



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: November 27-17, 2023

Band Assembly Meeting

November 27, 2023

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

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Record: November 15, 2023.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs regarding Non-Gaming Operating Budget.

The District Representatives approved a Lease Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement (SNDA) between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Hinckley Medical, LLC, and Pine Medical Center.

The District Representatives approved Special Revenue Resolution 20-04-03-23 (A Special Revenue Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to Execute, Deliver, and Cause the Performance of a Lease Subordination, Non-Disturbance, and Attornment (SDNA) Agreement Between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Hinckley Medical, LLC, and Pine Medical Center).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-75-23 (A Bill Repealing and Replacing Act 71-23 to delete the amount requested for Tribal Child Support Enforcement. Act 71-23 authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer(s)/revision(s) for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2023, and September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-76-23 (A Bill Repealing and Replacing Act 73-23 to add Sections 1.03 and 1.04 and moving the previous Section 1.03 to now be Section 1.05. Act 73-23 authorized a Supplemental Appropriation for the December 2023 and January 2024 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act ("TGWEA") Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-77-23 (A Bill Repealing and Replacing Act 74-23 correcting the Fiscal Year in Section 1.01. Act 74-23 authorized a Supplemental Appropriation for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-04-78-23 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2023, and September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives amended and approved Resolution 20-04-44-23 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of the Mille Lacs Band Government, Circle of Health, Gaming Regulatory Authority, Department of Athletic Regulation, Supplemental Income Program for Elders, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Housing Initiative, and Band Member Legal Services Fiscal Operations until December 31, 2023).

The District Representatives approved contract with Consolidated Telephone Company to provide labor and materials to install the proposed fiber network through specified Band lands.

The District Representatives approved contract with Rice Lake Construction to provide labor and materials for an interior and exterior commercial remodel project at the Lake Lena Community Center.

The District Representatives approved contract with Twenty4Seven Fire & Security, Inc. to provide annual inspection, monitoring and servicing of the fire protection systems, for the Band's facilities in Districts 1, 2, 2a, and 3.

The District Representatives approved contract addendum with Granicus to cover additional costs associated with live-streaming and agenda management software as well as extending the contract end date from August 14, 2023 to August 14, 2024.

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with District I community meeting Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at New District I community center at 5:30 p.m. on the agenda updates from District I office, Aanijobimaadizing, Kristian Theisz, and Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Maria Costello & Housing Director, Dan Boyd regarding housing surveys. Representative Wind shared updated chairs at old District I community center, there will be a District I chair giveaway November 27th & 28th, 2023 8am-5pm at 43500 Virgo Road Onamia, MN 56359 and questions contact Nick Cash (320) 630-3332. Representative Wind shared announced District I gift card give back option, you can donate your gift card back to the District I office and they donate the card to Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe foster care program, you can donate at the distribution or email Darla.Roache2@millelacsband.com stating you would like to donate your gift card, please include address and you can contact Darla Roache at (320)362-0793. \$25.00 Walmart gift card distribution dates are Urban Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Urban Office from 10am-3pm and at the Urban Christmas party Saturday, December 9, 2023 2:30-4:30 p.m. District I Friday, December 8, 2023 and Monday, December 11, 2023 at the old District I community center 10am-5pm must have tribal or state I.D. and medical card or school grades for dependent verification. Representative Wind shared Christmas yard and house decorating contest to promote the beauty of our community 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for best interior and exterior decoration, to enter take a photo of your yard or home and submit one entry photo including your name and address to the District I office at Darla.Roache2@millelacsband.com no altered or photo shopped photos allowed, entries will be shared on the District I Legislative Facebook page and winners are determined by likes received. All contest entries must be received Monday, December 11, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. photos will be posted from December 12-20, 2023 and winners will be announced at the Christmas party. Representative Wind shared in the process along with Substance Use Disorder and Health & Human Services planning this year's New Year's Eve Sobriety pow wow December 31, 2023 5pm-12am at the new District I community center 18589 Minobimaadizi Loop Onamia, MN 56359. Representative Wind closed his comments with

December 20, 2023 5:00 p.m. ballroom at Grand Casino Mille Lacs District I Christmas party
Nay ah Shing rock band and hypnotist scheduled so far looking for crowd engagement.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill opened with this week Wednesday is our elder
Chiminising dinner partnered with Gi-Niigaanizijig program last week we had one in East Lake.
Representative Merrill shared she will be at the Urban community meeting on Thursday,
unfortunately she is unable to attend the Urban Christmas party, but she will send something
with Representative Wind on her behalf. Representative Merrill shared December events, there
is a mailer coming out for Holiday parties December 19, 2023 will be Minisinaakwaang and
December 20, 2023 will be Chiminising. Flyer out for house decorating contest. Flyer out for
open gym in both communities. Movie night December 10, 2023 6-8p.m. in Minisinaakwaang.
Representative Merrill closed her comments with art workshop/open gym December 17, 2023
partnership with Gi-Niigaanizijig.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with furniture from the Hinckley Casino hotel
will have a trailer out at Meshakwad in north east corner of parking lot, there will be a couple
guys helping elders from 1-4 p.m. Representative Davis closed his comments with our
community meeting is December 22, 2023 at Grand Casino Hinckley at 5:30 p.m. no money in
the budget this year for gift cards.

In the “Message from the Secretary-Treasurer” portion of the agenda, Secretary-Treasurer
Sheldon Boyd opened with messages from the Elected Officials that were made as part of the
coming up with our new rules here in session, it was a collaboration and he thinks it’s been a real
big success, giving people time to talk to their constituents it will go down in the record and the
Representatives get a chance to reach out and tell everybody what’s going on, giving Madam
Chief a chance, giving your Secretary-Treasurer a chance, that wasn’t like that before as part of
the actual structure from what he knows there was no structure to that, just a small piece of the
standing agenda that’s established here within Band Assembly again the staff of Parliamentarian,
Clerk of the Assembly Darcie Big Bear, Adam Candler at the time, Joe Jensen at the time, the
staff here within the Legislative Branch he thinks that it’s a good thing.

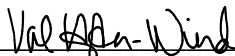
Workshop **November 28, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding a draft bill for Title
15, chapter 1 - Gaming Regulatory Act, draft bill to enact a cannabis code, draft bill for Title 17,
Chapter 1 revolving loan fund, and draft employee miigwech letter.

Workshop **December 1, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, and Court Administrator
regarding a draft bill for Title 8, Section 401.

The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.



Valerie Harrington-Wind
Chief Communications Officer