



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: December 9-13, 2024

Workshop

December 10, 2024

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding website photos, joint powers agreement resolution, Mississippi-Sartell Watershed resolution, Band Member Legal Services (BMLS) bill, Three-branch meeting follow-up, agenda additions, next Band Assembly meeting (Holiday) and Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) bill.

Weekly Sync Meeting

December 10, 2024

Legislative staff facilitated a weekly sync meeting with elected officials and staff to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda. The meeting included discussion on parliamentary deadline for Band Assembly meeting, foster care response, meeting request for joint session, upcoming holiday schedule, vacation schedule, bills to work on, the workshop schedule, workshop projects, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

December 11, 2024

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

Band Assembly received a presentation from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, regarding Water Over Nickel update

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-02-72-24 (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 Years ending September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-02-44-24 (A Resolution approving the Band's 2025 membership into the Indian Gaming Association).

The District Representatives approved contract for Optbit LLC. To perform Penetration testing for HHS Information technology systems.

The District Representatives approved contract for Citon Computer Corporation for Information Technology 2025: Monthly services, annual renewals, and capitol expenditures

The District Representatives approved addendum to Aniwahya Consulting Services contract for continued professional skills and services support assisting the MLBO Waivered Services department with the Money Follows the Person Initiative.

The District Representatives approved contract for Lakeview Behavioral Health to provide professional mental health psychiatric services across all districts including Four Winds.

The District Representatives approved contract for MLCV to provide services contract for 4/18/24-6/30/26. The contractor will complete the implementation of securing the contractors for the proposed updates to Big Sandy Lodge. All grant funds would be allocated specifically to objectives and initiatives.

The District Representatives approved contract for Minnesota Timberwolves to provide game nights with positive speakers, youth basketball clinics and job shadow opportunities for youth.

The District Representatives approved contract for Saint Cloud Refrigeration to provide heating/cooling, seasonal preventative maintenance, inspection services, on-going minor equipment repairs, emergency repairs.

The District Representatives approved request for a contract addendum ratification for the FSX Court service agreement's e-filing & e-service system, which provides a simplified means of serving and filing of court documents to and from Tribal Court.

The District Representatives approved Hardship Request: D2-02-11-24

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Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind was not present.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared a reminder the gift card distribution will be Thursday, December 12, 2024 and Friday, December 13, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the old District I community center, you can also pick up at the District I Christmas party December 18, 2024 from 4:30 pm. - 5:30 p.m. She shared the Urban gift card distribution will be next Friday, December 20, 2024 at the urban office 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and during the Urban Christmas party on December 21, 2024.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared a reminder for the Raiders Round Dance this Friday, December 13, 2024 at the Chiminising community center, dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. Sponsors are District I Representative, District II Representative, Chief Executive, Isle & Onamia Indian Education Departments, Isle & Onamia parent committees, MLCV and the Gii-Niigaanizijig program, miigwech to all our sponsors. She shared on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 youth Christmas party in East Lake starting at 5:30 p.m. and December 19, 2024 in Chiminising starting at 5:30 p.m. Gift cards will be distributed, and you must be present at this time unless legitimate reason not to be there. She shared adult Christmas party will be December 20, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m. doors open at 5:30 p.m. and will be open to the public at 7:00 p.m. if not signed up during the entertainment portion. She shared she will be attending the District I Christmas party, District III Christmas party, and the Urban Christmas party next week.

District III Representative Harry Davis youth Christmas party Monday, December 16, 2024 at Aazhoomog will be giving out gift cards for that one. He shared the adult Christmas party will be December 20, 2024 at Grand Casino Hinckley starting at 5:00 p.m.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared a note for the record “What was seen here today while appropriating money. To appropriate money in the context of the Assembly to put money and spend money in a specific use. That’s what the Reps are doing here when these bills are going out and you seen today and on the record a lot of people checking and double checking how that money is spent, it’s the people’s money and the system that we have in place you see in play a real good method of accounting for that money, you see the commissioner of finance and the commissioners from the executive branch who are requesting the money to be spent for a specific use and the check against that is the representatives of the people who sit here on the Band Assembly. That method of being accountable for spending of those money I know it happens week in and week out, but just taking a look at if anyone cared to review that duration or what it took to get through that bill, the group and the people can take some pride in how this government and accountability that’s being shown here for all the monies that come out and that’s it. The appropriation of the people’s money and the accountability of how that moneys spent; that’s what was seen here.”

Workshop

December 12, 2024

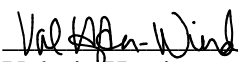
Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding joint powers agreement follow up, watershed agreement, Band Member Legal Services (BMLS) board follow up, Cannabis Regulation Department executive director follow up, Three-branch meeting follow up, and Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) bill.

Tribal Executive Meeting

December 12, 2024

The elected officials and staff attended the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee meeting.

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



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