



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: September 15-19, 2025

Workshop

September 16, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Health & Human Services Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Charter resolution and proposed cannabis regulations.

Weekly Sync Meeting

September 16, 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

September 17, 2025

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

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Record (BAR): March 26, 2025.

Band Assembly took from the table and received a presentation from Zach Atherton-Ely & Arik Robertson regarding Lake Leaf Retail Cannabis Presentation. Executive session.

Band Assembly received a presentation from MLCV Associates regarding Hinckley Low Income Housing Presentation. Executive session.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Robbie Sawyer regarding SLOTCO Presentation. Executive Session.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-45-25 (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, 2025 and Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District II Representative.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-46-25 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation and Authorization of Long-term Savings funds for the funding of secured loan agreements to Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) in order to pay for various expenses which MLCV does not have sufficient funds to pay for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 and Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-47-25 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for October and November 2025 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-48-25 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for October and November 2025 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (“TGWEA”) Assistance Payment Programs for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-04-56-25 (A Resolution approving the amended Public Law 102-477 Master Plan for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for the time period beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028). Sponsor: District III Representative.

The District Representatives approved Special Revenue Resolution 21-03-03-25 (A Special Revenue Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to execute, deliver, and cause the performance of a modification to the principal payment date of certain pass-through loans to Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures and its operating subsidiaries). Sponsor: District I Representative

The District Representatives approved a contract with Thompson Excavating, LLC., to deliver black dirt for multiple project sites in Districts 1, 2, and 3.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Garrison Disposal, Co. to add more funds additional funding to contract. To cover expenses for home demolitions of burnt structures.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Peoples Service, Inc., to conduct daily monitoring of Zhingwaak Water/Wastewater System, and complete necessary emergency repairs to lift station and hydrant flushing in the District III Zhingwaak Housing Development.

The District Representatives tabled a contract for Garrison Disposal, Co., to provide roll-offs at the Band’s transfer station, commercial dumpsters, recycling pickup, and provide service to Districts I & II community cleanup events.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Twenty4seven Fire & Security Inc., to provide annual inspection, monitoring & servicing of the fire protection systems at the Band’s facilities in All Districts.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Rum River Electric In., to provide electrical services for the Band’s facilities in All Three Districts.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Deerwood Technologies to provide Police Department server work station equipment installation, maintenance, and repair services.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Guardian Fleet Safety to provide Police vehicle equipment installation, maintenance, and repair services in District I.

The District Representatives approved a contract for the City of Garrison, Fire & Rescue to provide fire services in District I.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Delores Mitz to provide transcriptions of police interviews, audio, and cameras.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Andrea M. Hendel of Sunrise Wellness to provide mental health in accordance with the contract.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Intertribal, LLC., to provide OneTribe TANF software support and OneTribe WIOA software support.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-09-09-25.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-08-09-25.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 21-04-49-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Budget Revision for the Legislative branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025). Sponsor: District II Representative

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind shared “First I want to start off by thanking Band departments, Band Assembly, the Speaker, everybody for you know working through this time and you know as you seen on the agenda the last couple weeks there are a number of contracts for next year so I think for the first time ever prior to 10/1 or prior to that big 10/1 rush we’re kind of ahead of the contracts a little bit here and really that hope and call out to the other departments out there if you have annual contracts let’s try to get them in here, my office by this Thursday so that we can get them on next week’s agenda stay within session and of course have them done before the 10/1 cutoff, no promises to the Assembly that we’re going to quite do that. So, I know that next week is the last meeting in session so I really do appreciate everybody for putting that in especially you know the departments, the Assembly and of course my office staff for getting that stuff done. Second wanted to note and thank you guys again for the support and cleaning up our communities as you seen today on the agenda there was a contract for Garrison Disposal that required you know a change, right? And really that was in line with cleaning up our communities so there were a number of burnt properties within the Band that have been cleaned up, so thank you guys for that and I also want give a shout out to you know Earthworks and roads for doing those demos and kind of cleaning up those areas, so thank you guys for that. Number three just a shout out to the Aanji staff, Kristian Thiesz and his staff as well as my staff for working together and getting that Aanji plan done, I really do appreciate that, from the Band Assembly as well, you know we really looked at aiming at being able to continue and provide those services through Aanji for all of our Band membership, so really appreciative of that. Number four I was reached out by, I was trying to figure out who it was or what there, its kind of a grassroots thing that’s going on out in D3, it’s a smudge walk that’s going to occur Saturday afternoon starting at Meshakwad at noon, so very happy to you know partner with the D3 community on that smudge walk, but also proud and a call out for any singers that want to ride on the float if you will or on the trailer for that smudge walk so again we start at noon on Saturday and I think there’s going to be a little smudge walk in the D3 area and then a transition out to Aazhoomog for a potluck meal at 4:00 p.m. and then lastly announcement for Band members all throughout the Districts, so in concert with recent conversations that we’ve had recent articles we have scheduled a number of Chief community meetings that will be coming up, the dates I hear are kind of conflicting with other things that are going on so we’re really trying to figure that out, tentatively we’re starting, so the whole idea is that the Chief’s office Executive Branch will be in each District once a quarter, so a tentative plan is first month in each quarter will visit four different areas, so District I will have one, every quarter District II will alternate from East Lake to Chiminising, District III will alternate from Aazhoomog to Hinckley and then of course the Urban one will happen as well. With just a note there that we are going to alternate in those two thinking that we can pull people from each District you know that want to attend, but we are going to start with the district III community tentatively again I know we’re doing our best, but tentatively Thursday, September 25, 2025 at the Grand Casino Hinkley ballroom all of these will start at 5:30 p.m. District I will happen on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at

