



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of May 16-20, 2022

Monday, May 16, 2022: Band Assembly occurred in Band Assembly Chambers and through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with all Representatives present.
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** May 11, 2022. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
 - a) 10:15 a.m. Continued Compromise Hearing
Re: Vetoed Band Assembly Bill 20-01-43-22. Compromise hearing was started with Madam Chief summary of issue. Honorable Representatives commented on issue. Hearing was closed and a new date will be set to meet compromise on issue.
 - b) 11:00 a.m. Amy Jensen
Re: Confirmation Hearing Institutional Investment Committee. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.
- **Unfinished Business: None.**
- **New Business: None.**
- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin was not present at time of messages.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Representative Wind shared a reminder of the upcoming Rez Road Cleanup event on Friday, May 20, 2022 District I registration is between 8-9 am all are welcome. Very huge thank you to the Executive Branch, Madam Chief, Administration, roads, and everybody for putting this together to beautify our community. All our welcome community members show up between 8-9am. Good prizes and

food. Legislation Compromise hearing today change is needed, updates are needed. Sometimes it's not easy sometimes it's not pretty, we have to compromise to get to where we need to go. He stated he hopes this legislation doesn't fall to the wayside due to the small disagreement. Hopes we're all willing to bend a little to get the Band where we need to go. Thank you everyone that participated. Thank you Judicial Branch, Executive Branch, Legislative Counsel, Honorable Representatives for your hard work on this legislation and we continue to push out legislation and come to terms we can all agree on. Miigwech. **District II Representative**- Representative Bruneau sent out a big thank you to Honorable Representative. Community Meeting Chiminising 5:30 p.m. Thursday May 19, 2022 and also the District II Cleanup is the same day. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- Representative St. John reserved message for tomorrow. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd had no message.

Tuesday, May 17, 2022: Band Assembly occurred in Band Assembly Chambers and through conference call and zoom.

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with all Representatives present.
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** May 16, 2022. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
 - a) 10:15 a.m. Andy Christensen
Re: Confirmation Hearing Institutional Investment Committee. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.
 - b) 10:30 a.m. Carol Peterfeso
Re: Confirmation Hearing Institutional Investment Committee. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.
- **Unfinished Business: None.**
- **New Business:**

- a) **Contract (Judicial):** A contract for Security & Sound Company for the installation of the audio & visual control systems, monitors, equipment and hardwiring in the two new courtrooms (Healing to Wellness and the main courtroom). Contract end date is September 20, 2022. Contract was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Chief Executive Benjamin was not present at time of messages.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Representative Wind
Representative Wind reminded his constituents that the District I community meeting will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the old community center. Also, he is partnering with the AM Vets, Women’s Auxiliary, and Mille Lacs Indian Museum to hold a Memorial Day Pow-Wow which will be coming up soon. **District II Representative-** Representative Bruneau stated that the District IIA community meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2022, please attend if you are able. He finished by thanking Secretary-Treasurer Boyd for achieving his goals with the institutional investment committee. **District III Representative-** Representative St. John stated the District III community clean-up event will start Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The District III Community meeting will also be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. we have a few presenters, one being a member of the Mille Lacs Band Tribal police. Mi’iw.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd had no message.

Wednesday, May 18, 2022: District III Representative hosted a Community Meeting for District III Community.

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- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed with all Representatives present.
District I Representative, Virgil Wind
District II Representative, Marvin Bruneau
District III Representative, Wallace St. John Sr.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was amended and approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
- a) **Band Assembly Record:** May 17, 2022. Record was amended and approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
- a) 10:15 a.m. Continued Compromise Hearing

Re: Vetoed Band Assembly Bill 20-01-43-22. Continued Compromise hearing was started with summary of issue. Compromise was reached on other issues. Bill will be revised to meet the negotiated changes. Compromise hearing was closed. Deadline to meet agreement is May 21, 2022. Continued Compromise hearing was restarted and Representative St. John withdrew his sponsorship. With the bill no longer having a sponsor the bill dies.

- **Unfinished Business: None.**

- **New Business:**

- a) **Nomination:** A letter dated March 18, 2022 from Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominating the following investment professional to serve on the newly created Institutional Investment Committee. Per 17 MLBS § 204(g)(1), Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominates Carol Peterfeso to serve a 1-year term ending on December 31, 2022. Nomination roll call vote requested and the nomination passed.
 - b) **Nomination:** A letter dated March 18, 2022 from Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominating the following investment professional to serve on the newly created Institutional Investment Committee. Per 17 MLBS § 204(g)(1), Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominates Andy Christensen to serve a 2-year term ending on December 31, 2023. Nomination roll call vote requested and the nomination passed.
 - c) **Nomination:** A letter dated March 18, 2022 from Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominating the following investment professional to serve on the newly created Institutional Investment Committee. Per 17 MLBS § 204(g)(1), Secretary-Treasurer Boyd nominates Amy Jensen to serve a 4-year term ending on December 31, 2025. Nomination roll call vote requested and the nomination passed.
 - d) **Band Assembly Bill 20-01-50-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on May 16, 2022.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.
 - e) **Foster Care License: District I New FFH221004.** License was approved.
 - f) **Hardship Request D1-03-03-22.** Hardship was approved.
 - g) **Hardship Request D1-01-04-22.** Hardship was approved.
 - h) **Hardship Request D1-04-04-22.** Hardship was approved.
 - i) **Hardship Request D1-02-04-22.** Hardship was approved.
 - j) **Hardship Request D1-03-04-22.** Hardship was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin was not present at time of messages.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Representative Wind congratulated the three Investment Consultants and thanked them and congratulating them to their new positions and appreciating them for volunteering to move the Band in another direction. He gave a shout out to Secretary Treasurer Boyd for pushing this initiative and hopefully getting our Band investments to a better place. Really has been a lot of hard work on his part and also his patience with myself and getting me in tune and familiarized with what we were going. He announces that the Rez Roads cleanup was moved to next week. District I will happen next Friday May 27, 2022 check in time for employees and community members will be between 8-9 am at the Old Community Center. Everything will be the same just pushed out a week. Very excited and grateful for the opportunity to get our community spruced up a bit. District I Community will be held next Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Old District I Community Center with Gilda Burr and Tribal Courts coming with a presentation on the new Healing to Wellness Court and Connie Moose coming from Mille Lacs Band Foster Care. **District II Representative**- Representative Bruneau noted Community Meeting tonight at Chiminising 5:30 p.m. see you there. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- Representative St. John had no message.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd shared message regarding the Investment Board and the work that this Assembly, Madam Chief, and the staff have achieved during my time here. He stated what we have effectively done is redefined the position of Secretary Treasurer and was a catch up to the financial assets of the Band. He stated we made it possible for this position to responsibly carry out these duties given the assets of the Band moving forward. He stated we've created the infrastructure that accounts for lay people to come in here and learn this position and be responsible for the Treasury of the people. He congratulated everyone. We're just getting started, we have a lot of work ahead of us. He thanked everyone again.

District II Representative hosted a Community Meeting for the Chiminising Community members.