



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

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## Weekly Review: September 19-23, 2022

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### **Work Session**

**September 19, 2022**

Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Title 3 (Legislative Branch) and proposed revisions to Section 16 (Financial and Proprietary Information) of Title 25 (Revisor of Statutes).

### **Work Session**

**September 20, 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 20, 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 the legislative priorities survey.

### **Band Assembly Meeting**

**September 21, 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 e) Band Assembly Bill 20-02-80-22 and item f) Band Assembly Bill 20-02-81-22. The District Representatives then approved the amended agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated September 14, 2022.

The Band Assembly received a presentation from Holland & Knight regarding issues affecting Native American tribes at the federal level. The Band Assembly also received a presentation from the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, conducted in executive session, regarding the fiscal year 2023 formal budget.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved the nomination of Rick Dunkley to fill a vacancy on the Nay-Ah-Shing School Board.

The District Representatives took from the table and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-76-22 (A Bill of Supplemental appropriation and authorization of ARPA Funds for the Mission Creek Estates Housing Development for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-79-22 (A Bill amending sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, and 34 of Title 3 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) to make grammatical, stylistic, and

typographical corrections and to amend timeframes for passage of laws and annulment of Commissioner's Orders and Opinions of the Solicitor General).

The District Representatives approved a contract for Joseph Flies-Away to provide a project evaluation and assessment of the Family Healing to Wellness Court, as required by the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation ("CTAS") Grant.

The District Representatives tabled Foster Care License: District I: New: FFH2210004.

The District Representatives tabled Foster Care License: District III: New: FFH2210005.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-80-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the October and November 2022 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-81-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the October and November 2022 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (TGWEA) Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind thanked Tribal Courts for their work on the Healing-to-Wellness Court. Representative Wind stated that every month he has a question on the per cap and Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act amounts and that he is in support of keeping the amount at current number as long as we can. If there is ever a decrease, he hopes it would be gradual and that Band members will have ample notice of the change. Representative Wind shared that the District I community meeting will be next Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the old District I Community Center. The speakers will be Danielle Smith and Michele Palomaki, who will provide an update on the MCT delegation, and Legislative Counsel Adam Candler; and Revisor of Statutes Hanna Valento, who will provide an overview of the Tribal Register and the legislative process. Representative Wind shared there is a no-purchase-necessary Vikings ticket drawing here in District I for the Vikings vs Lions game. Interested Band members should contact Nick Cash at (218) 537-6028 to enter. Representative Wind shared the District I Office will also be doing a no-purchase-necessary drawing for Fantasy Bingo October 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The drawing will be held October 3, 2022. District I and Urban Band members should contact Nick Cash at (218) 537-6028 with questions or to enter the drawing. Representative Wind shared that he will be available at the Urban office on Thursday, September 29, 2022. with spots available from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact Darla Roache at (320) 362-0793 to schedule an appointment.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that the community meetings would occur that evening in Isle and that Commissioner of Finance Mel Towle is scheduled to speak. Following the meeting, there will be an American Indian Policy Council meeting for any parents of American Indian students in Isle school. The scheduled speaker for the meeting the next day in East Lake is also Commissioner of Finance Mel Towle. Representative Merrill stated that, next Wednesday, the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures elder meeting will take place at Grand Casino Mille Lacs convention center and there will also be an elder dinner, with bingo, that evening in Chiminising. Representative Merrill shared that the urban community meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 29, 2022. Band members interested in scheduling a time slot should reach out to Cheryl Miller. Representative Merrill also stated that there would be a health fair that day in East Lake. Representative Merrill closed her comments with a reminder that she

is still looking for cooks to apply no later than September 30, 2022, and the legislative priorities survey will also close on September 30, 2022.

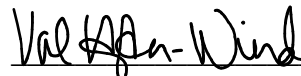
District III Representative Harry Davis stated the District III Community meeting would occur that evening at 5:30 p.m. with Monte Fronk on the agenda to discuss the FEMA program plan. Representative Davis closed his comments by stating that he is planning an elder activity and will make an announcement on District III social media.

**Work Session**

**September 22, 2022**

Legal staff facilitated a work session for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Section 15 (Tribal Register) and Section 16 (Financial and Proprietary Information) of Title 25 (Revisor of Statutes) and proposed revisions to §3103 (Definitions) and §3173 (b) (Character) of Title 8 (Children and Families).

*The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, at 10:00 AM.*



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