



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: July 7-11, 2025

Workshop

July 8, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding Title 16.

Weekly Sync Meeting

July 8, 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

July 9, 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 Bill 21-04-32-25 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget/payroll revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Dirt Doctor snow plowing and removal. Contract end date September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Lakeside Lawn Care, LLC to provide and install a fishing pier at the District I Pow Wow grounds. Contract end date September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for MPJ Enterprise, LLC to provide materials and labor to replace an onsite septic system for a privately owned Band member home located in Hinckley through I.H.S. funding. Contract end date September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a Contract for Anderson Brothers Construction Company of Brainerd LLC., to provide materials and labor to repave Ojibwe Drive, Ataage Drive, Mosey Drive, and Anishinabe Drive in District I. Contract end date October 31, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Sapientia Law Group to continue providing Attorney services as the current contractor has changed Law Groups, as submitted. Contract end date September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Pine Technical & Community College to provide client classes for job skills to obtain employment. Contract end date September 30, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Marine Dock & Lift to deliver, assemble, install a floating EZ Dock and remove the existing dock system at 465th Lane, McGregor, MN. 55760, as submitted. August 31, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Dr. Tyson Burningham, MD for part-time clinical support in internal medicine, as submitted. Contract end date December 31, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Lakeview Behavioral Health to provide one LAD on-site five (5) day a week. Contract end date December 31, 2025.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Therapy Associates, Inc., to provide speech language pathologist services to assess language needs. Contract end date June 30, 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Gwen Marshall to provide occupational therapist services. Contract end date June 30, 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Janice Lippitt; NCSP, Ed Spec to provide school psychologist service to assist in the evaluation and re-evaluation of students. Contract end date June 30, 2026

The District Representatives approved a contract for Gov2biz, Inc., to develop and launch the DCR's online licensing/compliance platform as required by MLBS 1203 € (4). Contact end date October 31, 2030.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-02-06-25.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-03-06-25.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-04-06-25.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-05-06-25.

The District Representatives approved Hardship: D1-06-05-25.

Messages from the Chief Executive:

Chief Executive Virgil Wind shared July 9th marks a special day one year ago of being sworn in as Chief Executive with inauguration ceremony at Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures. Over the year he shared a brief list Administration currently under restructure, currently under contract to upgrade the Information Technology department, Human Resources restructure with new HRS platform, Health & Human Services family services revamp, child advocacy center will open next month in Wahkon, bringing up to date Elder services and Circle of Health, MLCV right sizing and restructuring MLCV with over 9 million in savings with cuts aimed at right sizing the company, Ventura should be coming on board in August for Urban members 36 units of apartments in Minneapolis, Mission creek in District III is now leasing up, MLCV first ever market rate housing, MLCV also noting bigger work not to undermine the daily hard work, Cannabis realm cultivation is jumping hurdles and getting well developed and will be up to full capacity soon, special note during this first year we opened cannabis retail in District I a month ago, Hinckley opening coming up soft opening today and tomorrow at noon please join us there, shout out to Assembly we need to get together to figure out permanent retail to get that going before building season ends, Department of Natural Resources thank you for ratifying Commissioner Kelly Applegate his hard work in diligence for protecting our sovereignty and protecting our children and integrating children into the things they do at DNR, Shout out for ratifying Commissioner of Education Raina Killspotted for continuing her role and her hard work in securing grants over 19 million in funding for the rehabilitation of Nay Shing Schools, Community

Development huge shout out to Band Assembly for approval of Strategic Housing Plan since then there have been over a dozen loans and a currently in the process of creating a finance position to accommodate more loans. Staffing up to make sure we alleviate the boarded houses this year. He also shared the ceremonial buildings being rehabbed in both District I and District III at contract with both of them. Thank you, guys, for a wonderful successful year. Thank you so much for the collaboration and working together for the betterment of our tribe and I can't think of a tribe in the world that's more blessed than the Mille Lacs Band to be where we're at; it's because of the Elected Leadership that we've had in the past and the current Elected Leadership. Miigwech Mi'iw.

