



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: June 16-20, 2025

Workshop

June 17, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly, Chief Executive, Commissioner of Finance, Solicitor General, Deputy Assistant, Interim Director of Government Affairs, and legislative staff for a presentation from Holland & Knight regarding the Federal Updates.

Holiday Juneteenth

June 19, 2025

Band Assembly Meeting

June 20, 2025

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

Band Assembly conducted a confirmation hearing for Raina Killspotted, Nominee for the Commissioner of Education position. The District Representatives approved Raina Killspotted with a roll call vote she is affirmed as Commissioner of Education.

Band Assembly conducted a confirmation hearing for Kelly Applegate, Nominee for the Commissioner of Natural Resources position. The District Representatives approved Kelly Applegate with a roll call vote he is affirmed as Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Auditor, Brian Opsahl, from Brady Martz regarding Fiscal Year 2024 Audit. The District Representatives accepted the audit.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-03-28-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget/payroll revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-36-25 (A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Administration to negotiate and execute Aanjibimaadizing 105 lease agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, authorizing Commissioner of Finance to verify information provided on behalf of the MLBO).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-37-25 (A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Administration to negotiate and execute various 105 lease agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, authorizing Commissioner of Finance to verify information provided on behalf of the MLBO).

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-01-06-25.

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared District I will not be having a traditional community meeting in June, but in July on Sunday, July 13, 2025 we are partnering up with the Tribal Police Department in their National Night Out efforts to have a family fun day here in District I will be 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Miskwaanakwadookwe New District I Aquatic Center keep on the lookout for other activities for that day we will post on Facebook.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared the grand opening of the Lake Leaf is happening today at noon. She stated she has some hearings from the grapevine about us not meeting, just maybe one time this month, but we are currently in Special Session and that ends in July so, we don't meet every single week and this gives us an opportunity for us Elected Officials to take some time off be within our communities so we don't actually meet every week like we would in Regular Session. She shared a couple exciting things happening today; congratulations to Raina Killspotted and Kelly Applegate on their continued duties and we appreciate their hard work that they have done so far.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared an announcement that Midewin first session was completed yesterday and are all done until August.

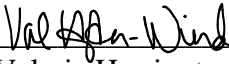
Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared one comment about the live stream and the audit; the legislature and the Band as a whole live streaming an audit can't be understated. As a group membership can look to the Government as a whole and be proud that the folks are open about this stuff and we would have to look hard to find another Tribal Government that would have its audit live streamed and be part of the record for membership to log into and take a look at. He shared a second comment about the two commissioners that were ratified today; you got some good people there.

Holiday Noon Closing Hinckley Pow Wow

June 20, 2025

The next Special Band Assembly meeting is not scheduled at this time.



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