



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: January 9-13, 2023

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

January 9, 2023

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about an off-sale liquor license at Grand Casino Hinckley, the Gaming Regulatory Authority request for independent legal counsel, a request for amendments to the Band's Domestic Violence Code, a request for amendments to the Band's Child Protection Code, and a draft letter regarding a request for legislative inquiry. The review also included discussion about the workshop schedule and District Representative initiatives.

State of the Band Address & Band Assembly Meeting

January 10, 2023

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly prior to the State of the Band Address held at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. The meeting was recessed and reconvened at the Band Assembly Chambers where the District Representatives approved the agenda.

The District Representatives approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated January 4, 2023.

The District Representatives received a brief introduction from Andrew Luger, United States Attorney; Ann Bildtsen, First Assistant United States Attorney; Laura Provinzino, Deputy Chief of Violent and Major Crimes; and Angella LaTour, Community Outreach Coordinator.

The District Representatives received a presentation from Joseph S. Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, regarding a shareholder's report held in executive session.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-03-01-23 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget transfer/revision for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-03-01-23 (A Resolution in Support of a Multijurisdictional Sex Trafficking Task Force (Trust) Memorandum of Understanding Between the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-03-02-23 (A Resolution Expressing Support for the Grand Casino Hinckley and Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel Refresh Projects).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Pine Technical and Community College to provide classes to clients for small business, CDL, CNA and Auto Technician to assist in gaining job skills to obtain or retain employment.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Mille Lacs Health System to provide contracted medical services at the Ne Ia Shing Clinic.

The District Representatives approved a contract with ScriptPro USA to continue providing equipment and support services at Ne-Ia-Shing pharmacy.

The District Representatives approved a contract with St. Cloud Refrigeration to provide seasonal preventative maintenance, inspection, repairs, and on demand emergency calls and building integration management at all district ALU's.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Citon Computer Corporation to provide year two of contract for continued work focused on alignment with security and regulatory industry standards to achieve enhanced interoperability across Health and Human Services.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Degerstrom & Sons Construction to reconstruct the 63655 Badger Road Quad in Lake Lena due to a fire in Unit C, which resulted in a total loss of the unit.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Jared Miller, Attorney at Law, for the Healing to Wellness Court, to represent respondents that are non-Band member parents of Band Member Children who have an open Child Welfare case and are volunteering for the Wellness Court.

The District Representatives approved the nomination for Samuel Moose to fill the vacant Commissioner of Administration position. The current term will expire June 30, 2025.

In the "Messages from the Representatives" portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind thanked Band member Paul Sam Firefighter Chief with Minneapolis Fire Department and a non-profit corporation established through the fire department, they were here yesterday and provided over a 100 coats to the kids that attended Abinoojiyag here in District I. Just a huge shout-out to Paul Sam and the Minneapolis Fire Department for their work and letting me help along the way. Representative Wind congratulated Sam Moose, hopefully that will help the Executive Branch in the coming months. Representative Wind stated a note for today was State of the Band; always do appreciate the communities coming together, the employees coming together and the information. Representative Wind thanked Secretary-Treasurer Boyd in his Treasurer hat for his inspiring, well-thought-out speech that made me think of old friends and I do appreciate that. State of the Band overall was a great event and it was nice to see people there and I look forward to the next one.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that basically that all the information she shared last week with noting the craft fair Friday, February 3, 2023, Dawn Day and her family will be up to sell fry bread and then we will have local artists selling items. Representative Merrill shared kind of echoing the messages I had from last week. Tomorrow we will have our family fun night, which is going to be our traditional storytelling and everyone is invited to come, we're going to have dinner, bring your own potluck dish. Congratulations to Sam Moose I think he's going to be a great asset to the team and the Band. And again Mr. Speaker I really appreciate your speech and I think everybody really liked it. Miigwech.

District III Representative Harry Davis shared I have Monica researching how much Vikings tickets will cost for this playoff game and we may be purchasing 4-6 tickets and we will do a raffle drawing if we do get them on Friday. Representative Davis shared our community

meeting is going to change Wednesdays to Thursdays, so it will be the third Thursday this month at Grand Casino Hinckley.

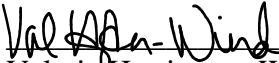
In the “Messages from the Secretary-Treasurer” portion of the agenda Secretary Treasurer Sheldon Boyd shared that again he would like to thank everyone as we begin this third session of the 20th Assembly. Pretty much said it all today, it was very easy working with all these folks here who are moving ahead and making a lot of stuff happen here, this is the place.

Workshop

January 11, 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 Tuesday, January 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM.



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