



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: March 11-15, 2024

Workshop

March 12, 2024

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the Title 17 Chapter 1 revolving loan fund draft.

Band Assembly Meeting

March 13, 2024

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

The District Representatives approved the Band Assembly Record for March 6, 2024.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-19-24, which is the Band's biennium budget (A Bill of Appropriation for Governmental Operations of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches; Circle of Health; Gaming Regulatory Authority; Department of Athletic Regulation; Supplemental Income Program for Elders; Tribal Employment Rights Office; and Band Member Legal Services of the Mille Lacs Band Tribal Government for fiscal years ending September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-20-24 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024).

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Benjamin was not present during this portion of the meeting.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Virgil Wind thanked everyone for the work put in to getting the budget here today; the biennium budget passed today. He reminded the community about the furniture giveaway at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Another date was added for Band members to pick up furniture on Thursday, March 21, 2024. The District I Community meeting is Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at new District I community center. The agenda includes DI Office update and Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources with an update on Water over Nickel and fisheries. He he is available to meet with urban Band Members. To set up an appointment, reach out to Darla Roache (320)362-0793. The Urban Community Meeting will be held on March 28, 2024. Representative Wind stated in District I on Saturday, March 30, 2024, 5-7 p.m. a Family Fun Night provided by Health & Human Services, Substance Use Disorder, and Population health. Open gym still happening reach out to Eldayshun Big Bear at (763)244-9768. Still in the process of finalizing plans for the 4th Annual District I Ziigwan

Side Step Social Sunday, May 5, 2024 2-7 p.m. at new District I community center. A flyer should be out soon.. Representative Wind remind Band members of the spring cleanup, which will be held on April 20-28, 2024. He said elders should call (320)532-7448 a week before cleanup to schedule their pick up. Community Development asked that elders have their piles ready two days after clean up starts.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill reminded the community about the “For the People” pop up pow wow in Minisinaakwaang on Sunday, March 17, 2024. She said that Candidate Forums will be held on March 19, 2024, in East Lake and March 20, 2024, in Isle. Open gym and arts & crafts are slated for March 24, 2024 for both communities. Ojibwe language tables was yesterday and again on March 25, 2024. Finally, she said an elder dinner is scheduled for March 27, 2024, and a flyer will be shared soon.

District III Representative Harry Davis said the 1st Annual pop-up pow wow will be Saturday, March 16, 2024, in the evening at Grand Casino Hinckley ballroom at 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. He said the community meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley. He said they are working on an elder retreat, overnight trip to Black Bear Casino for dinner and tentatively bingo early this spring. Finally, he said they are planning the 2nd cribbage tournament later this month. The date has not been set.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd used his comment time to share that the Candidate Forum runs March 18-22, 2024. The focums are Monday at the Aazhoomog community center, Tuesday at the Minisinaakwaang community center, Wednesday at the Chiminising community center, Thursday at the All Nations Church, and Friday District at the I old community center. He said the candidate forums will take place 5:30 p.m. each night and reminded everyone to participate in the election process that occurs every two years on the reservation.

Workshop

March 14, 2024

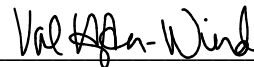
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Workshop

March 15, 2024

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

The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.



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