



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: September 8-12, 2025

Workshop

September 9, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures funding requests at the workshop.

Weekly Sync Meeting

September 9, 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

September 10, 2025

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

The District Representatives approved with minor corrections Band Assembly Record (BAR): March 05, 2025, approved with minor corrections Band Assembly Record: March 12, 2025, and approved with minor corrections Band Assembly Record: March 19, 2025.

Band Assembly tabled a presentation from Zach Atherton-Ely & Arik Robertson regarding Lake Leaf Retail Cannabis Presentation. Executive session. (Moved to September 17, 2025).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-44-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 and Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District III Representative

The District Representatives approved a contract with Garrison Disposal Co., to provide roll-offs for various Community Development project sites in Districts 1, 2, and 2a.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Hartl Enterprises, LLC., to provide roll-offs for various Community Development project sites in District 3.

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared with District I community that our community meeting for September will be September 24, 2025 seating starts at 5:00 p.m. Chief Wind reminded her that he started the tradition that in September we invite the teachers and staff from Nay ah Shing school, Onamia Schools, and Wewinabi. They will be there for a meet and greet; to meet the teachers in our area at Miskwaanakwadookwe center 5:00 p.m. seating. She shared for Sunday, September 28, 2025 we will have our second Elders Listening Circle starts at noon, hoping to get as many elders there. We had almost 50 there last time, if we could get more that would be great. If you need a ride, get ahold of her or her staff and they will make sure to notify Waivered Services they have been helping with getting elders to that event. Miigwech.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared community meetings happening next week Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Minisinaakwaang at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Chiminising at 5:30 p.m. has speakers on the agenda. She shared a letter will be sent out today for a letter of interest for a couple boards with a few openings, she's looking for a District II Housing Board member term date ending June 29, 2026; it is a short time but she needs somebody to fill that role. She is also looking for Department of Athletic Regulation their term is expiring on the 30th looking for band members in District II area to fill that until 2029.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared this Friday, September 12, 2025 the MCT Delegates will be at the Grand Casino Hinckley hotel ballroom he hopes band members can go there and ask questions and listen to what they have to present to us. He shared our community meeting this month has a change of location from Grand Casino Hinckley to Meshakwad it will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025 see you all there; we're going to have Famous Dave's.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

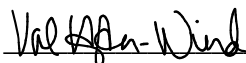
Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared a quick definition for folks looking at the appropriation bills, he looked up those words himself to clarify for membership to appropriate money is to put forth for a specific use those are appropriation bills and authorizing expenditures says you can spend it. That's what's happenings, two things kind of the nuts and bolts of these documents we're putting out appropriation bill and authorize expenditures FYI from the Executive branch and kind of what this group does with the funding the band has, that's where it starts.

Workshop

September 11, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Biannual budget letter from the Chief Executive, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures funding requests, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe delegate meeting, and proposed regulations from the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.



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