Grand Casino Mille Lacs events center. District II again starting up in McGregor or sorry East Lake will happen on October 15, 2025 and then our first Urban one will happen on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at the All Nations Church. Again, those dates are tentative at best but we're doing our best to not step on any toes but wanted to start them off quarterly here in September and October. Miigwech."

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared an apology for being under the weather, having a little cold and sounding congested. She shared she wanted to remind folks for District I she has a community meeting next week September 24, 2025 and it's actually going to be an annual meet and greet that the former District I Representative had initiated and it's going to be with the Nay ah Shing, Onamia, and Wewinabi teachers and staff, if you have kids in school in any of those schools please come over and meet and greet with the teachers and staff and get to know them. Happening next Wednesday at the Miskwaanakwadookwe center. She shared the elder listening circle will be on Sunday, September 28, 2025 starting at noon.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared she will be having the Chiminising community meeting tonight and we had quite a few informational tables last night in East Lake, was really good to see those programs coming out and making sure they're providing resources to Band members. She shared there is a Climate Change Government to Government forum tomorrow at Grand Casino Mille Lacs that's going to be starting at around 8:30 probably ending towards the evening time so come on out if you want to hear about environmental issues, we have a group of kids that are going to be speaking from their perspective. She shared next upcoming week we have our elder picnic scheduled at Father Hennepin State Park from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and that's going to be geared towards elders in District II District IIA but it's not limited, all elders are welcome to come. We're going to be having a picnic and music depending on the weather it might be moved to the Chiminising community center. She shared looking at October she did confirm with the folks at Lake Leaf cultivation and the retail soft opening for Chiminising will be Thursday, October 2, 2025 and then the grand opening will be Friday, October 3, 2025 she wanted to make sure that it's out there and people are aware, spread the word we're having that in our community.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared same thing Virgil mentioned earlier about the smudge walk in District III at noon at Meshawakwad first and then to Aazhoomog for a meal. He shared our community meeting will be tomorrow Thursday, September 18, 2025 we changed the location from the Casino to Meshakwad we're going to have representatives from East Central Electric they have information to share with us and also Health & Human Services with Nicole Anderson giving us information on services.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared he wanted to let membership know and everyone else that the newest versions of our statutes have arrived. This is a product of collaboration of the Band, the Legislative Branch and the staff as a whole we expanded to two volumes now and this is the work of the Revisor of Statutes Reen Reinhardt she left for the day. Very proud of the work of these books.

Workshop

September 18, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe continuing resolution, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures continuing resolution, Title 16 revisions,

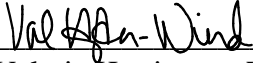
Hinckley low-income housing appropriation request, SLOTCO appropriation request, and Commissioner Applegate and Chief Executive Wind presented two options for renewal of the Beehive Water-Over-Nickle contract.

Workshop

September 19, 2025

Speaker Boyd facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding SLOTCO funding letter review, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe continuing resolution, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures continuing resolution, and Hinckley low-income housing appropriation request.

The next Regular Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.



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