A nomination from Chief Benjamin, nominating Tracy Burr to serve as the Commissioner of Community Development. Current term ends June 30, 2027).

The District Representatives tabled Nomination (A nomination from Chief Benjamin, nominating David Christensen to serve as the District Court Judge. Current term ends August 15, 2026).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-17-24 (A Resolution Approving the FY 2024 Due Diligence Requirement for the Minnesota Housing Department Stable Housing Organization Relief Program).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-18-24 (A Resolution Approving the FY 2024-2029 Due Diligence Requirement for the Minnesota Housing Department Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program).

The District Representatives approved contract for East Central Energy to provide electrical services in District 3, Aazhoomog/Lake Lena and District 2a Chiminising/Isle to prevent outages and enhance the resilience of the electric grid.

The District Representatives approved contract for Optbit to provide Phase III which will support the infrastructure that supports implementation and interfacing of multiple vendor systems including billing, scheduling, pharmacy, and clinical care.

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: District I: D1-02-04-24.

**Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Benjamin was not present during this portion of the meeting.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Virgil Wind announced Friday, May 17, 2024 Nay ah Shing School fun run at 1:30 p.m. He provided a reminder that open gym is Saturday and Sunday any questions contact Mike Leslie at (218)214-1411. He announced adopt a shoreline and Rez road clean up is this week. District I and District IIA has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 23, 2024 we need more community involvement. He announced on May 27, 2024 in partnership with Am vets, Women's Auxiliary and Minnesota Historical Society there will be a Memorial Day pow wow at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum. He said the District I community meeting will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. He said for Urban band members there is time set aside to meet with him, please reach out to Darla Roache at (320)362-0793. He announced Urban office open house Friday, May 31, 2024 11am-2pm. He lastly shared Sunday, June 2, 2024 1-4pm will be the last DI Sobriety feast at the old community center until fall.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared the Rez road clean up is tomorrow in East Lake 8-9am registration. She shared next week community meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 for East Lake and Wednesday, May 22, 2024 for Isle; the speakers are Joe Nayquonabe Jr. MLCV and Nicole Anderson, Commissioner of Health & Human Services. She shared the June community meetings will be June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. She shared there is ceremonial drum in East Lake this weekend. She shared there will be a youth dance in East Lake on May, 29, 2024 to celebrate graduates. She lastly shared Ojibwe language table is May 20, 2024 and all this info was mailed out to band members head of household members.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared he attended the Hinckley/Finlayson board meeting. The board voted to deny the traveling song for the graduates. We're in support of the graduates and against the denial. He lastly thanked everyone who spoke against the board's decision.

After Representative Harry Davis' messages. Band Assembly heard from Band Member elder Irene Benjamin regarding nominations.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

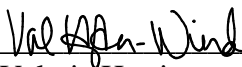
Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no messages.

**2024 Adopt a Shore & Rez Road Clean Up**

**May 16, 2024**

Elected officials and staff attended the District II clean up event.

*The next Special Session Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.*

  
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Valerie Harrington-Wind  
Chief Communications Officer