



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: August 1-5, 2022

Work Session

August 2, 2022

Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 4 (Tribal Employment Rights Office) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies).

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

August 2, 2022

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review also included discussion about the meeting and workshop schedule, a letter regarding Commissioner of Administration nomination, and a letter regarding proposed revisions to Title 3 (Legislative Branch).

Band Assembly Meeting

August 3, 2022

Band Assembly amended and approved the minutes from its meeting on July 27, 2022.

Band Assembly conducted a confirmation hearing for Commissioner of Administration nominee Melissa “Baabiitaw” Boyd. Band Assembly also received a presentation from the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs regarding Wewinabi Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Quarter 4 financial reports and a request for American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA) funding for the Mission Creek Estates workforce housing project.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-65-22 (A Bill authorizing a budget revision for the Gaming Regulatory Authority for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022). The District Representatives also voted to approve Resolution 20-02-28-22 (A Resolution Adopting the FY 2022-2025 Mille Lacs Band Transportation Improvement Plan and FY 2022 Tribal Transportation Program Retained Services, and FY 2022 Referenced Funding Agreement).

The District Representatives tabled the nomination of Ronald Smith to serve on the Mille Lacs Band Housing Board. The Band Assembly had previously received a letter from the Chief Executive selecting Ronald Smith to serve on the Mille Lacs Band Housing Board in accordance with 12 MLBS § 306(a)(6). The term end date for this position is June 30, 2026.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District II: FFH2120001 and tabled Hardship Requests D3-02-07-22, D3-03-07-22, D3-04-07-22, and D3-05-07-22.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind thanked constituents for reaching out and stated that their concerns are taken into account when decisions are made. Representative Wind also thanked the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department and Administration for their work hosting the National Night Out, which occurred the prior evening.

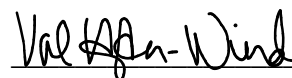
District II Representative Wendy Merrill thanked the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department for hosting the National Night Out. Representative Merrill stated that it would be great to have more leadership in attendance at community events. Representative Merrill also shared that she had recently posted the flyer for the Family Fun Night scheduled next week on August 11, 2022, from 6-8:30 p.m. and that a sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted at the Chiminising Community Center. Representative Merrill stated that a Family Fun Night will be scheduled next month on September 8, 2022, and any questions or concerns can be directed to email at Wendy.Merrill@millelacsband.com or my cell 320-362-4925 or Taria Aubid or Cheryl Miller.

Representative Merrill closed her remarks by stating that, if anyone is interested in providing feedback, a public comment notice for Title 3 Legislative Branch has been posted on the Legislative Branch Facebook page. Any comments must be submitted the Legislative office within 10 calendar days.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared that he will be conducting interviews for his vacant administrative assistant the following day and that constituents can expect more efficiency from his office as soon as an assistant is hired.

Secretary-Treasurer Boyd recounted how, the previous week, a Band member had exercised a function that was written into the Rules of Assembly to provide comment and testimony. Secretary-Treasurer Boyd encouraged membership to adhere to the five-day notice period, and the purpose of that is to notify the clerk and receive a sponsor. The name and topic that the Band member wishes to discuss then becomes an item on the agenda for membership to see and that would give notice and get the Band member's topic out there and hopefully have people come in and listen or log into live-stream to listen.

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, at 10:00 AM.



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