



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Band Assembly Weekly Update: Week of August 30-September 3, 2021

Tuesday, August 31, 2021: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. **Approval of Minutes:** August 25, 2021. **Reports and Presentations:** Minisinaakwaang Leadership Academy Re: Update/Donation. **Unfinished Business:** Resolution 19-04-78-21: Approving a license to operate Wewinabi in all 3 districts, Foster Care License D3 FFH2130007, Easement 1805 Moose Drive Isle, MN, and Easement 1855 Moose Drive Isle, MN. **New Business:** Bill 19-04-66-21 (DI): Amending Title 26, Resolution 19-04-79-21: Tax amendment agreement, Resolution 19-04-78-21: Approving a license to operate Wewinabi in all 3 districts, Policy: Rent-to-Own Program 8.16.21, and Policy: Rent-to-Own Program 8.27.21. **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, September 1, 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:** August 25, 2021. Record was approved.

- **Reports and Presentations:**
- a) 10: 30 a.m. Minisinaakwaang Leadership Academy
Re: Update/Donation Request. The report and presentation was completed by Minisinaakwaang representatives giving a summary and an overview of the academy and the donation request. There was discussion, comments, and questions throughout the presentation.

- **Unfinished Business:**
- a) **Resolution 19-04-78-21:** A Resolution Approving a License to Operate Wewinabi, Head Start and Early Head Start in Districts I, II, and III **Tabled 8/25/21**. Resolution was taken from the table, discussed, and re-tabled.

- b) **Foster Care License:** New: District III FFH2130007 **Tabled 8/25/21**

- c) **Easement:** Access Drainage and Utility Easement between the Band and the City of Isle for 1805 Moose Drive, Isle, MN. **Tabled 8/25/21.** Easement was taken from the table, discussed, and approved.
- d) **Easement:** Access Drainage and Utility Easement between the Band and the City of Isle for 1855 Moose Drive, Isle, MN. **Tabled 8/25/21.** Easement was taken from the table, discussed, and approved.
- **New Business:**
 - a) **Band Assembly Bill 19-04-66-21:** A Bill amending Title 26 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes (“MLBS”) for the purposes of amending § 6 (d), which incorrectly provides that the depository institution for all Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe elected official pension loans is Wells Fargo. **Sponsor: District I Representative.** Bill was introduced, read, and approved.
 - b) **Resolution 19-04-79-21:** A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Tax Agreement Between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians and the Minnesota Department of Revenue and Affirming the Imposition of Taxes and Fees in Accordance with the Tax Agreement. Resolution was read and approved.
 - c) **Policy:** Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe: Rent-to-Own Program, version 2, as approved by the Housing Board on August 16, 2021. Policy was denied.
 - d) **Policy:** Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe: Rent-to-Own Program, version 3, as approved by the Housing Board on August 27, 2021. Policy was approved.
- **Other Business: None.**
- **Messages from the Chief Executive-** Miigwech to Band Assembly and Housing for policy that will help our band members. Submitted biennium budget for Executive Branch today with new initiatives and also for ARPA funds. Miigwech to Band Assembly lots of good things coming out of this body. Sheldon is a strong Secretary Treasurer and Speaker of the assembly.
- **Messages from the Representatives-****District I Representative**-Reiterate great work from Legal Counsel, Revisors, and collaboration with other departments as Madam Chief stated. District I Office has Rocktember tickets, call Nick Cash or Legislative Office to get on the list for drawing. Rocktember is next Tuesday. **District II Representative**-Put into everyone’s mind resurgence of COVID take care and be aware for family and community. Planning continues for substance abuse facility. President Biden put out proclamation for national overdose awareness week, be aware of what’s going on out there. Be safe. Miigwech. **District III Representative**-Still have state fair tickets unutilized, held to if went to Valley Fair unable to go to State Fair. May not be held to that can call and see what you can get. Community meeting menu shared out on Aazhoomoog FB page. Remind everyone again Band Statutes and ordinance to have your dogs vaccinated tied up for the safety of all kids and others. See you next month. Miigwech.

- **Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer**-Summarize for record. When the two at large positions for Mille Lacs Band Speaker & Secretary Treasurer are voted by all three districts, under Mille Lacs Band law there are duties and roles strict to this office. Follow up on comments and notes. Staff have done a lot of work, a lot of collaboration, and achieved a lot of goals operating in an environment that's new. An open government. Changes of law with Revisors and Representatives that support, couldn't happen without them approving. On-going matters specific to a bill that's in draft form for Investment Bill. Going to get it in front of this body and Chief Executive, leave it at that for now. Miigwech.

Thursday, September 2, 2021:

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

Work Session Agenda: Workshop: Rules for Hearings of Inquiry Joe Jensen & Workshop: Bill Exclusion and Removal Joe Jensen.

Legislative Staff Attorney presented on Rules for Hearings of Inquiry. There was discussion on the draft bill section by section with discussion, questions, and comments.

Legislative Staff Attorney presented on Exclusion and Removal section by section of the draft bill with discussion, questions, and comments.