



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of August 2-6, 2021

Tuesday, August 3, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** July 28, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** Confirmation hearings for DNR and CMD. **Unfinished Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-57-21 (D3) Red Willow Estates Foster Care License: Renewal: D1: FFH16100011. **New Business:** Band Assembly Bill 19-04-58-21 (D1) APB 7.22.21 and GRA Requests, Band Assembly Bill 19-04-59-21: (D2) Sovereignty Commission, Resolution 19-04-76-21: Child Support Grant FY2022, Contract (Admin): Audio Video Extremes, MOA: Between NAS and Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network, Foster Care License: New: District III FFH2130004, Nominations: Commissioners of DNR and CMD. **Other:** Department of Athletic Regulation, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Natural Resources
There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Work Session schedule. Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

District II Representative hosted a Community Meeting for District II East Lake community.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021: Band Assembly occurred 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:** July 28, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**
 - a) **10:15 a.m.** Kelly Applegate, Nominee for Commissioner of Natural Resources Position
Re: Confirmation Hearing. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

 - b) **11:00 a.m.** Timothy Jackson, Nominee for Commissioner of Community Development Position
Re: Confirmation Hearing. Confirmation hearing was completed with a summary and opening statement of the Nominee followed by questions and comments.

- **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-57-21:** A Bill of Supplemental appropriation and authorization of Long-Term Savings Funds for the Red Willow Estates Housing Development for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021. **Tabled 7/28/21**

Sponsor: District III Representative. Bill was taken from the table, discussed and re-tabled. Bill was taken from the table again, amended, and approved.

- b) **Foster Care License:** Renewal: District I FFH16100011 **Tabled 7/28/21.** License was taken from the table, discussed, and approved.
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-58-21:** A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revisions/transfers for the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Administration Policy Board Per Commissioner's Order 2021-03 on July 28, 2021, a memorandum submitted by the Director of Internal Audit dated July 27, 2021 and a memorandum submitted by the Interim Executive Director of the Office of Gaming Regulation & Compliance dated July 27, 2021.
Sponsor: District I Representative. Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
 - b) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-59-21:** A Bill for an Act to establish the Band Commission on the Exercise of Inherent Sovereign Rights of the Indigenous People who comprise the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.
The Band Assembly has determined that it is in the best interests of the Band that an independent commission be established to evaluate the Band's relationship with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This Bill creates an independent commission for the purpose of providing to the Band an analysis of possible courses of action. The commission is to complete its work by September 30, 2022.
Sponsor: District II Representative. Bill introduced formal reading was waived and tabled
 - c) **Resolution 19-04-76-21:** A Resolution Approving the FY2022 Required Match for the United States Administration for Children and Families Tribal Child Support Enforcement Grant. Resolution was approved with a waiver of the formal reading.
 - d) **Contract (Admin):** A contract for Audio Video Extremes to install new TV's and Audio equipment throughout the District I Aquatic & Fitness Center. Contract end date is October 7, 2021. Contract was approved.
 - e) **Memorandum of Agreement:** Between Nay Ah Shing Schools and Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network("MIIN") to focus on curriculum sharing and professional development within MIIN and the Band's Education Department to achieve common goals of furthering the language. Noted for record no action taken.
 - f) **Foster Care License:** New: District III FFH2130004. License was approved.
 - g) **Nomination:** A letter dated July 15, 2021 from Chief Executive Benjamin nominating Kelly Applegate for the position of Commissioner of Natural Resources. The 4-year term end date is June 30, 2025. Nomination was tabled.

h) **Nomination:** A letter dated July 21, 2021 from Chief Executive Benjamin nominating Timothy Jackson for the position of Commissioner of Community Development. The current 4-year term end date is June 30, 2023. Nomination was tabled.

- **Other Business:**

a) **Budget Review(s):** Department of Athletic Regulation, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Natural Resources. Budget review was completed for Department of Athletic Regulation and Tribal Employment Rights Office with summaries by Office of Management & Budget and representatives from each program with discussion, questions, and comments. Natural resources will be re-scheduled.

- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Not present.

- **Messages from the Representatives-District I Representative**-Excited about Red Willow Estates in District I area. Will have about 30 units, much needed in our area. Pow wow is still on as planned with no restrictions to outside gatherings. Asking constituents to reach out to nominations of Commissioners, would like if they reached out in support or with concerns. Reach out to office or him directly. **District II Representative**-Starting initial meeting for substance abuse treatment facility in August or September. Community Meeting last night in East Lake. Community meeting in Chiminising September 23rd construction continues. Appreciate support, stay safe out there Miigwech. **District III Representative**-Valley fair trip today. Stayed behind, hope all are having fun. Pay attention to the Aazhoomog FB page for events. Shared for two months and some people say they didn't see anything. Also shared on here on live stream. Join us live to hear. Miigwech Mi'iw.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer**-Two pieces of legislation will begin to lobby for. Investment Board improvement of duties under Secretary Treasurer under statute how it's don't is under Band Assembly, current method needs vast improvement. Has organization that will make improvements in overall management of investments. Draft bill out there, management of funds critical at this time, will elaborate at a later date. The other is the Data Practices Act, need for transparency on how Mille Lacs Band handles data. The draft bill has a sponsor District III Representative. Think people should take a look at bills and lobby to get put in place by Band Assembly.

Thursday, August 5, 2021:

Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members, Legal Counsel, Revisor of Statutes, Staff Attorney, and Legislative Staff.

Work Session Agenda: Ethics Presentation Adam Candler, Workshop: Bill – Title 26 – cleaning up language Adam Candler, and Mel Towle, Presentation/Workshop: Bill – Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act Adam Candler, Mel Towle

Legal Counsel presented on Title 26 cleaning up language. There was discussion on the draft bill with a plan to move forward when Commissioner of Finance is on the session. Presented on Title 6 Ethics section by section with discussion, questions, and comments. Legislative Intern presented on GWE with a power point presentation with discussion, questions, and comments on each slide. Partial discussion on Revenue Allocation Plan.