



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of May 9-13, 2022

Monday, May 9, 2022: 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 with 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:** May 6, 2022. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
 - a) 10:15 a.m. Continued Compromise Hearing
Re: Vetoed Band Assembly Bill 20-01-37-22. Continued Compromise Hearing was opened and Madam Chief provided list of items issues and needing clarification. The Honorable Representatives provided comments. The Hearing was closed with a request of a redline version request to the Chief Executive Office. The Bill will be reviewed once red line version is completed and a new bill will be reviewed and re-submitted.
- **Unfinished Business: None.**
- **New Business: None.**
- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin provided a public updated regarding the 477 program the Aanjibimaadizing. There was a conference last week that evaluated all the 477 programs in the country and our program under the Leadership of Baabiitaw and her staff we received the award for being the best program across Indian Country and she wanted to give them a shout out and would like to take them out to lunch soon. Note for record always improvements that can be had but to get that national recognition for our program says a lot of our staff that they're working hard to make changes and meet the needs of Band Members. Miigwech.
- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative-** Representative Wind thanked Madam Chief commentary on Title 6 the shortfalls of it hopefully we can compromise and

figure how to bridge that gap. Very appreciative congratulations to Baabiiitaw, great job! Reminder for the District I Community will be having Rez Road clean up event on Friday, May 20, 2022 kick off at old District I Community Center at 9:00 a.m. get there a little early. This has been an awesome collaboration between all branches of government, I know Madam Chief supports it and DNR has been great at implementing this. Very grateful of the whole thing. Miigwech. **District II Representative**- Representative Bruneau had no message. **District III Representative**- Representative St. John shared similar message to District I Honorable Wind's message regarding Rez Roads Clean up. District III Rez Road Cleanup will be May 18, 2022. Collaborating with DNR and MLCV. Start on May 18th we will start at Meshakwad 3 crews similar to last year. 1 crew will start at the Zhingwaak Hinckley area, 1 will be around 138th and County Road 20, and the 3rd will be out in Lake Lena Aazhoomog. Food and prizes after. If you don't want to go to Meshakwad going to make it that you can just come to the center and we will pick you up after and we will ride up have lunch and bring you back. Thought the comments Madam Chief made about this compromise hearing were just and we have to take another look at it with more eyes and ideas that come together. Even if Judicial would like to weigh in that's fine. Happy we can come together and resolve this and make it better. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd shared that last week he gave the incorrect information on Brianna Boyd's degree. She earned her degree from Bemidji State University and not Central Lakes College. Congratulations again Brianna.

Tuesday, May 10, 2022: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** May 9, 2022. **Reports and Presentations:** 477 Presentation. **Unfinished Business:** None. **New Business:** None. **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, May 11, 2022: 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 with 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 amended and approved.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Record:** May 9, 2022. Record was approved.
- **Reports and Presentations:**
 - a) 10:15 a.m. Tammy Wickstrom, Director of Aanjibimaadizing
Melissa "Baabiiitaw" Boyd, Deputy Assistant to the Chief Executive

Re: 477 Presentation. Presentation was completed with a review of a power point slide show and questions will be submitted to Aanijibimaadizing from the Honorable Representatives.

b) 11:30 a.m. Government Affairs

Re: Update **Executive Session**. Update was completed in Executive Session.

- **Unfinished Business: None.**

- **New Business: None.**

a) **Other Business:** Discussion/Annulment of the Opinion of the Solicitor General 45-22. Solicitor's Opinion 45-22 was partially annulled.

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Madam Chief Benjamin was not present at time of messages.

- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative**- Representative Wind had no message. **District II Representative**- Representative Bruneau had no message. **District III Representative**- Representative St. John shared there is a meeting tonight with Mille Lacs Band Tribal Police with Meshakwad Center at 5:30 p.m. in regards to possible abductions. If strangers approach you and what to do. Establish some safe houses to go to in the community and area. There is a threat going around kids being stolen and Native Women being abducted. Come to the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer-** Secretary Treasurer Boyd had no message.

Thursday, May 12, 2022: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly Members, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Commissioner's Order 14-22, Letter to Solicitor, and Letter to Chief Executive

Legal Staff presented review of Commissioner's Order 14-22 and proposed draft letters to Solicitor and Chief Executive.