



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: August 22-26, 2022

Work Session

August 23, 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

August 23, 2022

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about confirmation hearings, procedure for formal public hearings, the legislative priorities survey, and workshop schedule. Lastly, Representatives held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas, and requests.

Band Assembly Meeting

August 24, 2022

Band Assembly convened, amended the agenda with removal of new business item “h,” and approved the amended agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from its meeting on August 17, 2022.

Band Assembly received a presentation from the Commissioner of Natural Resources regarding the proposed Beehive contract and appropriation.

The District Representatives took the nomination of Ronald Smith to the Housing Advisory Board from the table and approved the nomination.

The District Representatives took Band Assembly Bill 20-02-67-22 from the table, then amended and approved the bill.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-69-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Department of Athletic Regulation and Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-70-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer/revision for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-71-22 (An Appropriation Bill Repeal and Replacing Ordinance 68-22 to correct the budget numbers for the Supplemental Appropriation for the September 2022 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (TGWEA) Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-72-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-02-31-22 (A Resolution Identifying all of the Names by Which the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is, Has Been, or Might Have Been Known).

The District Representatives approved a contract for EZ Excavating, LLC to provide labor and materials to replace a septic system at a four-bedroom rental home in District II with IHS Funds.

The District Representatives approved a contract for EZ Excavating, LLC to provide labor and materials to replace a septic system at a five-bedroom rental home in District II with IHS Funds.

The District Representatives approved a contract for MPJ Enterprises, LLC to provide labor and materials to replace an onsite septic system for a three-bedroom rental home in District III.

The District Representatives denied a contract for Jack's Construction and Lawn Service, Inc. to provide labor and materials to construct a new detached garage for a four-bedroom rental home without a garage in District I.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC to provide labor and materials for residential renovations on a three-bedroom HUD rental and a three-bedroom regular rental in District I.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Optbit, LLC for the implementation, planning and management of software to support a Health & Human Services email archiving system.

The District Representatives approved a contract for American Indian Community Development Corporation to provide year one lease agreement of an optional three year lease option for the Aanjibimaadizing Urban office, with renewal options year two and three to commence on or before June 28th each coming year.

The District Representatives approved a contract for Beehive Strategic Communication to provide Public Relations Campaign services.

The District Representatives approved a contract addendum for Cynthia Bahe, Guardian Ad Litem Services, to increase the contract rate due to additional case load with custody and guardianship cases.

The District Representatives tabled a Formal Request dated June 29, 2022 (Received July 27, 2022) from Corporate Commissioner Joseph S. Nayquonabe for an ARPA supplemental appropriation for the Mission Creek Estates project in Hinckley, MN.

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind thanked everyone for attending the 56th Annual Iskigamizigan Pow Wow and added a special thank you to the Pow Wow Committee, Public Works, Administration, Roads Department, and everyone that helped. Representative Wind also shared that there were 31 vendors with thousands of people in attendance during the weekend. Representative Wind gave a shout-out to everyone that attended and participated in the parade and shared that the Four Winds Missing Murdered and Indigenous Women ("MMIW") float won the "Best Band Department Float" award. Representative Wind closed his comments with a reminder that District I will have an End of Summer event carnival-type event in place of the monthly

community meeting on September 2, 2022, from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., at the new District I community center.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill noted the cancellation of the Urban meeting tomorrow, but stated that she looks forward to the meeting next month on September 29, 2022. Representative Merrill described several upcoming events, including a ground-breaking for the Early Head Start expansion project this Friday at 1:00 p.m. and a September Family Fun Night at Minisinaakwaang from 6-8:30 p.m. Representative Merrill stated that she needs volunteers and that any volunteers can sign up at front desk at the East Lake Community Center. Representative Merrill stated that Vince and Dale will host a ceremonial drum this weekend and that Minisinaakwaang would be hosting an open house that evening at 5:00 p.m. Representative Merrill added that she is working to improve communication with Band members and will experiment with sending out mailers. Representative Merrill also mentioned the planning of an Elder dinner bingo partnership in Isle, an adult Christmas party, and a women's retreat in East Lake. Representative Merrill stated that she intends to partner with Commissioner Anderson regarding the women's retreat with a date in January 2023. Representative Merrill closed her comments by providing a shout-out to all the children that worked on the fashion show the previous night in the Ge-Niigaanizijig program.

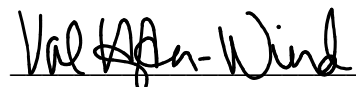
District III Representative Harry Davis stated the distribution for the State Fair tickets was in progress and is admission only.

Work Session

August 25, 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).

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, at 10:00 AM.



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