



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: September 29-October 3, 2025

Band Assembly Meeting

September 30, 2025

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

The District Representatives approved a contract for Garrison Disposal, Co., to provide roll-offs at the Band's transfer station, commercial dumpsters, recycling pickup, and provide service to Districts I & II community cleanup events.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Ebert Inc. to extend contract as well as add additional funds.

The District Representatives left tabled a Master Service Agreement with Daxko, LLC., to perform the following services for Meshakwad Community Center: Daxko facility access, club automation software, SMS Services, Performance analytics, revenue recovery services, payment processing, and card account updater service.

The District Representatives took no action on a contract for Beehive Strategic Communications to provide strategic communications related to the Tamarack Mine Proposal and Comprehensive Public comment period campaign.

The District Representatives' motion to approve the Randell Sam contract died for lack of a second, and the contract was not approved. The contract would provide Facilitation of the Domestic Abuse Transformation Program.

The District Representatives approved a contract for ScriptPro USA, Inc. to provide Pharmacy prescription processing equipment and support.

The District Representatives approved a contract for ScriptPro USA, Inc. to provide Third party billing reconciliation services.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-52-25 (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 II Representative

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Resolution Graphics, to add more funds to the contract for shipping costs.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with St. Cloud Refrigeration, for environmental services heating and cooling to cover unforeseen weather-related emergencies as well as to upgrade software to prevent additional emergencies.

The District Representatives approved a contract with St. Cloud Refrigeration to provide annual heating, cooling, HVAC, and control systems for facilities in D1, D2a, D2 and D3.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Roger's Plumbing, Heating & Electrical, Inc., to provide HVAC services for small residential projects in D1, D2a, D2, and D3.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Roger's Plumbing, Heating & Electrical, Inc., to provide plumbing services for small residential projects in D1, D2a, D2, and D3.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Ebert Companies for a new maintenance garage addition to the Meshakwad Community Center and a new detached maintenance garage at the Aazhoomog Community Center.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with RPH on the Go, for pharmacy relief services, extending the contract end date through September 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Gary Charwood for spiritual classes about fatherhood and motherhood at the Four Winds treatment facility, adding additional funds to allow continued services through the end of the year.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D3-01-09-25.

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind shared "I want to thank the District III community, last Thursday evening we had our first Chief Executive community meeting within the District III community – reminder that we will be on a rotation quarterly trying to get to the different districts and we will rotate from District II Chiminising to East Lake and also from Hinckley to Aazhoomog during that rotation and we'll make sure that that information is very clear. But really just a shout out to the District III community, we had about 105 and that didn't include the people that didn't sign in, but it was a very successful meeting, so thank you guys for that.

Moving on, we do have a District I Chief Executive community meeting that is scheduled here at Grand Casino Mille Lacs for tonight, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Just like the Hinckley one there will be a zoom option, webinar option, whatever they were able to come up with, but I want to thank my team for putting all that together and making sure that we have that very valuable resource there. Also would like to address the concern out there about recording these meetings; sometimes there's some proprietary information that might be shared during these meetings that cannot be shared and should not be shared with our enemies outside of the Band, but if anybody wants to call me directly my number is (320) 630-1428 and I'll answer whatever question there is or give you a rendition of what happened at the community meeting.

Moving on, last Friday night we had a very successful tailgating opportunity out in the McGregor area I want to thank Representative Merrill and Commissioner Killspotted for their partnership with that. It was a very successful tailgating I think we did. Close to a couple hundred tacos, somewhere in there. But it was a very wonderful thing, we had our own Fry Bread band there and we've kind of made the commitment that this will continue. The Hinckley Jaguars' homecoming is coming up on October 10, 2025 and we'd love to partner on whatever that tailgating looks like and really trying to get out there for our kids. Within it, backing up a little bit to the McGregor one, I think one of the most important and biggest things that happened that night was, for the first time ever in McGregor, due to that partnership, Red Willow sang the Flag song following the National Anthem and it was a wonderful deal. If we could start pushing that I will reach out to the Hinckley/Finlayson district to see

if that's something that can be done between the NASID drum group and the school board – if we can figure that out that'll be awesome.

Overall, I just want membership to know that I am around. If there's some concern that you have, reach out to me directly. I'm always saying that I won't tell tales I'll tell you the truth – again, my number is (320) 630-1428. Miigwech, Mi'iw."

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu was not present.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared a reminder that the soft opening for the dispensary is happening on Thursday 1:00 p.m. and Friday is the grand opening. She stated, "Super exciting, it's great to be a part of the original process," and she thanked Chief Executive Wind and Representative Davis for their support, noting "it's a good feeling when you have something that you worked really hard for and you finally see it come to light, so it's really exciting. Miigwech."

District III Representative Harry Davis shared, "locally we don't have a lot going on at this time, but would like to mention that our Band government, our Elected Officials, need to sit down and talk about the National view that's going on with the Federal government and the Administration. They're doing a lot of detrimental things to Native Tribes and we need to start planning for the worst-case scenario if something happens to the country."

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared that this is the end of session and gave a brief explanation of what's going on.

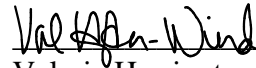
"Back in the 80's when the separation or division of powers was developed, the legislative branch structured itself to have four sessions during an assembly. For example, the US government has two sessions per assembly. Sessions are markers in time – they account for changes in power. The first and third sessions start at the second Tuesday in the calendar year and end April 30th. The second and fourth sessions start the second Tuesday in July and ends September 30th. Those are the four sessions of the Band Assembly and how that's laid out.

Most recently, in the last six years we created that structure, and procedurally, what happens here within the assembly, is at the end of a session we decided to give Representatives time to be Representatives and interact with their communities, so at the end of this time we'll come back we'll convene a regular session second Tuesday in January. A memo will be sent out today to give structure to this time that we're off as there won't be any regularly scheduled sessions of Band Assembly, but we certainly will always accommodate the needs of the Executive Branch and how to keep business running there.

Procedurally, there's no old business when we're out of session, everything falls off. The point of that was prior to six years ago there were items that would stay on the agenda – there would be a bill or something that would stay on old business and that would lapse into the out of session time. Those items would sit there, so we took that, gave it structure to fall off, and that also accommodates a change of power where if there's a representative that has a bill or measure on the agenda and then there's a change in power, then the new representative doesn't inherit the business of the old representative and it cleans the slate so the new representative has the option of bringing up the old initiatives or starting the new ones. It serves that on different levels.

There's a lot going on when we're in session and out of session and he wanted to explain that to folks."

The next Special Band Assembly meeting is not scheduled at this time.



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