



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: April 21-25, 2025

Workshop

April 22, 2025

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the Police Meth Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) resolution, Police Lakes Area Drug Investigation Division (LADID) JPA resolution, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) continuing resolution, Wewinabi capital request for Grand Makwa refresh, Permanent cannabis retail discussion request, nomination to corporate board, Community Center Policies, and Federal reserve visit.

Weekly Sync Meeting

April 22, 2025

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda. The meeting included discussion on bills to work on, the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

April 23, 2025

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

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record 12.18.24.

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

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-03-26-25 (A Resolution authorizing Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to expend funds from the FY2025 Capitol budget for Grand Casino Mille Lacs projects and Grand Casino Hinckley projects with costs exceeding \$250,000).

The District Representatives approved a contract for Optbit LLC for the discovery and documentation of information technology assets, technologies, contracts, and services at the customer site.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for FY2024 Citon Corporation due to a miscoding and current contract was short funds.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Medicus to provide support for the recruitment of professional staff that HHS has been unable to fill due to labor shortages.

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared reminder for District I community meeting tonight and the Chief’s cabinet commissioners will be there to introduce themselves and answer any questions, hope to see you there.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared also has community meeting tonight in Chiminising speakers on the agenda will be Kristian Thiesz, Aanjibimaadizing he presented a great presentation last night at East Lake, miigwech to Kristian. Look forward to seeing another one tonight. She shared our Chiminising Youth pow wow is on Sunday, reminder we had a couple youth apply for brave and princess, we are still looking for individuals they don’t have to be Chiminising community members, they can be Mille Lacs Band members and descendants from all districts as long as their able to represent Chiminising. She shared registration is at 12:00 p.m. She closed with a miigwech to District I Representative Carol Beaulieu for donation to the pow wow.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared it’s netting and spearing time, he will be busy with that tonight and tomorrow, so he will not be available in the morning hours but will be available in the afternoon.

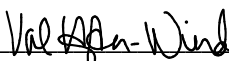
Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared a reminder to people in chambers, on zoom, and on the live stream of the processes that you see, when you see the Commissioners come up and we go through these items on the agenda and in the bills. This is the process that’s in place of being accountable for spending money. Each and every item is repetitive, it’s tedious; as Speaker during the sessions of Band Assembly he tries to give the Representatives time to speak to the individual items each time, in the tedium of things he doesn’t want to get lost in the fact of what’s happening. The video archives; your kids and your generations will be able to look back and see everyone here and hopefully be proud of the work that is being done. This is a collective here, there is no one person that gets this done people have to buy in and get this done these processes the parliamentarian, the commissioners, the representatives who take the time and go through these individual items. He stated he thinks your descendants will come back and look and be proud of the work that you’ve done on behalf of the Band, you put in your time, you served the Band in these capacities and they’ll be able to come back and take a look at you and watch you. He closed with that’s all he wanted to point out, he doesn’t want to ever get lost on the repetitiveness of things like that. Thank you all very much.

Band Holiday Art Gahbow Day

April 25, 2025

The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.



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