



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: January 29-February 2, 2024

Band Assembly Meeting

January 31, 2024

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: January 24, 2024.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources regarding update on Talon Mine Issue.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Jamie Edwards, Special Advisor on Government Affairs regarding State Legislative Priorities update.

Band Assembly received a presentation from Lucious Wade, Mille Lacs Band Member regarding Band Member Programs.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved contract addendum for the Long-Term Homeless Support Service Grant contract to extend the date to December 31, 2025 due to added funding grant. (Tabled 01/24/24)

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-05-24 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of the Mille Lacs Band Government, Circle of Health, Gaming Regulatory Authority, Department of Athletic Regulation, Supplemental Income Program for Elders, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Housing Initiative, and Band Member Legal Services Fiscal Operations Until February 29, 2024).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-06-24 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations until February 29, 2024).

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with thanking Monte Fronk and the SIRVS pet clinic service in District I over the weekend. Representative Wind shared his announcements are similar to last week. Representative Wind shared District I community meeting tonight at the new district I community center at 5:30 p.m. on the agenda is a welcome and legislative update from the District I Representative and Jennifer Ballinger & Shelly Day, Waivered Services. Representative Wind closed his comments with he did a monthly video update. The video is a summary of what the District I office did last month. Please find the video on the Mille Lacs Band YouTube page. <https://www.youtube.com/user/MilleLacsBand>

District III Representative Harry Davis opened with District III community meeting will be February 15, 2024 the 3rd Thursday of the month, he will update presenters once confirmed. Representative Davis closed with he will be out of the office February 8, 2024.

Band Assembly Meeting

February 1, 2024

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

Band Assembly conducted a continued compromise hearing regarding Vetoed Act 03-24 Enacting a Cannabis Code as a new chapter within Title 15 – Independent Agencies. The hearing commenced at 9:02 a.m. with an opening statement from Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin. Following the opening statement there was a statement from the sponsor, District II Representative Wendy Merrill, District I Representative Virgil Wind, District III Representative Harry Davis, and Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd. Following the statements there were comments made by General Counsel Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Chad Ambroday and Solicitor General, Caleb Dogeagle. The compromise hearing was closed at 10:27 a.m.

Workshop

February 2, 2024

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, and Commissioner of Finance regarding draft letter to the Chief Executive regarding the compromise hearing for the cannabis code.

Joint Session of the Band Assembly Meeting

February 2, 2024

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Joint Session of the Band Assembly. The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved the agenda.

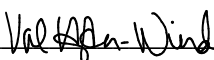
The Joint Session of the Band Assembly amended and approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 21-01-06-24 (A Resolution Appointing an Election Contest Judge and Alternate Election Contest Judge for the 2024 Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election on the Mille Lacs Reservation).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 21-01-07-24 (A Resolution Approving the use of an Automated Ballot Tabulation System for the 2024 Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election on the Mille Lacs Reservation).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 21-01-08-24 (A Resolution Designating the Community Room at the Old District I Community Center as the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Election Office).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly amended and approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 21-01-08-24 (A Resolution Defining the Mille Lacs Band Reservation to Establish Voting Districts and Designate Polling Places).

The next Band Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.



Valerie Harrington-Wind
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