



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of June 6-10, 2022

Monday, June 6, 2022: Elected Officials attended Chief Executive Elder Meetings

Tuesday, June 7, 2022: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Joint Session of Band Assembly agenda: **Approval of Minutes:** June 1, 2022. **Unfinished Business:** Joint Session Resolution 19-04-16-21 Rules of Procedure. **New Business:** Commissioner of Administration Position. **Other:** None. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Band Assembly agenda: **Approval of Minutes:** June 1, 2022. **Reports and Presentations:** None. **Unfinished Business:** None. **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 20-01-52-22 (Grindstone Laundry Appropriation), Band Assembly Bill 20-01-53-22 (Big Sandy Appropriation), Band Assembly Bill 20-01-54-22 (APB Appropriation), Band Assembly Bill 20-01-55-22 (Title 25 Amendments), Resolution 20-01-23-22 (Capital Project > \$250,000.00), CMD Contract w/ Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC, and CMD Contract w/ Heritage Exteriors & Restoration, Inc. **Other:** Continued discussion on the duties of the Solicitor General. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Discussed various items. Work Session schedule. Master Projects List review. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly Members, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Title 3 Legislative Branch

Legal Staff presented Title 3 Legislative Branch draft bill amendments.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022: Joint Session of the Band Assembly occurred in Band Assembly Chambers and through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with all Elected Officials present.
Chief Executive, Melanie Benjamin
Secretary-Treasurer, Sheldon Boyd
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- **Minutes:**
- a) **Joint Session Record:** June 1, 2022. Record was approved.
- **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-04-16-21:** A Resolution Adopting Rules of Procedure for the Joint Session of the Band Assembly **Tabled 9/30/2021**

- **New Business:**

- a) **Commissioner of Administration position.** Commissioner of Administration position was discussed in Executive Session.

- **Other:**

Band Assembly occurred in Band Assembly Chambers and through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.

- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with all Representatives present.
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was amended and approved.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

- a) **Band Assembly Record:** June 1, 2022. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations: None.**

- **Unfinished Business: None.**

- **New Business:**

- a) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-52-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures for Grindstone Capital Needs for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs on March 31, 2022.

Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.

- b) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-53-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures for Big Sandy Capital Needs for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs on March 31, 2022.

Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.

- c) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-54-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on June 3, 2022.

Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.

- d) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-55-22:** A Bill amending Title 25 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance, in consultation with each other, to redact any documents published on the Tribal Register that reveal financial and proprietary information about Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures and to authorize the Revisor of Statutes to redact all information within documents published on the Tribal Register which may reasonably be considered personally identifiable information.

Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.

- e) **Resolution 20-01-23-22:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to Expend Funds from FY2022 Capital Budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs Surveillance - Recording Management Conversion and HVAC Upgrades Projects. Resolution was read and approved.
- f) **Contract (Community Development):** A contract for Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC to provide materials and labor for the Quad Reconstruction project in Lake Lena. Contract end date is June 30, 2023. Contract was tabled.
- g) **Contract (Community Development):** A contract for Heritage Exteriors and Restoration, Inc. to provide materials and labor to renovate four (4) elder units in District I. Contract end date is June 30, 2023. Contract was approved.
- h) **Contract (Administration):** A contract for Tribal Consulting Services, LLC to provide operational support, policy and procedure revisions, financial processes and Tribal IV-D Plan updates as required by the grant. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was approved.

• **Other Business:**

- a) **Continued discussion on the duties of the Solicitor General.** Discussion was completed with discussion, questions, and comments.
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin was not present at time of messages.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Representative Wind wanted to sing Happy Birthday to Representative St. John but he was not on. He stated he appreciated the conversations at both sessions today. **District II Representative-** Representative Bruneau gave Community Meeting information for Chiminising on June 16, 2022 and Minisinaakwang on June 30, 2022. Miigwech. **District III Representative-** Representative St. John was not present at time of messages.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd thanked all the folks involved, there was a Swearing in today of the Institutional Investment Board members and one more will be sworn in. Certainly a milestone in the law-making of the Band, everybody getting together and agreeing that this had to happen and it was a really good thing. Looking forward

to solidifying the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer for his duration here and for future Secretary-Treasurers giving them the tools to accommodate the financial assets of the Band.

Thursday, June 2, 2022: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly Members, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Biennium Budgets Discussion

Legal Staff facilitated discussion on Biennium Budgets.

Elected Officials attended a Swearing in of an Institutional Investment Board Member.