



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: January 16-20, 2023

Workshop

January 17, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials and staff regarding proposed revisions to Section 4 (Executive Officers) of Title 4 (Executive Branch).

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

January 17, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about a draft letter regarding a request for a legislative inquiry. The review also included discussion about the workshop schedule and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

January 18, 2023

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives approved the agenda.

The District Representatives amended and approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated January 10, 2023.

The District Representatives received a presentation from Teresa Kozumplik, Executive Director of OGR&C, regarding a Formal Gaming Regulatory Authority Board request for Independent Legal Counsel.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-02-23 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the February and March 2023 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-03-23 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the February and March 2023 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act ("TGWEA") Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives tabled Resolution 20-03-03-23 (A Resolution Approving the Amended Public Law 102-477 Plan for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for the Time Period Beginning October 1, 2022, Through September 30, 2025).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Portage to provide psychiatry services at the Ne Ia Shing Clinic, Four Winds and District 2, and District 3 clinics.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: Renewal: FFH0230001.

The District Representatives approved the nomination for Carol Peterfeso to serve on the Institutional Investment Committee for a four-year term that will expire December 31, 2026.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Earthjustice to provide legal services in relation to a proposed mine near Tamarack, MN.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind issued a reminder that the District I Community Meeting will be next week Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at the New District I Community Center at 5:30 p.m. The agenda includes a welcome and update from District I Representative, Mary Sam with a reflections & gratitude that was missed during the Sobriety pow wow, why it’s important and things we found through sobriety, Katy Radunz for OMB forms, and Commissioner Nayquonabe for a MLCV update and questions. Representative Wind stated he will attend the Urban Community meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the All Nations Church, unsure on start time reach out to him if time needed. He has some talk time with Virgil slot times available for that afternoon, please reach out to Darla Roache to schedule in person or phone conversation for that afternoon. Representative Wind stated Title 15 TERO we have been working on it very hard and getting close to going to public comment. Representative Wind stated that Title 15 GRA, which is sponsored by Representative Merrill, is currently out for public comment until the end of the month, reminding everybody that if you have some interest in that statute or some comments or concerns please submit your comment.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated we have our community tonight in Chiminising at 5:30 p.m. and tomorrow in Minisinaakwang at 5:30 p.m. Our speakers this month are Kelly Applegate and Tania Aubid to talk about the Tamarack mine so that contract is perfect in align to what we want to discuss. Representative Merrill stated she also will be at the Urban meeting as well with Representative Wind. If you want time with her contact Cheryl Miller or Taria Aubid. Representative Merrill stated we do have our open gym on the 22nd from 12-6:00 p.m. and anybody who wants to come from all districts everybody is welcome to attend, we do ask that people sign in and out and 12 and under need to have a parent present. Miiigwech to Eldayshun BigBear for getting a group of kids coming to the last open gym, we had some good basketball games going, and this is exactly why I starting doing that because I want kids in our community to be able to go places and have access to their community center. Representative Merrill stated and we had our first family fun night of the year with our traditional storytelling with Niib Aubid that was really fun that occurred on January 11th, but our next event will be on the 1st from 6-8:00 p.m. Again, everyone is welcome from all districts to attend bring a dish to win a prize, and then we just ask that kind of keep an eye on your little kiddos so that they are respectful to our elder that is talking. Representative Merrill stated the craft fair on Friday, February 3, 2023, 11-4 p.m. No vendor fees, if you would like to sell any items please reach out to Taria Aubid or Morningstar Goodsky, and Dawn Day and her family will be there to sell tacos.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared District III Community meeting will be tomorrow at Grand Casino Hinckley at 5:30 p.m. we’re going to have a discussion on our Meshakwad community center. Representative Davis welcomed boxers back to the boxing training program that is open again, we have been busy the last month or so, but now we’re opening for training.

In the “Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer” portion of the agenda Secretary Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared a note for those on the live stream we won’t have a scheduled Band Assembly next week, we will continue to retrofit the chambers here with additional cameras and

the electronics in the background to hopefully improve the experience that the membership has and the viewers.

Joint Session of the Band Assembly

January 19, 2023

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Joint Session of the Band Assembly. The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved the agenda.

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly amended and approved the minutes from the Joint Session of the Band Assembly meeting dated December 5, 2022.

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly 20-03-01-23 (A Resolution Approving the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those who meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly 20-03-02-23 (A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Those who do not meet the 1/4 Degree Requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

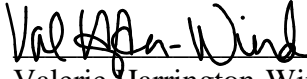
The Joint Session of the Band Assembly approved Joint Session of the Band Assembly 20-03-03-23 (A Resolution Denying the Enrollments into the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for Applicants Who Were Not Born to an Enrolled Mille Lacs Band Member).

Workshop

January 19, 2023

Legal staff facilitated a workshop 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, February 1, 2023, at 10:00 AM.



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