



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

**Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of September 6-10, 2021**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021:** Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** September 1, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** Brenda Moose, Confirmation hearing D2 Assistant Justice position. **Unfinished Business:** Resolution 19-04-78-21 License for Child Care and Foster Care License FFH2130007. **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-67-21: APB 8.30.21, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-68-21: Oct/Nov Per Cap, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-69-21: Oct/Nov/Dec ARPA/GWE Payment, Resolution 19-04-80-21 Resolution terminating 08-04-104-99 Land Lease (D2), Resolution 19-04-81-21 Resolution authorizing a land lease (D2), Resolution 19-04-82-21 Resolution for a grant submission NTIA grant – Broadband, Resolution 19-04-83-21 Resolution revisions Rent-to-Own Program, Contracts from apb minutes: CMD-3, HHS-4, Admin-1, Foster Care License: New: District I FFH21100011, Formal Notification – Scoping for Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel, and Formal Request Q4 projects. **Other:** None. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Discussed various items. Work Session schedule. Master Projects List review. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

**Thursday, September 9, 2021: Band Assembly occurred through conference call and zoom.**

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order.
  
- **Roll Call:** Roll call was completed 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:** September 1, 2021. Record was approved.
  
- **Reports and Presentations:**
  - a) 10: 30 a.m. Brenda Moose, Nominee for District II Associate Justice  
Re: Confirmation Hearing. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.
  
- **Unfinished Business:**
  - a) **Resolution 19-04-78-21:** A Resolution Approving a License to Operate Wewinabi, Head Start and Early Head Start in Districts I, II, and III **Tabled 9/01/21.** Resolution was taken from the table and approved with a waiver of the formal reading.

- b) **Foster Care License:** New: District III FFH2130007 **Tabled 9/01/21.** License was taken from the table, discussed in Executive Session, and approved.
- **New Business:**
    - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-67-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on August 30, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District II Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.
    - b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-68-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the October and November 2021 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adult members for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on September 1, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District III Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
    - c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-69-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the October, November, and December 2021 American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“ARPA-CSLFRF”) Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (“TGWEA”) Assistance Payment for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Office of Management and Budget on September 1, 2021.  
**Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
    - d) **Resolution 19-04-80-21:** A Resolution to Terminate a Residential Lease Authorized by Resolution 08-04-104-99. Resolution was tabled.
    - e) **Resolution 19-04-81-21:** A Resolution Authorizing a Land Lease for Residential Purposes to Mille Lacs Band Member 410B037854. Resolution was tabled.
    - f) **Resolution 19-04-82-21:** A Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce-Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
    - g) **Resolution 19-04-83-21:** A Resolution Approving the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Rent-to-Own Program. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
    - h) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Busch Architects, Inc. to provide architectural services and engineering services for the expansion of the D2 Head Start facility. Contract end date is December 31, 2022. Contract was approved.
    - i) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Huot Construction and Services to provide labor and materials for a private Elder home renovation project in the Urban Area. Contract end date is March 1, 2022. Contract was approved.

- j) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for Knife River Corporation – North Central to provide labor and materials for the repaving of Van Gordon Road in District 3. This contract will be funded by BIA Grant Funds. Contract end date is October 31, 2021. Contract was approved.
- k) **Contract (HHS):** A contract addendum for Todd L. Smith to provide continued traditional medicine services two days per week, twice a month. Contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- l) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Citon to provide monthly support and systems maintenance for I.T. Firewalls, data back-up systems, help-desk services, cloud back-up, Microsoft office 365 support, detection and response. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was denied.
- m) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Citon to provide executive level information technology systems updates, security updates and software planning and implementation. Contract end date is November 30, 2021. Contract was denied.
- n) **Contract (HHS):** A contract for Carolyn French to provide Title IV-E consultation including determination of Band’s Title IV-E eligibility ratios and reimbursement rates, development of an IV-E manual, policies and procedures for Family Services Department. Contract end date is June 30, 2022. Contract was approved.
- o) **Contract (ADMIN):** A contract for Blue Stone Strategy Group, LLC. to provide consulting services to include a comprehensive assessment of current operations, processes and staffing analysis of departments within Mille Lacs Band, create actionable plans to support the strategic alignment of creating better services and programs for the Band’s membership. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was tabled.
- p) **Foster Care License:** New: District I FFH21100011. License was tabled.
- q) **Formal Notification** dated August 24, 2021 (Received September 3, 2021) from Joseph Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2021, Quarter 4 Capital Projects that reads as follows:

Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to open FY2021 Q4 capital projects. Per the revenue ordinance we must provide notice at least ten (10) business days before expending the money on a project equal to or exceeding \$25,000 and less than \$250,000. If the Band Assembly fails to stay the project within ten (10) business days after receiving notice, then Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures may expend money on the project.

**Grand Casino Hinckley Projects:**

1. **Fan Wall Project (H20-EXC-01)**
2. **Warehouse HVAC Project (H20-EXC-01)**
3. **Analog Lines Licensing Project (R21-RVP-01)**
4. **Hotel Door Lock Project (H21-SYS-05)**
5. **Scoping Services Grand Rewards Promotion Area (H21-PRO-01)**

**Grand Casino Mille Lacs Projects:**

**1. Epoxy Brand Burger Bar kitchen and dish room floor Project (M21-BBB-01)**

**Cross-Property Grand Casino Projects:**

**1. Grand Casinos - Workday Learning Worklet (C21-SYS-04).** Formal notification was discussed in Executive Session and approved.

- r) **Formal Request** dated September 1, 2021 (Received September 3, 2021) from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs to open a FY2021 capital project for Grand Casino Mille Lacs Scoping Services for the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel project. Formal request was tabled.
- s) **Contract (OSG):** A contract for Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Mielke, and Brownell to provide legal services to assist the Band with 6 debt facility agreements between the Band and Bank of America. The contract end date is September 30, 2021. Contract was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not present.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Not present. **District II Representative**-Still construction at Chiminising due to backordered items meeting scheduled is cancelled until further notice. Miigwech. **District III Representative**-Last notice to my constituents for dog ordinance they must be penned up or tied up, still have people getting chased. Will send memo to Solicitor General and Police department to enforce ordinance. Last notice. Community meeting next week. That’s all I have. Miigwech.
- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-**None

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Bill — Exclusion and Removal (Title 2) ([final review – discuss comment period](#)) Joe Jensen & Workshop: Bill — Legislative Sessions (Title 3) & Rules for Hearings of Inquiry ([final review – discuss comment period](#)) Hanna Valento & Joe Jensen

Legislative Staff Attorney & Revisor of Statutes presented on Exclusion and Removal & Rules for Hearings of Inquiry final review of the draft bill with discussion, questions, and comments. Plan to move forward for public comment.