



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

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**Weekly Review: September 5-9, 2022**

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**Work Session**

**September 6, 2022**

Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 1 (Gaming Regulatory Authority) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies).

**Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting**

**September 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.

**Band Assembly Meeting**

**September 7, 2022**

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly and the District Representatives amended the agenda to add new business item “d” Resolution 20-02-34-22. The District Representatives thereafter approved the agenda.

The District Representatives amended and approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated August 31, 2022.

Band Assembly received a presentation from the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs regarding Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs capital projects.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved the formal request dated June 29, 2022 (received July 27, 2022) from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs for an American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) supplemental appropriation for the Mission Creek Estates project in Hinckley, MN.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-75-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer/revision for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives approved a contract for Cobra Construction Inc. to provide renovation of the Men’s Halfway House funded through a Department of Justice Renovation Grant.

The District Representatives approved a formal notification received August 30, 2022, from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, of FY2022, Quarter 4 Capital Projects.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-02-34-22 (A Resolution requesting an opinion of the Solicitor General regarding vacancies in the Nay-ah-Shing school board).

In the “Messages from the Chief Executive” portion of the agenda, Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin shared that there was a second Zoom meeting held the previous day for the non-binding referendum vote on enrollments and the next meetings will be held for elders for initiatives to bring forth to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee meeting. The dates for the upcoming elder meetings are September 15, 2022, in DI from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. with lunch provided; September 15, 2022, in DIII Meshakwad from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. with dinner provided; and September 16, 2022, in DII from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. with breakfast provided. Chief Benjamin stated that elders can attend any of the meetings and Urban still has to be scheduled.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind wished all students a happy and healthy new school year and stated that, if any support is needed, to simply reach out. Representative Wind thanked all the volunteers who assisted with the End-of-Summer event the previous Friday. Representative Wind stated that there were over 300 attendees and 200 backpacks distributed.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that the legislative survey closes September 30, 2022, and issued a reminder that paper copies can be submitted if not done online. Representative Merrill stated that the cook positions for the community meetings closes on September 30, 2022, and that anyone interested who has a safe serve certificate should reach out to Cheryl Miller or Taria Aubid. Representative Merrill stated that there is still a need for volunteers for the Minisinaakwaang Family Fun Night and that anyone who is interested can sign up and there will be a dunk tank fundraiser for McGregor Schools. Representative Merrill closed her comments by stating that the Minisinaakwaang elder meeting will occur on September 12, 2022, at the Assisted Living Unit.

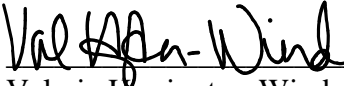
District III Representative Harry Davis stated that the End-of-Summer celebration event is rescheduled for this Friday, September 9, 2022 at Meshakwad.

### **Work Session**

**September 8, 2022**

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

  
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