



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

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**Weekly Review: February 17-21, 2025**

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**Band Holiday Chief's Day** **February 17, 2025**

**Government Center Closed due to Weather** **February 18, 2025**

**Band Assembly Meeting** **February 19, 2025**

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

Band Assembly received a presentation from Shena Matrious, Governmental Affairs and Holland & Knight regarding Federal, State, and Legislative updates.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Verus Investments Presentation in executive session.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-08-25 (A bill for an act amending Title 8, Chapter 13, subchapter 4, section 3173 to modify the use of urinalysis testing for foster care licensing in relation to cannabis).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-09-25 (A Bill for an act amending Title 8, chapter 13, subchapter 4, sections 3171, 3173, 3175 to remove Band Assembly from the process of inspecting and licensing foster families, and the appeal, denial, or revocation of a foster care license).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-06-25 (A Resolution authorizing a land for residential purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member #410B006291 and co-lessee Mille Lacs Band Member #410B006292).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-07-25 (A Resolution approving the required match for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, carbon reduction program grant).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-08-25 (A Resolution approving the required match for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Transportation alternatives program grant).

The District Representatives approved a contract for Swanson, Dronick & Tousey to provide Special Magistrate services for the Tribal Court Family Law dockets one-day a week throughout the remainder of the fiscal year. Contract end date September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: FFH1810001.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: FFH2210006.

**Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared monthly community meeting is next Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. seating begins; on the agenda is Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources with Water over Nickel update & Treaty Rights Day activities, Band Member Recruitment from Grand Casino Mille Lacs with upcoming programs, and Elder Services to talk about elder services programming; for kids we will have crafts available with Crystal.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared a reminder our community meeting in Chiminising is tonight; she put out a notice that the meeting yesterday for Minisinaakwang was rescheduled to next Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared a reminder our community meeting will be tomorrow Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Grand Casino Hinckley at 5:30 p.m.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no message.

**Workshop**

**February 20, 2025**

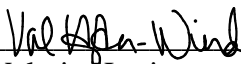
Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding a Corporate Commissioner presentation, legislative inquiry process, Title 16 presentation & bill, and Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) Bylaws.

**Workshop**

**February 21, 2025**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, and community development housing staff regarding the Strategic Housing Plan.

*The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.*

  
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Valerie Harrington-Wind  
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