



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

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## Weekly Review: February 6-10, 2023

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### **Workshop**

**February 7, 2023**

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Title 8, Chapter 13 (ICWA Transfers/Jurisdiction).

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

**February 7, 2023**

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

### **Band Assembly Meeting**

**February 8, 2023**

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 February 1, 2023.

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-06-23 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer/revision for the Executive and Judicial Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-07-23 (A Bill Authorizing budget revisions for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives amended and approved Resolution 20-03-06-23 (A Resolution Expressing Support for the Housing Department's Commitment of NAHASDA Funds to Subsidize Rent for Band Member and Other Native American Families who will be Residing Within Venture Project Housing Units).

The District Representatives approved a contract with St. Cloud Refrigeration to provide preventative maintenance and inspection services and minor repairs for Nay Ah Shing Schools and Pine Grove.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with Great River Eye Clinic to finalize invoices for services and extend the contract date to December 31, 2022.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum with the Justice System Service Agreement. This addendum adds funds to support the on-going Tribal Court's Full Court Case Management System and extends the contract end date to December 31, 2023.

The District Representatives approved a provider agreement between the Band and Dr. Nerissa Kingelhofer to render Optometry Services the Band as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services.

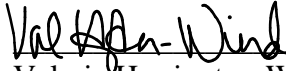
The District Representatives approved a provider agreement between the Band and Amanda Johnson Flemming to render Optometry Services to the Band as determined by the Commissioner of Health & Human Services.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: Renewal: FFH1810001.

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind opened up with a thank you to MCT for the invite to last night's annual dinner. He and Representative Merrill attended. It was a very wonderful dinner and was nice to mingle and have conversations with other tribes and their representatives and chairmen. Representative Wind stated that he needed to let the District I community know that we're having a community search for a missing relative here in the District I community. That search will happen tomorrow February 9, 2023. We will gather from 9:00-10:00 am at the new District I community center. The Sam family reached out. Volunteers are needed and much appreciated. Dylan has been missing since November 29, 2022. If you are willing to and able-bodied and want to come out and help the family and District I office orchestrate this search, please come over to the new community center tomorrow morning February 9, 2022. I did get verification from Assistant Commissioner Costello that MLBO employees may use community service hours with supervisor approval, looking to provide some comfort and assistance to this family. Whenever one of our families are hurt in this community, we're all hurting and it feels like we are really incomplete right now. So in the attempt is to assist this family and provide some comfort for them, if you have any questions regarding the search please reach out directly (320)630-1428. I don't have all the answers, but I can provide some. Representative Wind thanked Administration, Tribal PD, all the volunteers in advance for their dedication and for helping of one of our families here in the District I community.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated Miigwech to everyone that came out to the craft fair, she is looking to have another one in May. Representative Merrill stated that she will keep everyone posted on that. Representative Merrill stated that she does have a Chiminising community meeting on February 15, 2023, starting at 5:30 p.m., and a community meeting in Minisinaakwaang on February 16, 2023, starting at 5:30 p.m. The speakers for that meeting are going to be Niiyo Gonzalez, Commissioner of Education, and Raina Killspotted, Executive Director of Education. Representative Merrill stated that an open gym is scheduled on February 19, 2023, for both communities. There will be an Urban meeting February 23, 2023, and a round dance has been planned for February 24, 2023, starting tentatively around 5:00 or 5:30 p.m.

***The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10:00 AM.***

  
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