



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

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## Weekly Review: September 26-30, 2022

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### **Work Session**

**September 27, 2022**

Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Section 16 (Financial and Proprietary Information) of Title 25 (Revisor of Statutes).

### **Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting**

**September 27, 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, District 3 GRA Board nominations, meeting with Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures regarding the Ventura Project, end of legislative session, and discussion about tabled items and how legal advice should be rendered.

### **Band Assembly Meeting**

**September 28, 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 (h) nomination for Shannon Thomas and Wanetta Thompson to serve on the Gaming Regulatory Authority Board; item (i) a contract for Central MN Conflict and Pro Se Services, LLC; item (j) a contract for McKinnis and Doom; and item (k) a contract for SailorsAllen Law. The District Representatives then approved the amended agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated September 21, 2022.

The Band Assembly received an update and appropriation request from Mille Lacs Band delegate Michele Palomaki, who made the request on behalf of the delegation.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-82-22 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer/revision for the Judicial and Executive Branches for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-83-22 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Mille Lacs Band Delegates and Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives approved a contract for Huot Construction and Services, Inc. to provide labor and materials for a renovation project at a private elder residence in New London, MN.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Janice Lippitt, NCSP, EdSpec, to provide school psychologist services to Nay Ah Shing Schools for the 2022-2023 school year to include Pine Grove.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Therapy Associates to provide speech language pathologist services and occupational therapy assistant services to Nay Ah Shing Schools for the 2022-2023 school year to include Pine Grove.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. to perform an audit of the basic financial statements of the Mille Lacs Band for the three years ending September 30, 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively.

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-02-38-22 (A Resolution Approving the Continuance of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Non-Gaming, and Gaming Fiscal Operations Until October 31, 2022).

The District Representatives approved with a roll call vote the nomination for Shannon Thomas to serve on the Gaming Regulatory Authority Board.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Central MN Conflict and Pro Se Services, LLC for the purpose of direct representation of Mille Lacs Band members in the Mille Lacs Court of Central Jurisdiction and State of Minnesota District Courts pursuant to 24 MLBS § 1341.

The District Representatives approved a contract for McKinnis and Doom for the purpose of direct representation of Mille Lacs Band members in the Mille Lacs Court of Central Jurisdiction and State of Minnesota District Courts pursuant to 24 MLBS § 1341.

The District Representatives approved a contract for SailorsAllen Law for the purpose of direct representation of Mille Lacs Band members in the Seventh Judicial District Court, State of Minnesota District Courts pursuant to 24 MLBS § 1341.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that she is looking forward to seeing Band members at the urban community meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2022. Representative Merrill shared the dates of upcoming Halloween parties at Chiminising on October 26, 2022, and at Minisinaakwaang on October 28, 2022. Representative Merrill issued a reminder to R.S.V.P. for the Christmas party in order to facilitate the planning process. Representative Merrill shared that Chiminising elder/bingo would occur that evening at 5:30 p.m. Minisinaakwaang will occur on October 12, 2022. The two events are sponsored by Gi-Niigaanizijig and the District II Representative office. Representative Merrill closed her comments with a request for anyone needing to update their contact information to please contact Cheryl Miller or Taria Aubid.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared a plan for elder activity Saturday, October 8, 2022, overnight at Black Bear Casino with dinner and bingo.

## **Work Session**

**September 29, 2022**

Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 4 (Tribal Employment Rights Office) of Title 15 (Independent Agencies).

***The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, at 10:00 AM.***

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