



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: April 8-12, 2024

Workshop

April 9, 2024

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the draft Revolving Loan Fund Policy.

Weekly Sync Meeting

April 9, 2024

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda. The meeting included discussion about the open seats on the boards for Band Member Legal Services and Cannabis Regulation, bills to work on, the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

April 10, 2024

The Speaker of the Assembly continued the meeting of the Band Assembly from Friday, March 22, 2024. The District Representatives amended and approved the agenda.

The Band Assembly received a presentation from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources regarding Tamarack Mine Monthly Update.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-26-24 (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, and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-27-24 (A Bill Repealing and Replacing Act 25-24 to remove the Tribal Victim Set Aside request. Act 25-24 authorized Supplemental Appropriations 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 Resolution 21-01-13-24 (A Resolution to Cancel Resolution 12-01-126-06 Granting a Land Lease for Mille Lacs Band Member 410B35582).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-14-24 (A Resolution Authorized a Land Lease with Attached Mortgage for Residential Purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B36126).

The District Representatives tabled a contract for R & R Landscaping and Construction to provide labor and materials for a renovation project at a private elder home in District I.

The District Representatives approved a contract for St. Cloud Refrigeration to provide chiller system for vacuum furnaces and replace boilers at the Early Education District 3 site.

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: District I: D1-01-04-24.

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 congratulated and thanked everyone involved in the land lease process and congratulated the two families involved in the process as well. He said a flyer went out today stating that the Office of District I Representative is doing a Fantasy Bingo Drawing. Drawing will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024; the Fantasy Bingo session on Sunday, April 14th at 2 p.m. at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Contact Nick Cash at 320-630-3332 to sign up on the elder or non-elder list. No purchase necessary. He said District I 4th Annual District I Ziigwan Side Step Social is Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2-7 p.m. at the new District I community center. Any questions contact him at (320)630-1428 or Nick Cash at (320)630-3332. He said the District I Community meeting is Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at new District I community center. The agenda includes DI Office update, MCT delegate update video presentation and Community Development Public Works, Tony Pike transportation/safety plan. He reminded Band members of the spring cleanup, which will be held on April 20-28, 2024, ending at noon on April 28, 2024. He said elders should call (320)532-7448 a week before cleanup to schedule their pick up. Community Development asked that elders have their piles ready two days after clean up starts. He said he looks forward to partnering with Band departments for the community clean up. Lastly, he said thank you to partnerships and hard conversations we have had as an Assembly and the work we have done together as an Assembly. He said he appreciates you all and he's sure we will have conversations regarding that going forward.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill said a reminder for District II and IIA information was sent out via newsletter. Watch the Facebook page regarding events within the community and information they share. She lastly said congratulations to Chief Executive elect Virgil Wind.

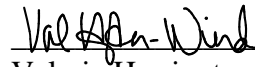
District III Representative Harry Davis said the administrative office, hallway, and youth room renovation has been completed; they are working on second half of legislative office and main hall way/dining area. He said he will be out of office Thursday, April 18, 2024, for Black Bear elder trip. He said our community meeting is Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley. He noted the pet wellness clinic on Saturday, April 20, and Sunday, April 21, 2024; Sunday is Meshakwad. He lastly shared that tomorrow he is out of the office in the morning and back in office in the afternoon.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd also congratulated Chief Executive-Elect Wind. He discussed the sessions of Band Assembly and how they account for these changes in power. He noted that the Band Assembly session will end on April 30, 2024, and the Assembly will be out of session until the 2nd Tuesday in July when the new session will begin with a new person in the DI Representative's seat. When the new session begins, the agenda will have no old business and that's so the new Representative coming in won't have any business from previous representative, he said. That's how that works, these sessions are built for the changes in power and how it applies during these times, he added.

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, Commissioner of Finance, and Office of Management & Budget staff regarding the draft Revolving Loan Fund Policy.

The next Joint Session of the Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.



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