



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: July 24-28, 2023

Workshop

July 25, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the Cannabis Code draft bill. A letter was received from the Chief Executive, which contained her comments and suggestions to draft bill. A letter to the Solicitor General regarding an interim Legislative Counsel was also discussed.

Weekly Sync Meeting

July 25, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion on Minors' Trust Bill, when do we expect the Cannabis Code bill and Title 6 (HR Policy) bill to be on the BA meeting, and bills to work on: the workshop schedule; workshop projects; and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

July 26, 2023

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

The District Representatives took from the table and approved Band Assembly Record: June 19, 2023 Tabled 7/19/23 and Band Assembly Record: June 21, 2023 Tabled 7/19/23.

The District Representatives took from the table, amended, and approved Band Assembly Record: June 29, 2023 Tabled 7/19/23.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: July 7, 2023, Band Assembly Record: July 12, 2023, Band Assembly Record: July 18, 2023, and Band Assembly Record: July 19, 2023.

The District Representatives received a Judicial FY2023 Quarter 1-3 Budget Review from Gilda Burr, Court Administrator.

The District Representatives conducted a Confirmation Hearing – Housing Board, Chief Executive Position for Melissa “Baabiitaw” Boyd, Nominee.

The District Representatives conducted a Confirmation Hearing – Housing Board, Chief Executive Position for EllaReine Garbow, Nominee.

The District Representatives received a Natural Resources FY2023 Quarter 1-3 Budget Review from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources.

The District Representatives received a Formal Request Capital Project for Quarter 4 from Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved 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. Tabled 7/12/23. Nomination passed.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-45-23 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the August and September 2023 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults and Minor Trust for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-46-23 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the August and September 2023 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act ("TGWEA") Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-47-23 (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 Band Assembly Bill 20-04-48-23 (A Bill of supplemental appropriation and authorization of Long-Term Savings Funds for the Cannabis Business Project Funding Request for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-04-30-23 (A Resolution Approving the FY 2024 Required Match for The United States Administration for Children and Families Tribal Child Support Enforcement Grant).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-04-31-23 (A Resolution Ratifying the Band's Proposed Treaty Fisheries Management Plan for the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory for the 2023-2024 Fishing Season).

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC. to increase the contract amount to allow for more roofing projects in FY 2023.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC. to provide labor and materials for installation of four low threshold showers each equipped with grab bars and a fold down bench seat at four elder rental units in District 3.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Architectural Resources, Inc. to provide complete architectural, surveying, civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering from project planning construction and project closeout for the new District 1 and District 3 ceremonial buildings.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Mike Brenny Construction, Inc. to provide labor and materials for the demolition and replacement of the two-bedroom HUD home located in District 1.

The District Representatives approved a contract with R&R Landscaping & Construction for emergency roof repairs at Nayahshing Schools.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District 1: Renewal: FFH1010008.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District 2a: Address Change Only: FFH1510007.

The District Representatives approved Formal Notification received on July 20, 2023 (Memo dated July 26, 2023) from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2023, Quarter 3 and 4 Capital Projects that reads as follows:

Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to open FY2023 Q3 and 4 capital projects. Per the revenue ordinance we must provide notice at least ten (10) business days before expending the money on a project equal to or exceeding \$25,000 and less than \$250,000. If the Band Assembly fails to stay the project within ten (10) business days after receiving notice, then Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures may expend money on the project.

Grand Casino Hinckley Projects:

1. Grand Casino Hinckley Capital Project (H23-PRO-06)
2. Grand Casino Hinckley Capital Project (H23-SUR-01)
3. Grand Casino Hinckley Capital Project (From H23-PRO-03 to H23-PRO-09)
4. Grand Casino Hinckley Capital Project (H23-PRO-08)
5. Grand Casino Hinckley Capital Project (H23-ENT-02)
6. Grand Casino Hinckley Capital Project (H23-EVS-01)
7. Grand Casino Hinckley Capital Project (H23-DIG-01)

Grand Casino Mille Lacs Projects:

1. Grand Casino Mille Lacs Capital Project (M23-EDD-01)
2. Grand Casino Mille Lacs Capital Project (MS23-DIG-01)
3. Grand Casino Mille Lacs Capital Project (M23-SLT-02)
4. Grand Casino Mille Lacs Capital Project (M23-BBB-01)

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with extra payment that will be a part of General Welfare Exclusion for August 2023 making it clear that it is an extra payment to support kids going back to school and the needs of families and he thanked the other two Representatives for their support.

Representative Wind shared shout out to District II Representative Merrill and the pow wow committee for the East Lake pow wow. Representative Wind shared a thank you to Richard Hill for his willingness to serve on the housing board and congratulated him on his appointment. Representative Wind shared a lot about Cannabis legislation and appropriation lately, when we went out to the community meetings we had 98% support for the presentation and action going forward. Thank you to everyone for the comments whether in support or denial and thank you to the other Representatives. Representative Wind shared this evening the District I community meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. at the new District I community center agenda is DI welcome and legislative update by him, CMD/Housing update by Assistant Commissioner of Administration,

Maria Costello and Housing Director, Dan Boyd, and MCT Delegate and presentation update by Danielle Smith and Michele Palomaki. Representative Wind closed his comments with on Sunday, July 30, 2023 will be the District I mid-summer fun day join us for activities for everyone (Bean bag contest, Rez ball tournament, hand drum contest, volleyball tournament, and cooking contest). Reminder for everyone showing up to compete in the events or cooking contest registration is from 12-1:00 p.m. on Sunday you must be there on time for registration. Food will be served 1-3:00 p.m. Famous Dave's will be served.

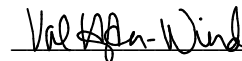
District III Representative Harry Davis opened and closed with for the past 20 years or so we have funded tickets for the state fair, but it's being interpreted differently this year so there will be no state fair funded for District III. He is not sure how to spend our money any more so he doesn't have anything scheduled. (Following the meeting Representative Davis re-evaluated the program policy and he will be purchasing state fair tickets).

Workshop

July 27, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding Bill: Minors' Trust and Bill: Title 6 (HR Policy), which are both planned to be on next week's Band Assembly agenda. The letter to Solicitor General and Economic Support letter were both discussed and finalized.

The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.



Valerie Harrington-Wind
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