



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: December 5-9, 2022

Joint Session of the Band Assembly

December 5, 2022

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

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved the minutes from the Joint Session of the Band Assembly meeting dated October 25, 2022.

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly selected Chief Executive nominees Elijah Staples and Colin Cash to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Office (“TERO”) Commission for terms beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2026. In a letter dated November 28, 2022, the Chief Executive had nominated Colin Cash and Peter Nayquonabe to serve in one of the TERO Commission positions and Elijah Staples and Mitchell Matrious to serve in the other position.

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly selected Lana Oswaldson to serve on the TERO Commission for a term beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2026. In a letter dated December 1, 2022, District I Representative Virgil Wind had nominated Lana Oswaldson and Danielle Smith to serve in the position.

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

December 6, 2022

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about the workshop schedule and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

December 7, 2022

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives approved the agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated November 30, 2022.

The District Representatives received a presentation from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs regarding FY23 Capital Projects Quarter 1 (exceeding \$250,000), and Wewinabi Operating Budget Request. Part of the presentation was completed in Executive Session.

The District Representatives approved Formal Notification received on December 2, 2022 from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2023, Quarter 1 Capital Projects that reads as follows: Please accept this letter as a formal notification that we intend to

open FY2023 Q1 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. Infrastructure Hardware and Software Replacement Project (H23-SYS-03)
2. Telecom Hardware and Software Project (H23-SYS-04)
3. Scoping Project (H23-PRO-01)
4. P.E.C. Project (H23-PRO-07)

Grand Casino Mille Lacs Projects:

1. Infrastructure Hardware and Software Replacement Project (M23-SYS-03)
2. Telecom Hardware and Software Project (M23-SYS-04)
3. Currency Sorter Project (M23-CTM-01)
4. Emergency Capital

The District Representatives amended and then approved amended Band Assembly Bill 20-02-95-22 (A Bill of Supplemental appropriation and authorization of American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“ARPA SLFRF”) and Permanent Initiative Funds for the Ventura Project for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives tabled Resolution 20-02-45-22 (A Resolution in Support of a Memorandum Understanding Between the Mille Lacs Band and the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Granicus to increase the amount of the contract due to the cost associated with training and setup for the new Granicus encoders and software.

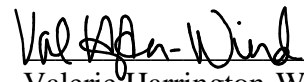
In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind thanked Garrett Sam for all that he does for the Legislative Branch in keeping everything running here, he’s an awesome guy and we really do appreciate you. Representative Wind wished a very happy 13-year anniversary and a lifetime of love to Representative Merrill and her husband Carlos today. Representative Wind stated he will be doing a video shortly of all the December happenings and updates. Representative Wind announced the District I Christmas party will be held on December 21, 2022, seating begins at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at Grand Casino Mille Lacs Convention Center, if you have any questions reach out to him directly at (320)630-1420 or call the District I office. Representative Wind stated that Ventura was a huge project for our urban membership and thanked the other District Representatives, Commissioner of Finance, MLCV for their persistence in getting this project done and having a stake in the ground for an asset down there that can serve our urban membership and provide some housing options, again thank you to all that were involved in that.

On behalf of District II Representative Wendy Merrill, District I Representative Virgil Wind shared for her that a Wellbriety feast would occur on Thursday, December 8, 2022, in Chiminising potluck style dinner. Adult Christmas party on Friday, December 9, 2022, at the Hinckley events & convention center. The youth Christmas party will be held on December 14th & 15th, there was an error in the paper so please be aware that the correct dates are December 14th & 15th. Remind everyone there is a women’s retreat on January 20, 2023, being held at the

Big Sandy Lodge. If anyone has any questions regarding that event please reach out to Representative Merrill, Cheryl Miller, or Taria Aubid. She is still looking for community members for our Community Action Committee.

District III Representative Harry Davis announced kids Christmas party will be out at Aazhoomog community center on December 15, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. They are still looking for a Santa we have a backup in case we can't find one from District III. Representative Davis announced adult Christmas party will be December 21, 2022, check the District III event page.

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM.



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