



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

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**Weekly Review: November 4-8, 2024**

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**Workshop**

**November 5, 2024**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) continuing resolution, miigwech day appropriations bill, Band Member Legal Services (BMLS) board bill and letter of interest, silencer bill, Cannabis Board update, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) resolution, and Tribal Employments Rights Office (TERO) bill.

**Workshop**

**November 7, 2024**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding draft bill Title 11 firearms restrictions, Cannabis board update, Chief Executive discussion items, bill amending Title 15 Chapter 3 to modify the organization of the board for Band Member Legal Services, and bill updating Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) statute.

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**November 8, 2024**

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

Band Assembly received a presentation regarding 401k progress update in executive session from Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance. Prior to entering executive session Mel Towle gave a summary of the update.

Band Assembly received a presentation regarding reappropriation of ARPA funds from Dustin Goslin, Chief Talent Officer on behalf of Commissioner of Corporate Commission.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-02-60-24 (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 Years ending September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved contract for Department of Justice-Guardian Fleet Safety to provide annual services for the police vehicle equipment installation and repair services of any IT related items. Deerwood Technologies is the only IT company vetted by the BCA.

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The District Representatives approved two-year contract for Ziontz Chestnut to provide legal services, primarily regarding litigation related to law enforcement and the Reservation boundary.

The District Representatives approved contract for Lockridge Grindal Nauen to provide legal services, primarily regarding a proposed mine by Talon Metals.

The District Representatives approved contract for Holland & Knight to provide professional legal services in regards to special projects, mainly the proposed Tamarack mine and OSG legal support.

The District Representatives approved contract for SailorsAllen Law for assistance in representing Mille Lacs Band members in criminal matters in Mille Lacs County as a conflict attorney.

The District Representatives approved contract for Damien Toven for assistance in representing Mille Lacs Band members in civil cases as a conflict attorney.

The District Representatives approved contract for Carrie Doom for assistance in representing Mille Lacs Band members in civil cases as a conflict attorney.

The District Representatives approved contract for Ryan Simafranca for assistance in representing Mille Lacs Band members in civil cases as a conflict attorney.

The District Representatives approved contract for Hy-Tec to provide commercial remodel for the renovation of the Child Advocacy Center including Interior and exterior finishes, siding, flooring, acoustical ceilings, painting, casework, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical.

The District Representatives approved contract for Sidley Austin to provide legal services for potential Supreme Court Litigation.

The District Representatives approved contract for LawVisory to cover final amount expensed FY 24.

The District Representatives approved contract for LawVisory to provide continued professional legal services related to sensitive financial matters.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District 1 FFH2410006.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District III FFH2230001.

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: D2-01-11-24.

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: D3-02-09-24.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-02-39-24 (A Resolution to Repeal and Replace Resolution 21-02-38-24 Which Accepted all Future Bureau of Indian Education Minor Improvement Funds and Repair and Facilities Improvement & Repair Project Funds for the Nay Ah Shing School Via the P.L. 100-297 Procurement/Project Management Option).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-02-40-24 (A Resolution approving continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations until January 31, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Special Revenue Resolution 21-02-02-24 (A Special Revenue Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to execute, deliver, and cause the performance of a first amendment dated September 30, 2021 converting the interest rate index option to SOFR from BSBY; implementing a credit spread adjustment of 10 basis points; and reducing the line of credit commitment amount to \$108,000,000.00 from \$118,400,000.00).

#### **Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared she did a video update for the District I community yesterday, check out the video on the District I Facebook page for the update.

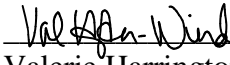
District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared sent out a mailer with dates quicly approaching, she did send out R.S.V. P.'s and she did hear back from quite a few Commissioners, they need confirmation numbers by the 19<sup>th</sup>. She shared we do have our turkey giveaway on Friday, November 22, 2024 Chiminising 10am-noon and East Lake 1pm-2pm please volunteer and come over to help out. She shared a reminder for November 21, 2024 MLCV Fall feast. She shared community meetings are District II November 19, 2024 and District IIA November 20, 2024. She lastly shared community members please look at the mailer sent out.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared a Round Dance at Grand Casino Hinckley ballroom on November 29, 2024 and the Community meeting will be Thursday, November 21, 2024.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd was not present.

*The next Special Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.*

  
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Valerie Harrington-Wind  
Chief Communications Officer