



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

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## Weekly Review: June 26-30, 2023

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### **Workshop**

**June 27, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding Bill: Title 6 (HR Personnel Policy) and Bill: Minors' Trust. The workshop included discussion on upcoming Band Assembly agenda items and review of the workshop schedule and workshop projects.

### **Joint Session of the Band Assembly Meeting**

**June 27, 2023**

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

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved the joint session record for April 18, 2023.

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 20-03-07-23 (A Resolution Approving the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those who meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 20-03-08-23 (A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those who do not meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly Resolution 20-03-09-23 (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).

### **Band Assembly Meeting**

**June 29, 2023**

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

The Band Assembly received a brief overview of the audit process from Commissioner Towle and then received the financial audit from Brian Opsahl, Brady Martz & Associates, P.C. in executive session.

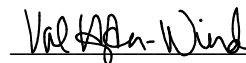
The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-03-25-23 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved BA Bill 20-03-42-23 (A Bill amending Title 15, Chapter 1 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”), to make comprehensive reforms to the Gaming Regulatory Act).

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened with thanking everybody in attendance last night at the District I Community meeting, great discussion on the legalization of recreational cannabis in the State of Minnesota and how it affects MLB. He also thanked the Representatives for attending all the community meetings in all areas about this very important topic. He also thanked the constituents for their input and reminded that there is still time to reach out to your Representative or the Chief or go online to [legislation@millelacsband.com](mailto:legislation@millelacsband.com) to provide public comment and until July 11, 2023 you can provide in person comment at the District I Office. Representative Wind thanked Revisor of Statute for attending all those meetings and collecting comments and concerns. Representative Wind shared to the Urban membership the Urban community meeting regarding the cannabis topic and whatever Administration has on the agenda will be tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the All Nations Church. Representative Wind closed his comments with shout out to GRA for everybody involved for getting this Title 15 comprehensive reform to GRA over the finish line thank you Madam Chief Benjamin for being willing to compromise and see the importance of this bill the process works sometimes. Miigwech Mi’iw.

In the “Message from the Secretary-Treasurer” portion of the agenda, Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared to note and highlight the compromise process you can see completed, the intent of the division of powers in play here where both sides need to compromise, and sometimes those work and when the bills do get through/passed here, this is kind of 50% here and it’s got to be signed into law by Chief Executive. Band Assembly here has done a great job in cuing up a lot of legislation in these last few years and some of its vetoed, some of it goes away, and some of its cued up and he wants membership to know it’s supposed to be like that it’s not a committee here, it’s not a majority vote and something happens, there’s contemplation, there’s back and forth and that’s kind of the intent of the division of powers.

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



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