



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

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## Weekly Review: January 15-19, 2024

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### **Workshop**

**January 16, 2024**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding draft budget letter.

### **Weekly Sync Meeting**

**January 16, 2024**

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The meeting included discussion on Adding Bill 21-01-08-24: to amend the drink-tax dollar amount; the workshop schedule; workshop projects; and District Representative initiatives.

### **Band Assembly Meeting**

**January 17, 2024**

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

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record: January 9, 2024.

The Band Assembly received a presentation from Barb Fabre, CEO/President of All Nations Rise and Heidi Hagel Braid, Chief Program Officer First Children's Finance regarding Mille Lacs Child Care System.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-05-24 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the February and March 2024 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-06-24 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the February and March 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 21-01-07-24 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Tribal Employment Rights Office, and Gaming Regulatory Authority for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2023, September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-02-24 (A Resolution of Support for the Submission of a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-03-24 (A Resolution Approving the 2024 Membership into the Indian Gaming Association).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-08-24 (A Bill Repealing and Replacing Act 04-24 to correct the amount for the Drink Tax Miscellaneous Revenue Funds. Act 04-24 authorized Supplemental Appropriations for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive).

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened and closed his comments with reminder with the cold weather, check on elders, family, and keep animals safe.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill opened with reminder for Chiminising community meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. Joe Nayquonabe Jr. on the agenda to present information. In the next few months the Band’s Revisor of Statutes, Hanna Valento, will come and talk about our year of 2023 legislation where we had approval and vetoes. Representative Merrill closed her comments with urban community meeting will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

District III Representative Harry Davis opened and closed with community meeting tomorrow.

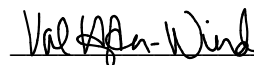
In the “Message from the Secretary-Treasurer” portion of the agenda, Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd opened by saying that he would like people to be cognizant of, when it comes to monthly disbursements of per capita payments and GWE payments to Band members, that he never gets over the fact of the amount of money that are in those, very huge amounts of money that the government is approving to be expended the way it is to direct payments to membership. He would like people to realize that every two months, six times a year, the amount of money that comes through here. He hopes we don’t get blasé about that or take it for granted. Your representatives and Madam Chief and the group as a whole that get that money directed to members of the band here.

## **Workshop**

**January 19, 2024**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, Commissioner of Community Development, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Housing Director, Deputy Solicitor, Community Development staff, and Housing Board members regarding a draft renovation loan policy.

***The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.***



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