Messages from the Representatives:

District I Representative Carolyn Beaulieu shared a reminder for the Community Funday Sunday, July 13, 2025 all districts are welcome, Tribal Police will grill hotdogs, hamburgers, beans, and chips. The NAS School Frybread band will be playing for two hours. Chief Executive office will host kick-ball tournament Facebook has a flyer and information on that. She shared we have enough volunteers for cribbage tournament and a couple sessions of Bingo. The splashpad will be open. They will have prized games of 3-legged race, water balloon toss, and a few do it yourself games. She shared they will have professional clowns doing face paint and balloon twisting upstairs. She shared they will have a dunk tank; hoping to get the Chief in there. Inside the center they have the foosball, ping pong, air hockey, and billiard tables available. She closed with she has been checking weather, they have the gym available for bad weather, hope to see you all there Miigwech.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill shared she would like to recognize Damien Regguinti as her intern that has been with her for three years, he's 18 he graduated high school, it was important for her to have a Mille Lacs Band Member interning to give him a good understanding about tribal government and what they do as District Representative, passing the knowledge on to the youth and dedicating that time for them to understand and learn. She gave a shout out to Aanjibimaadizing program without that program all the interns and people working in WEX; they are giving them a good opportunity to get the work experience they need. Miigwech. She thanked Commissioner Applegate for the movie premier last night called Ripple Effects it will be showcased and premiered online. She is excited to attend District I Representative's event on Sunday. She also shared there will be a ceremonial dish setting and setting the dates for the fall on Sunday at noon. All welcome to come. Miigwech.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared community meeting will be next Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley ballroom. Chief Wind announced the cannabis openings.

Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared a summary of what happened today, we're starting the fourth session of the 21st Assembly and he would like folks to be cognizant of the passage of time here we've been doing this quite a while and different folks come in and come on, we're always trying to be accountable to the membership and with the help of a lot of people that accountability has been really good where we're in a small percentage of governments as a whole and tribal governments that are accountable to membership and this process of these sessions of Band Assembly and the movement of funds is very meticulous and your District Representatives have time to consider all these contracts and appropriations of money, and we like to use the word to appropriate money and to all on the zoom and live stream to appropriate money is to put forth for a specific use and when they appropriate the money and as part of the bill there are two parts to that they put money put forth for a specific use and then they authorize the expenditures, here's what you

can use it for and now you can spend it. That's what's happening here with the district representatives during these sessions of band assembly with the money that flows here I don't want folks to get lackadaisical about the amount of money that comes through here every year, a hundred million easily. Have to recognize the duty and responsibility that the district reps have. And here in the legislative branch myself the speaker of the assembly and the staff our role here is to support these people in the performance of their duties as we move through the year. The accountability of the live stream case and point our audit our results of our audit was live streamed and that was the first. Our band historically has been producing good audits that's a testament to OMB and staff and also middle management. This is a big machine here and the strength of keeping track of money folks can point to middle management there's a lot of directors out here that are taking care of business and being accountable for the money that comes through here. Membership can look to your tribal government here they're doing a pretty good job and they're not losing any money it's all accounted for as it comes through here and it's a lot of money. He wanted to point out those two things.

Joint Session of the Band Assembly Meeting

July 9, 2025

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

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Resolution 21-04-07-25 (A Resolution approving the enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for those who meet the ¼ degree requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Resolution 21-04-08-25 (A Resolution denying the enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for those who do not meet the ¼ degree requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

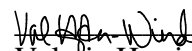
The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Resolution 21-04-09-25 (A Resolution denying the enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for applicants who were not born to an enrolled Mille Lacs Band Member).

Workshop

July 10, 2025

Legal counsel facilitated a workshop with the Band Assembly regarding bills amending a number of provisions in Title 3 and Title 4 of Band statute, Housing Board nominations, whether and how the Band's vehicle excise tax applies to automobiles won as prizes, and questions about MLCV subsidiary Makwa Global.

The next Regular Band Assembly meeting isn't scheduled at this time.



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