



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of November 29-December 3, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** November 24, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** None. **Unfinished Business:** Foster Care License: Address change: D1: FFH18100010 Tabled 11/24/21. **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-14-22 (D3): appropriation bill for a.p.b. minutes 11.18.2021, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-15-22 (D2): amending Title 17 establishing an Investment Committee, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-16-22 (D2): Employee Bonus, Special Revenue Resolution 19-04-02-22: approving continuation, modification, and extension of MLCV loans, Contract (CMD): R&R Landscaping & Construction for emergency renovation project in D1 – Private Elder residence, Contract (GRA): MLCV to provide IT for GRA at both casinos, and Foster Care License: New (Relative Only) D2 FFH2120002. **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.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021: 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 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:** November 24, 2021. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations: None.**
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Foster Care License:** Address Change: District I FFH18100010
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-14-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2022. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board on November 19, 2021.
Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.

- b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-15-22:** A Bill amending Title 17 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) to establish an Institutional Investment Committee to assist the Secretary-Treasurer in fulfilling her or his oversight responsibilities of all investment-related matters, to include monitoring the performance of the Band’s investment assets.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
 - c) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-16-22:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill was introduced, read, amended, and approved.
 - d) **Special Revenue Resolution 19-04-02-22:** Special Revenue Resolution Approving Continuation, Modification, and Extension of the Maturity of Certain Band Pass-Through Loans to Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures and its Operating Subsidiaries **(Executive Session).** Resolution was introduced and tabled.
 - e) **Contract (CMD):** A contract for R&R Landscaping & Construction to provide labor and materials for an emergency disabled housing renovation project at a private elder residence in District I. Contract end date is March 15, 2022. Contract was approved.
 - f) **Contract (GRA):** A contract for MLCV to provide Information Technology services for Gaming Regulatory Authority, services will be performed at both Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Contract end date is September 30, 2022. Contract was tabled.
 - g) **Foster Care License:** New License: District II FFH2120002. License was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**
 - **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not present.
 - **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** As band membership has seen they got a little extra in their bank accounts during the holiday season. That’s because a lot of team work between all of us, the Executive Branch, and Mel Towle in really trying to provide the best services that we possibly can for band members out there, just a lot of team work and I want to say thank you to everyone involved in getting through this pandemic year and still be able to provide the best service as we tread through the waters of this pandemic that we’re in. With that to Band Membership have a great Holiday season please stay safe. This is a one time increase that you will not see next month, just want that to be very clear next month will be back to the November amount as of now. Just want to make that very clear. Involving the investment committee bill that was on today. A huge shout out to the Secretary Treasurer for really pushing to get that done he did a great job in advocating for it, a great job by everybody to make sure that it happened. As an initial opponent of the bill it took some time for myself to get on board and because of lengthy conversations and a lot of teamwork and a lot of explanation by everybody, I am very comfortable moving forward with that and I thank you all for that. Big shout out to Mel and his team, Legislative Counsel, everybody involved. The honorable Representatives here thank you guys for being patient as I grew comfortable with it.
District II Representative- Holiday Community Parties will be holding that at 5:30 p.m. at

Chiminising on Thursday, December 16, 2021 and at Minisinaakwaang the Community party will be Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Hope to see you all there, be safe take care. Miigwech. **District III Representative**- Reiterate a little bit of what Honorable Wind had to say about this good payment that you guys received. Take care of your priorities, I am sure there will be some left for your entertainment. You will get a letter that explains that along with your stub. District III Christmas Party December 23, 2021. Working on the entertainment right now. Was a tossup between Marc Yaffee and another. It looks like Tatanka Means, he was here twice before he really killed it, hopefully he has new material to come entertain us and we will have pictures taken like we had in previous years. Put on your duds and fix your hair, whatever you deem is necessary. Again keep your dogs penned up, tied up. Keep it between the ditches, stay out of trouble. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Thank the Band Assembly for voting this bill through, we have taken it as far as we can. Within the last three years with this group effort we have taken the Band years from where we were three years ago in the field of investments. Looking forward to exercising this mandate by law, if after it's signed into law. We will wait for the process to carry out. That's it, thank you all so much. Miigwech.

Thursday, December 2, 2021:

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 – Enacting Enrollments Code Adam Candler

Legal Counsel presented on Enacting Enrollments Code draft bill. Review of the draft bill with discussion, questions, and comments on various sections.