



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of July 5-9, 2021

Monday, July 5, 2021: Mid-Summer Day

Tuesday, July 6, 2021: Legislative attended a MCT Delegation training presented Mr. Jay Kanassatega hosted by the Chief Executive Office.

Wednesday, July 7, 2021: No Band Assembly

Thursday, July 8, 2021:

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Bill – Legislative Sessions – Hanna Valento & Joe Jensen & Workshop: Bill – Sovereignty Commission – Adam Candler

Revisor of Statutes & Staff Attorney presented on Legislative Sessions to review proposed amendments to Title 3 – Legislative Branch. The proposed amendments would establish legislative and special session procedures in order to improve the lawmaking process. The draft was reviewed section by section with discussion, comments and questions on each section.

Legislative Counsel presented Sovereignty Commission draft bill red-lined version section by section proposed changes that would establish a Sovereignty Commission within the Mille Lacs Band government. The draft was reviewed section by section with discussion, comments and questions on each section.

Friday, July 9, 2021: Joint Session of the Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom

- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed all Representatives 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:** April 7, 2021. Record was approved.
- **New Business:**

- a) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-10-21:** A Resolution Approving the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Resolution was approved with change with a waiver of the formal reading.

- b) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-11-21:** A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Do Not Meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- c) **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 19-03-12-21:** A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those Who Do Not Meet the Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution Born from an Enrolled Mille Lacs Band Member. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.