



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians  
*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

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**Weekly Review: May 20-24, 2024**

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**Workshop**

**May 20, 2024**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, staff, and Commissioner of Finance regarding the annulment of solicitor's opinion 48-24.

**Workshop**

**May 21, 2024**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding the draft Revolving Loan Fund bill.

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**May 22, 2024**

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

The District Representatives tabled Band Assembly Record: March 22, 2024, Band Assembly Record: March 27, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 10, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 15, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 24, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 27, 2024, Band Assembly Record: April 30, 2024, and Band Assembly Record: May 15, 2024.

Band Assembly conducted a confirmation hearing for District Court Judge position with David Christensen, Nominee.

The District Representatives approved Nomination (A nomination from Chief Benjamin, nominating Tracy Burr to serve as the Commissioner of Community Development. Current term ends June 30, 2027).

The District Representatives approved Nomination (A nomination from Chief Benjamin, nominating David Christensen to serve as the District Court Judge. Current term ends August 15, 2026).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 21-01-31-24 (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 Year ending September 30, 2024).

The District Representatives approved contract for Safety First Playground Maintenance to provide installation of playground equipment in District 1.

The District Representatives approved contract for Yaekel -Black Elk Counseling and Consulting to provide mental health services including classroom observation, documentation and providing recommendations for classroom interventions, and training for both staff and parents in Early Education in all districts.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-19-24 (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 June 30, 2024).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 21-01-20-24 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until June 30, 2024).

**Messages from the Chief Executive:**

Chief Benjamin was not present during this portion of the meeting.

**Messages from the Representatives:**

District I Representative Virgil Wind congratulated Tracy Burr and Judge David Christensen. He thanked Nay ah Shing Abinoojiyag School for the fun run Friday, May 17, 2024. He announced that open gym is continuing Saturday and Sunday through May and June. He reminded everyone that the rescheduled adopt a shoreline and Rez road cleanup is tomorrow for District I and District IIA. He reiterated that on May 27, 2024 in partnership there will be a Memorial Day pow wow at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum 1:00 p.m. grand entry. He said the District I community meeting will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. He reminded Urban band members there is time set aside to meet with him; please reach out to Darla Roache at (320)362-0793. He announced Sunday, June 2, 2024 1-4pm will be the DI Wellbriety feast at the old community center. He lastly shared Urban office open house Friday, May 31, 2024 11am-2pm.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill congratulated Tracy Burr and Judge David Christensen. She shared tonight is the Chiminising meeting hosted by Cheryl Miller, adding that the speakers are Nicole Anderson, Commissioner of Health & Human Services and Joe Nayquonabe Jr. MLCV. She shared the Rez road cleanup is tomorrow at Chiminising 8:00 a.m. registration.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared Chi-miigwech to District I Representative, Virgil Wind for helping with 2024 Hinckley/Finlayson high school pow wow after graduation Friday, May 24, 2024 between 8-8:30 p.m. in the parking lot. Lastly he shared the June community meeting will be Thursday, June 20, 2024 at Meshakwad.

**Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:**

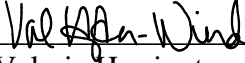
Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd had no messages.

**2024 Adopt a Shore & Rez Road Clean Up May 23, 2024**

Elected officials and staff attended the District I and District IIA clean up event.

**Band Holiday Memorial Holiday May 24, 2024**

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

  
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Valerie Harrington-Wind  
Chief Communications Officer